

SENECA TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL, DISTRICT 160
AGENDA FOR AN E-LEARNING HEARING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF
SENECA TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL, DISTRICT 160, 307 EAST SCOTT STREET,
SENECA, ILLINOIS, TO BE HELD IN THE BOARD OF EDUCATION ROOM
ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 17, 2024, AT 5:50 P.M.

This Hearing of the Seneca Township High School Board of Education was held on Wednesday, July 17, 2024, at 5:50 p.m. Board Member Yandell called the meeting to order with roll call.

1. ROLL CALL: Present: Johnson, Eltrevoog, Yandell, Biros
Absent: Frye, Hamilton, Olson
Others present: Superintendent Dan Stecken, Principal Mike Coughlin, Recording Secretary Nadine Maierhofer, Treasurer, Rob Maierhofer, Guest Speaker Mike Vezzetti and member of the public Becki Claypool.


2. PRESENTATION OF ISBE APPROVED E-LEARNING PLAN
Dr. Stecken went over the process and procedures of creating the district's first E-Learning Plan and its steps to approval. What began as a meeting with the district principal and school improvement team, including planning, vetting, and workshopping items necessary, then proceeded to the administrative level. Once the plan was discussed, modified, and improved in our School Improvement Team and Administrative Cabinet, the Policy Board of Education Committee discussed the plan. Once discussed by the committee, it was determined to create this plan as a "Just in Case" the Superintendent needed to call an E-Learning Day for extended school closures. To get the plan approved by the state, several checkpoints were necessary: internal approval in the district, an advertisement placed in the newspaper about a hearing; district website publishing regarding the hearing, holding a Hearing for district stakeholders like parents or students, to ask any question or express concern(s) if any; and then finally move to Board of Education approval. Dr. Stecken continued saying that we needed to have this on file with the State of Illinois and Regional Office of Education if we had the intention of using an E-Learning Day as opposed to a traditional snow day. Dr. Stecken affirmed his belief that there is no sacrifice for traditional face-to-face learning.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT
We did have one parent attend the meeting to see what was going to be discussed. She was grateful to hear that we were just following "procedures" to get this approved and that Dr. Stecken firmly believes in the "traditional" snow day.

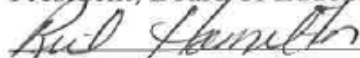
Parent, Becki Claypool, did not want to make an official comment but she did admit she was happy with the Board's decision, and she felt that kids need to be kids and have the traditional snow days.

4. ADJOURNMENT

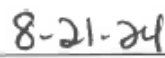
The hearing was adjourned at 5:54 p.m.



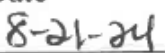
President, Board of Education



Secretary, Board of Education



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