

AGENDA
SOMERSWORTH SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
6:30 Non-public 91-A:3, 11

April 20, 2021

Black Box Theater

7: 00PM

1. **CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL - PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Hanlon called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Upon call of the roll, the following members were present: Matt Hanlon, Coty Donohue, Gerri Cannon, Maggie Larson, John O'Brien, and Todd Marsh. Excused: Steven Potter, Tom McCallion. Absent: Ed Levasseur
2. **COMMENTS BY VISITORS:** None.
3. ***CONSENT CALENDAR:**
 - 3.1 Removal of items from the Consent Calendar
 - 3.2 Approval of Consent Calendar
 - 3.3 Summary discussion of the Joint Building Committee meeting (JBC) For City Bonded School Projects April 12, 2021
 - 3.4 Minutes from the Somersworth School Board meeting April 13, 2021
 - 3.5 Minutes from the Somersworth School Board meeting Non-Public session April 13, 2021
 - 3.6 Minutes from the Somersworth School Board Buildings, Grounds & Transportation Committee meeting April 13, 2021

Motion to approve consent calendar with removal of item 3.4 (minutes from April 13th meeting) made by Donahue, seconded by O'Brien. Motion passed unanimously. Hanlon noted the minutes from April 13th meeting will be added as item 5.3.

4. **ANNOUNCEMENT:**

- 4.1 **Superintendent's Update:** Supt. Gadomski stated that there is exciting news, that on 4/16 they had an opportunity for all staff receive second vaccination. He noted in another two weeks fully covered by vaccination. He noted they also had opportunity for 4/17 and 4/18 for students aged 16 and older to get their first vaccination. He said that approximately 60 students took advantage, and second doses will be offered 5/8 and 5/9. He noted reminder that next week is school vacation week so there will be no classes. He said there was a question as to the number of students that are in person versus number that chose to remain remote. He said presently at Idlehurst there are 10 students remote, Maple Wood there are 39 students remote, Middle School there are 46 students, and the High School there are 45 students remaining remote. He noted that this does present some challenges for the staff and how they are covering that looks different at each grade level. He said staff and students are doing a fantastic job. He said he had an opportunity to be in each building on Monday, and he gave kudos to student and staff. He said students are trying very hard to adhere to the safety protocols in place.

5. **DISCUSSION ITEM:**

5.1 **Standing Committees:**

- **Budget & Revenue-** Supt. Gadomski reported that they met tonight and topics they discussed were to 2021 budget update in last board meeting packet. He said there were no updates to that since the last meeting. He mentioned the one-time adequacy money was updated as well. He said presently they have spent 800 thousand dollars on projects, one of which you can see the project on the football field and noted at this time there is 137 thousand dollars left of one-time monies. He said the thought is they want to be conservative with that and review this week and week after April vacation to see if there are any unknown additional expenses they may need. He mentioned at that point, they plan to bring forward projects that have been on hold. He stated they are in the process of getting an RFP for the phone system that is antiquated as that is a project they plan to bring forward. He said regarding the ESSER II funds, one of the things they discussed and hope to bring forward for action tonight is the utilization of funds to complete middle school ventilation as well as ventilation at high school and throughout the district. He said the other piece was the expansion of summer programming and moving forward with that. He said one thing he asked everyone to keep

in mind is the ESSER II funds that will come down the pipeline and total about 5.6 million dollars. He said that 20% of that is specifically set aside for closing the gap and catching up academically and emotionally for the students. He said the 21-22 budget, as heard at last school board meeting, the city has approved that budget and it is on the agenda for action tonight.

