

Special Board Meeting
December 10, 2020
Board Conference Room

Call to Order:

President Jennifer Murray called the electronic (Google Meets) meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. with the Superintendent in the Main Office, whereupon roll was subsequently taken. Melissa Bartels, Missy Bell-Yates, Leroy Duncan, Mark St. Peters, Jamey Westbrook, and Jennifer Murray answered the roll call to establish a quorum. Absent: Mike Redman. Present was superintendent John Pearson and Principal Leigh Robinson. Dylan Suttles of the *Alton Telegraph* was also present.

Public Comments: None

Consider a Reduction of the Minimum Passing Percent on the Grading Scale:

Dr. Pearson reminded the Board that the administration was recommending a reduction of the minimum passing grade from a 64% to 60%. This recommendation is designed to allow some students who are at-risk of failing particular classes a better chance to pass the class with a 60 as opposed to a 64. Many students – due to the remote learning and the difficult learning environment that some may have at home - really need the kind of academic help only being at school can give and struggle with remote learning and even hybrid learning. Further, a “60” is often the regular lowest passing percentage with many high school grading scales, anyway.

The recommendation is to have this change be effective for just the 2020-21 school year.

Motion by Mrs. Bell-Yates; second by Mr. St. Peters, to approve the reduction of the minimum passing percentage from a 64 to a 60 (for a “D”). Motion Carried Voice Vote.

Adjournment:

Motion by St. Peters; second by Mr. Westbrook, to adjourn the Special Meeting. Aye: Mrs. Bartels, Mrs. Bell-Yates, Mr. Duncan, Mr. St. Peters, Mr. Westbrook, and Mrs. Murray. Nay: None. Motion Carried at 6:05 p.m.