

**PROVISO AREA FOR EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN  
SPECIAL GOVERNING BOARD MEETING  
PAEC CENTER BOARDROOM AND ZOOM  
JANUARY 27, 2022 @ 4:15 PM  
PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA**

**I. ROLL CALL**

Mr. Dawson, President of the Governing Board called the meeting to order at 4:19 PM.

District 87	Ms. O'Connell	Present
District 88	Ms. Clark-Smith	Present
District 92	Mr. Dawson	Present
District 93	Mr. Richardson	Absent
District 209	Mr. Wagner	Absent

Also present: Mr. Michael James, Executive Director, Mrs. Vaness Schmitt, Assistant Executive Director, Dr. Sherry Whitaker, Business Manager, and Mrs. Trainette Latham, Recording Secretary.

**II. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

None

**III. PUBLIC HEARING**

Initial Proposal of E-Learning in Lieu of Emergency Days.

Mr. James mentioned that the initial proposal of E-Learning in Lieu of Emergency Days was voted on by the Board on January 19, 2022. However, we were informed that there were other items on the application that needed to be addressed before the West 40 approval could be granted.

This proposal will allow for PAEC to enter into an adaptive pause for in-person instruction for snow or emergency days. This will allow programs to continue virtually (E-Learning) resulting in that the days will not have to be made up at the end of the year. This adaptive pause not only refers to the weather but in the event that there is a need to go into an adaptive pause relating to COVID-19 or other emergencies.

PAEC's Remote Learning has been published in the Suburban Life Newspaper, PAEC Website, and sent to families via the Teacherease database. Mr. James stated that he has received some emails from families requesting clarification.

There were discussions about whether we would have needed to close schools on Wednesday, January 26, 2022, due to the weather being possibly below -25degrees. However, we did not have to close. If PAEC had closed, we would have had to use a snow day and would have needed to make it up at the end of the current school year.

Ms. Clark-Smith thanked Mr. James, Mrs. Schmitt, and Mrs. Latham for acting promptly regarding this situation and for scheduling this public hearing on short notice.

***Recommended Motion:***

**Ms. O'Connell moved to recommend to the Governing Board to approve the Initial proposal of E-Learning in Lieu of Emergency Days as presented.** Ms. Clark-Smith seconded the motion.

***Roll Call Vote:***

District 87	Ms. O'Connell	Aye
District 88	Ms. Clark-Smith	Aye
District 92	Mr. Dawson	Aye
District 93	Mr. Richardson	Absent
District 209	Mr. Wagner	Absent

3 Ayes, 2 Absent  
Motion carried

**IV. ADJOURNMENT**

***Recommended Motion:***


**Ms. Clark-Smith moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:26 PM for lack of further items to discuss.** Ms. O'Connell seconded the motion.

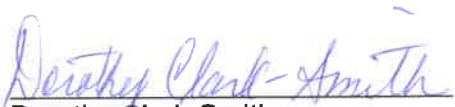
***Roll Call Vote:***

District 87	Ms. O'Connell	Aye
District 88	Ms. Clark-Smith	Aye
District 92	Mr. Dawson	Aye
District 93	Mr. Richardson	Absent
District 209	Mr. Wagner	Absent

3 Ayes, 2 Absent  
Motion carried

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Brian Dawson  
President of the Governing Board

  
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Dorothy Clark-Smith  
Secretary of the Governing Board

3/16/2022  
Date

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