- Building, Grounds and Transportation- Supt. Gadomski noted that they met last night, and the big topic was on the ESSER II funds. He said they reviewed the bids of EEI and Siemens on the ventilation system and bringing forward a recommendation to go with EEI on that system. He said the vote for EEI was a split vote of 2 board members in favor and one board member, Levasseur, against. He said they discussed EEI being a small firm and bring business locally, where as Siemens is a large company based out Maryland. He reported that representative Levasseur felt it was better to have a larger company that was unionized and, in his words, would take care of the little guy and spread the money around a little bit. He said the recommendation was 2 to 1 in bringing that forward.
 - Educational Programs and Community Outreach- Larson reported they have not met but the next meeting is May 12th at 5:30 p.m. via Zoom with Goodwin.
 - Legislative Advocacy- O'Brien noted that has not met.
 - Policy Committee- O'Brien noted they continue to work on a series of policies related to discipline. He said there are a whole number of policies that are interrelated, and they are reviewing them in a group so there are no gaps in various policies when they bring them forward. He said in at the last meeting they discussed several policies including JICI, which discussed on weapons on school property. He said they are finishing up that section of policies, and then will continue with other updates from the NH School Board Association packet they have yet to work thru.
 - Joint Commission of City Council- Hanlon noted that they have not met.
 - Joint Building Committee (JBC) for City Bonded School Projects- Hanlon asked if JBC is complete. Lori reported it is complete. Supt. Gadomski reported they can take that off the agenda.
- 5.2 **City Council update:** Don Austin reported that they met last night and there was a light agenda so not much to report. He said he did want to address a question posed at our last meeting about the path between the Middle School and Maple Wood. He said that it will part of the cities TAP grant that will be part of a project that will include sidewalk repair on High Street and Cemetery Road and down Memorial Drive. HE said the pathway is part of that project and it has been delayed because complications with right of way on High Street. He said whether it will be done this year or not, he does not know, but it is part of that project.
- 5.3 **Meeting Minutes 4/13/21:** Donahue stated that under section 6, 8, and 10 there are motions that state were passed unanimously. He believes it is important to reflect there is a board member that was not present for those votes as he left after his comment in section 5. Hanlon stated the minutes from 4/13/21 should be amended to reflect representative Levasseur was not present for those votes, and those meeting minutes will come before the board at the next meeting. *Added Agenda Item

Motion made by Donahue to amend the 4/13 minutes as discussed, seconded by O'Brien. Motion passed unanimously.

- 5.4 **Re-opening/next steps:** Supt. Gadomski reported that we are in and as of Monday the 19th all the students who chose to come back to in person learning are back. He said the students are working hard trying to distance, wearing masks, using the hand sanitizer. He said daily they are contact tracing and chasing any positive cases. He said it is a lot more challenging when they have all the children in the building. He said that he thanks the nurses for their hard work and long hours for working to track all the information. He said that the busing situation that there are some that are tight, and they try to distance as much as possible, wear masks, and crack windows when possibly but it is a difficulty with busses. He said a lot of parents are dropping students off, which is a help to the busses, but he would like parents

(especially at Maple Wood) to not get there early because then traffic is backing up the road and bottlenecks. He requests parents show up exactly on time. He said another area of concern is the cafeteria and lunches every day. He said the cafeterias are sectioned off with Plexi glass, utilizing every inch, and using stage and other areas within building. He said they are trying to minimize student flow in the area. He mentioned at Idlehurst they are passing out lunches as students are seated. He said they are trying to be creative to keep students and staff as safe as possible. Marsh noted that he appreciates Supt. Gadomski and the staff and everyone in the districts hard work. He said he believes students and parents are breathing a sigh of relief. He said he acknowledges there are still a lot of parents and students with remaining concerns and that is not lost on him. Supt. Gadomski noted that it is a plea to the parents that if their child has any symptoms at all to please keep them home because they have had to do contact tracing and that may affect many other students that need quarantine if there is close contact. He said he recognizes it is an inconvenience at times, but please keep them home if they have any symptoms. O'Brien noted kudos to staff, students, nurses, administration, and the custodial staff. He said what he has heard throughout the pandemic, when mass of students in with contact tracing and quarantine certain groups of students or even a school in some case. He said that has even happened in some neighboring districts where schools shut down for a few days or weeks. He said if they run into that situation, is there a threshold where Supt. Gadomski must decide to close. Supt. Gadomski said it is really a case-by-case situation. He said using second grade as an example, if there is enough contact tracing and too many students out within one classroom then they would close that classroom. He said if it happens in bus or cafeteria, then it is a different level where it is more globally assessed and potentially need to close a grade level, etc. He said therefore it is extremely important to keep children home if they have symptoms and wear masks and social distance. He said when they do contact tracing those are the questions they ask. He said for tonight's meeting as an example if one of us tests positive then we would assess that we all have masks on and are social distancing, which means we may only have to quarantine that person who tested positive. Larson stated thank you for the update and is glad the students are doing well. She said she is going to state that a constituent who wrote to all board members she believes who had questions about outdoor lunch time and eating outdoors. She said on a day like today we have space, the grounds look beautiful. She said we have picnic tables, and it would be an enjoyable time to be outside especially for older levels that do not have recess. She wants to see if that can be possible and advocate for that. O'Brien asked if they could refer that to building and grounds to maybe look at options if they have a budget. He said that committee is not meeting until May 3rd which might not allow for turn around. Supt. Gadomski stated they purchased picnic tables for each building that have been delivered. He said they can utilize some of those, but he said it presents another challenge such as safety and security. He also said the timing of being able to distribute, eat, and pick up lunches and keep social distancing outside would be challenging. He said they are talking about more outside time and does not think it is a picnic table shortage but all the other stuff they are working through. Hanlon stated that this would be more of an administration topic and not a committee. He said it is kind of a micromanaging which is something that the board does not want to get into. Supt. Gadomski noted that is correct and it is something they are surely working on and having discussions. He said around the district today many children were outside. Hanlon requested expressing the need and letting the administration know. Supt. Gadomski reported he will do that.

