



JOINT EDUCATION AND SPECIAL CALLED COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 17, 2021 / 12:00 P.M.
VIRTUAL WEBEX MEETING / CITY COUNCIL FACEBOOK

MINUTES

COUNCILOR DARRELL B. O'QUINN, COMMITTEE CHAIR
COMMITTEE MEMBERS: COUNCILOR STEVEN W. HOYT / COUNCILOR CLINTON WOODS

Councilor(s) Present: O'Quinn, Hoyt, Woods

I. CALL TO ORDER

Councilor O'Quinn called the meeting to order.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA / MINUTES / APRIL 19, 2021

Action Taken:

Councilor Woods: Moved to Approve.

Councilor O'Quinn: Seconded.

The May 17, 2021 Agenda and April 19, 2021 Minutes were approved.

III. VIRTUAL UPDATE (SUMMER PROGRAMS): DR. MARK SULLIVAN, SUPERINTENDENT, BIRMINGHAM CITY SCHOOLS

Dr. Jermaine Dawson, Chief Academic Officer & Dr. Pamela Williams, Executive Director

Summer School Dates: June 10 – July 01, 2021

Note: School Begins: August 02, 2021

All information is available on the website: www.bhamcityschools.org

- Birmingham City Schools (BCS) will provide free transportation, hot breakfast, and lunch for each student. Programs will be offered for:
 - Grade recovery: students that have not met the grade requirements to move up to the next grade
 - Learning strong: students that have met the grade requirements to matriculate but would like further enrichment
 - All K-5 and K-8 schools will offer Alabama Literacy Camps.
 - English as a Second Language (ESL) Learning Program is available (the website is available in Spanish, as well).
 - Special education programs will also be available.
 - After-school care is provided for grades K-5.
 - The summer catalog opened for applications on April 19, 2021.
 - Students will be offered devices like they were assigned textbooks. They will continue to have access to them throughout the summer.
 - This information has been communicated via social media, radio, e-mails, flyers, and telephone calls. Teachers will be contacting guardians.
 - Councilor O'Quinn will request the Council's Public Information Office (PIO) to use Everbridge to share this information with parents.
 - These programs are geared toward students currently enrolled in Birmingham City Schools or those planning to enroll in Birmingham City Schools in the fall, 2021. They are not available to students enrolled in other school districts.

Action Taken:

No Action – Information Only.

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IV. VIRTUAL UPDATE (COVID 19): DR. MARK WILSON, JEFFERSON COUNTY HEALTH OFFICER

- COVID-19 cases have plateaued at around 40 cases/day.
- The percentage positivity rate is less than 5% - which is good.
- This is the result of a data jump from a lab that had not been reporting – not a surge of cases.
- 38% of the population in Jefferson County has received at least one dose of the vaccine. 44% of the population in Jefferson County is eligible for vaccination now (12 years old and up).
- 30% of the population in Jefferson county is completely vaccinated. To reach herd immunity, we need 70-80% of the population to be vaccinated.
- Major vaccination sites such as the Birmingham Airport, the Birmingham CrossPlex, UAB sites, etc., are capable of administering more than 1,000 doses daily, but are only administering a few hundred. For this reason (low usage) and because it is expensive to keep these sites open, they will be winding down in a few weeks.
- The UAB Highlands site will continue to operate. The vaccine still will be available at pharmacies, urgent care centers, Walmart, and other locations.
- The Jefferson County Department of Health Call Center will be available until July. The number is 205.858.2221. Free transportation is available to the larger vaccine sites as well.
- Jefferson County Department of Health also has access to FEMA, state health, and the Alabama National Guard staff to deploy until July 01, 2021 to various sites and do one-day vaccination pop ups. They are focusing on retirement and nursing homes, schools, large churches, etc.
- After-hour vaccination opportunities are available at the Bessemer site, as well as pharmacies and urgent care centers.
- Mask wearing is still recommended for unvaccinated persons.

Action Taken:

No Action – Information Only.

V. OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

None

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Hoyt: Moved to Adjourn.

Councilor Woods: Seconded.

Meeting Adjourned.