Hanlon stated he misspoke, and they need to go back to 5.3 to make a motion to amend the 4/13 minutes. See above for motion information under 5.3.

6. NEW BUSINESS:

6.1 **Handbooks:** Supt. Gadomski noted that they are up for first reading tonight and they are in the packet. He said they are lengthy and suggested to take time and look over and there will be additional feedback and opportunity for questions. He said some board members have already sent him questions which he thanked them for and noted they can continue to reach out to him to get questions. He will then forward those to the building principals and anticipates them to be present at the next board meeting to answer questions. O'Brien stated they are working on policies related to student discipline and confirm assumption that draft of student handbook will align to new policies in place. Lori stated that is correct but noted the policy and the handbooks are not on the same path so they may need to adjust after the handbook have gone through this iteration of work and review. Supt. Gadomski noted that is a good question because up to the time that the handbook is sent for printing, they will review to the best of their ability to make changes for staffing, etc. Hanlon noted they always try to keep up to date with that because they are constantly changing policies. He said they always stand by the policy despite the handbook because there are adjustments and changes. Lori stated that she thinks because there are some significant changes that when they review the policies maybe not just review title only but have discussion to have cross reference between the policy and the handbook language. Hanlon said if there is anything specific that they want to pull out for discussion then we should do so. He said suggest putting it as a discussion item rather than reading it because it will take a long time and be better for the listening public and the discussion piece.

6.2 **2021-2022 Meeting Dates:** Lori noted that in preparing for next year they put together a suggested meeting schedule. She said there will be 3 in August because she has asked the School Board Association to come in for a training with the board because it is important to revisit some protocols, right to know law, etc. She said she booked that date with Barrette Christina who is the executive director of NHSBA. She said the only other significantly difference is the school vacation in February is a week later. She said typically they run into President Day holiday and city hall is closed that day so the council and school board flip flop dates. She said because of where President's Day and vacation schedule fall this year their meeting will be on a regular Tuesday in 2022. She said she will talk further after getting additional information about a goal setting session. She recommended they do that the last Saturday in June. She said there is nothing in July because it is important to take a break unless there is any relevant or emergency business, they will take that break for board meetings. Hanlon stated that will come forward as an action item in the next meeting.

6.3 **Federal Program General Assurances:** Supt. Gadomski noted in the packet they have the federal grant yearly general assurances to abide by and these are for review. He said they will be in the next agenda for an action item.

7. OLD BUSINESS:

7.1 Policies for First Read:

- IHBAB School District Criteria for Special Education Evaluations Student Rights and Responsibilities
- JLC Student Health Services
- JLCE/EBBC Emergency Care & First Aid

O'Brien read off by title only.

Motion made by Donahue to accept the policies as presented, seconded by Larson. Motion passed unanimously.

8. ACTION ITEMS:

8.1 **Personnel Nominations:** Supt. Gadomski reported he is bringing forward the personnel nominations that he brought forward to the board.

Motion made by O'Brien, seconded by Cannon. Roll Call: Hanlon Abstain; Cannon Y; Donahue Abstain; Larson Y; O'Brien Y; Marsh Y. Motion carries.

8.2 **2021-2022 Budget Approval:** Katie noted she sent out a memo to the board reiterating that the city approved the 21-22 budget totaling \$27,680,522 and this is an item to be voted on tonight.

Motion made by Donahue to approve the final budget for the 21-22 school year, seconded by Cannon.

Marsh stated he appreciates everyone's efforts regarding the budget as there are a lot of layers from the beginning to the end. He also appreciates the city council because the budget is not ideal for the children, teacher, support team, property taxpayers but it is as close as they can get to that.

Roll Call: Hanlon Y; Cannon Y; Donahue Y; Larson Y; O'Brien Y; Marsh Y. Motion carries.

8.3 **ESSER II Proposed Expenditures:** Supt. Gadomski noted there are two tasks and the first is ESSER II funding and if that is approved then the second task is regarding a vendor. He said he sees his role with the ESSER II funds as supporting because he is leaving at the end of June. He would like Lori, the new superintendent to discuss this piece. Lori stated that what was discussed at length at the budget committee is the recommended expenditure piece. She said as Supt. Gadomski explained, they talk about these funds as challenging. She said they are a wonderful challenge to have because you do not hear everyday you are getting millions of dollars. She said it is not looking just at immediate needs, but longer term needs as well. She said they must react to these funds in a way in which they get them meaning it does not always allow them to have broader conversation something talked about in budget meeting tonight. She said they need to be strategic so they can meet several needs. She said there are ESSER II coming that is about \$5.5 million dollars. She said it is also time sensitive. She said there are a variety of things they can do with these funds, and there are priorities and there are no wrong priorities with this monies. She said they could talk about facilities and students needs but they must maximize this opportunity. She said they think they can do everything because it is almost \$8 million dollars. She said the ESSER II funds were approved in the March 23rd meeting. She said a bulk of the ESSER II funds they would like to dedicate to improving air quality, specifically around the middle school. She said a lot of conversation has gone on regarding that buildings old ventilation system. She said some parts of that building have been renovated but there are several spaces that still have antiquated technology that needs to be updated. She said they have an estimated cost of around \$2.1 million dollars to do that work at the middle school. She said there are other units in the high school that have exceeded their life, and Maple Wood have some units getting to end of life and they would like to replace those as well. She said in addition they would like to take some of the funds, earmarked under 102K, to extend the summer school program. She said summer school is a long process to plan and organize. She mentioned the programs of Title 1, SYC, Special Education, ESOL and how they want to maximize the opportunity for all those programs to provide students with a fuller experience and for more students. She said the sheet in front of the board members there is a list of items they would like to spend for expanding summer school. She said that another example of the fund utilization would be for expanding credit recovery opportunities which would be in person learning and would potentially be one-week sessions with teachers delivering on site teaching in the morning, which they have never done before. She said they would be able to

provide more full day students to the SYC program, more nursing staff, more counseling staff, and more secretarial staff to support the programs. She said they could expand the ESOL and ESY from 3 days to 4 days and adding additional weeks. She said these programs always have been organized by what the grant funding is available to them specifically so the ESSER funds would help level set and allow for equivalent schedule and attention. She said one other thing they talked about was the offer the same wage for staff regardless of the program they are working in which has been an issue because depending on funding for the grant they have not been able to do that before. She said that would not be a barrier for staff any longer. She said they also want to provide an afternoon bus run which they have not had before to allow students to be transported home. She said those are the services they would like to provide this summer, and this is not the entire budget for summer school, but this is what they would like to specifically use the ESSER funds for.

Motion made by O'Brien to approve the recommendations as presented, seconded by Donahue.

Marsh stated that this is a good challenge to have, and he said Lori mentioned additional guidance nursing and secretarial support. He asked if that is additional staff of additional hours? Lori replied both. She said they have not had a school counselor on staff for summer school before and would like to do social and emotional support for the programs. She said the kids have had a lot of challenges and this is how they would like to help kids reconnect. She said the one advantage at coming back at this time is because they have a few good weeks in the building but notes it will be a transition. She said this would be a counselor on staff and additional nurse because the number of students they would have, and they do not know the ongoing management from the pandemic situation. Marsh asked what the prospects are for hiring during the summer months. Lori noted that they were concerned at first and pointed out Nancy especially because she operates the ESY piece of this. She said that they did decide to advertise outside the school district for the first time she believes and she they have hired people they brought in for substitutes in the area now and some college students that want to also work. She said being able to use these funds to increase the hourly rate has made a difference as well. She said they have been able to bring in staff they could not before because now they have the money. She said she thinks they are in good shape when talking with all the different program directors. Hanlon said there was a very healthy discussion he heard sitting in on the budget committee meeting that discussed the puzzle when getting one-time funds. He said one-time funds are good, but you must be careful because you do with them because they are one time and disappear. He said you want to tag a healthy piece for summer school and hiring and things of that nature, but you want to be careful because when you do that then the money is gone, and the money drops out. He said doing things like HVAC and CIP projects that things get more expensive as time goes on, which he said they have seen with the fire station, and that there is no guarantee they will get additional one-time money. He said that stuff will still need to be done but will be more expensive along the line and they have never had the money to keep up with it. He did mention city council has done a fantastic job helping with bonds and stuff of that nature, but to get that off our plate will help the city since they would not have to investigate things like bonds, etc. He also said several years from now when these items really break or there are issues it frees them up. He said the flip side to puzzle is that this should theoretically open money in the budget since they will not need planning to do these giant CIP projects in the future then this allows them to use those monies for hiring or technologies that they can project over several years. He said so even though it looks like one way here, the puzzle is a great spider web of things moving around that it would seem right here. He said it was a great conversation and he knows a lot of people advocating for what they can do right now and especially with next set of funds maybe coming, there is a greater picture of freeing up monies in the future budgets. Lori stated that the other thing regarding these funds is that you will not just lose them. She said the one-time money sunsets on June 30th. She said these funds do not expire that way. She said the ESSER II go through 2023 and ESSER III are even longer. She said

they have time to be able to spend, but the challenge with the ventilation piece is that there is a time sensitive piece to planning, organizing, and moving forward to get done this summer. She said it does not need to be done this summer, but it does need to be done and if we wait then the board is going up against very large districts that are getting much more money than us and are doing huge CIP's much bigger than ours resulting in vendors having to make decisions. She said the advantage is that if we do this now, we can get it done, and it is done. O'Brien stated was going to make a similar point because there was a great discussion at that meeting. He said his support for this is based on having talked thru this, the urgency of these two particular items. He said normally with the budget they have hearings, go thru line by line, etc. He said this is happening rapidly and they have not had a chance to do that, yet which gave him pause, but he really feels confident they are doing the right thing. He said this is thinking strategically, and other things coming about social and emotional needs, mental health needs, building needs, etc. He said that will come with the ESSER III funding coming on the heels of the ESSER II. He said these two things are unique and have a long lead time and if we miss the opportunity then they would likely wait another year or so. He said he feels confident this is the right approach right now and looking forward for next conversations about strategy going forward. Larson said she listened in on that as well and it is difficult to see 5% is going to directly to education and learning and then 2.1 million dollars is going into HVAC. She asked if EEI said the 2.1 million dollars is approximately for the middle school, high school, and Maple Wood. Lori replied that is correct. Larson asked if they did an assessment of what is needed or is there another audit on top of what has been done that will point out what will be needed. Lori explained that when you are looking at the audit there are other aspects of the building itself assessed. She said looking at energy efficiency they are looking at things like roof, windows, etc. She went on to state that it will be a very good snapshot of what the building needs are, and she said they are not necessarily using funds for those extra items, but this contractor will give a great audit of the buildings so they can plan. She said they have a CIP that the board sees, and the council sees, and items have been on there year after year. She said it is an energy audit because looking at savings, but it looks at the building at a whole and allows them to plan and explained this is data that will be used beyond ESSER. Hanlon said that throwing the money at the building needs now will allow open monies in future for things like a school psychologist etc. He said that they have seen the projections the savings when they have done other projects in these buildings when upgrading these kinds of areas that down the road pay for staff. He said making investment here then gaining down the line. He reiterated that it saves us money from having to do it down the line in an emergency, and that will get them more in the future. Larson stated these funds are specifically for COVID related learning for the students. She said she is bringing it back to the students, even with summer school that does not address all students and with the HVAC she was not aware that all these schools needed attention. She stated it is about more access across the board for all students because summer school is not for everybody. She said they are talking about saving money down the road, but the issue at hand is what these students have been thru and building them up and what they can offer them. She does not have the answers of what to offer them, but she wants to highlight that going forward. She stated the HVAC is not directly related to students learning achievements. She said to get back in the building she could make the argument that if the HVAC is satisfactory then it is not directly correlated to student learning. Katie said that part of the ESSER II funds coming stipulate that 20% of those funds must be directly strictly for student learning development. Larson states that is good to know. Donahue said from hearing everyone's thoughts, one piece that it boils down to is that there has been a loss of the past year that they want to heal. He said seeing this round of money in timeline going first is not necessarily going to heal that, but there are more funds coming and there is a strong link between air quality and student and teacher health. He said that there is a correlation how this will help them learn and achieve over time and it could have effects even this fall. He said they do not know what the CDC will recommend, if the pandemic will be over, but better quality of air will help their students. He said sometimes it is to get ahead of these things even when they are hypothetical. He said another point is they spoke earlier about going outside

for lunches and learning, but sometimes they cannot go outside so having better air quality in the building will be important.

Roll Call: Hanlon Y; Cannon Y; Donahue Y; Larson N; O'Brien Y; Marsh Y. Motion carries.

Supt. Gadomski stated that there is one more task associated with this and that is the building and grounds are bringing forward recommendation to go with EEI as construction manager for this project. He asked if board member Marsh wanted to comment on that recommendation as a member of that committee. Marsh said this is something he supported in the meeting. He said EEI is familiar with the schools and they are a local business, so they are familiar with their company. Supt. Gadomski stated that the two companies that did presentations were Siemens and EEI, two contrasting companies as one is large, and the other small and more local. He said he did not think they would fail with either, but the recommendation was to go with EEI.

Motion made by Cannon to approve the committee's recommendation to go with EEI as the contract manager for the project, seconded by Marsh.

Roll Call: Hanlon Y; Cannon Y; Donahue Y; Larson Abstain; O'Brien Y; Marsh Y. Motion carries.

9. FUTURE MEETING DATES/SUGGESTED AGENDA ITEMS

- May 3, 2021 SAU56 Board meeting 6:30pm
- May 11, 2021 Somersworth School Board Buildings, Grounds & Transportation Committee meeting 5:30pm
- May 11, Somersworth School Board meeting 7:00pm
- May 12, 2021 Somersworth School Board Educational Programs & Community Outreach Committee meeting (zoom)
- May 25, 2021 Somersworth School Board Legislative Committee meeting 5:30pm
- May 25, 2021 Somersworth School Board meeting 7:00pm
- June 8, 2021 Somersworth School Board Educational Programs & Community Outreach Committee meeting 5:30pm
- June 8, 2021 Somersworth School Board meeting 7:00pm
- June 22, 2021 Somersworth School Board Buildings, Grounds and Transportation Committee meeting 5:30pm
- June 22, 2021 Somersworth School Board meeting 7:00pm

Hanlon read off the above meeting dates.

10. CLOSING COMMENTS

10.1 **Visitors:** None

10.2 **Board Members:** Marsh stated it has been an emotional day in Minnesota and in the country and part of the world. He said we all internalize events differently based on our life experiences and to him today's events are a reminder of the importance of education from early childhood and well into adulthood into professional training. He said education leads to knowledge, knowledge leads to perspective, and perspective to maximum understanding to the greatest of our ability. He said that understanding leads to compassion and justice. He said let us continue as a Hilltop city and to lead the way. Larson said she would like to second those wise words of board member Marsh. She said she thinks education is the answer to lift us into a compassionate, effective society. O'Brien thanked board member Marsh for those comments. He stated that to close out the ESSER II conversation since it was a big agenda item. He said that the last meeting or meeting

before he voted no for accepting the ESSER funds and he got flack for that, but he feels strongly they need to have the right dialogue, analysis, and strategy to spend taxpayer money wisely. He said nothing is free, this is money they are borrowing from grandchildren, which more reason to spend wisely and he feels confident that after tonight's meeting that they are going to do that. He said they are going to get the low hanging fruit here happens to be a big-ticket construction related item, they will get this out of the way, so they have big benefits down the road. He said they are very happy the kids will be at the center of the rest of discussions going forward about those monies. Cannon appreciates Marsh's comments and states there is tragedy across the country which is a real challenge. She wants to echo the use of the ESSER funds. She states this is short term monies and it is a good time for projects to be completed if what they look at complies to what is there. She said she was reading an article in the newspaper about challenges with these funds to apply to the projects they are talking about. She said she appreciates working with a local business versus a larger company as they are having challenges building their local economy, so this is in the cities best interest. Hanlon stated regarding the EEI company he was reminded about all the great things they have done for our community by board member McCallion and when he returns, he will certainly be able to share those. He stated there are many things that EEI have done for the school and community that they do not even know about. He said he wants to thank the students, staff, and admin for doing everything they can on their return to school. He said that he wants to call out the custodial team because they do not do it enough. He said that team has been working their tails off and they need a public thanks and he will give it to them because the amount of stuff they deal with is amazing.

Motion made by Larson to adjourned, seconded by Cannon. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

Pending Board Approval

