

MINUTES of a regular public meeting of the Board of  
Education of Streator Elementary School District No.  
44, LaSalle County, Illinois, held at 1520 Bloomington  
St. Streator, Illinois, in said School District at 6:00 p.m.  
on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of October 2020.

The meeting was called to order by the President and, upon the roll being  
called, \_\_\_\_\_ the President, and the following members  
were physically present at said location:

The following members were allowed by a majority of the members of the Board of  
Education, in accordance with and to the extent allowed by rules adopted by the Board  
of Education, to attend the meeting by video or audio conference:

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No member was not permitted to attend the meeting by video or audio conference,

The following members were absent and did not participate in the meeting in  
any manner or to any extent whatsoever:

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The President announced that, the Board of Education would consider the adoption  
of a resolution authorizing the use of E-Learning Days.

Whereupon Member \_\_\_\_\_ presented and the Secretary  
read by title a resolution as follows, a copy of which was provided to each member of  
the Board of Education prior to said meeting and to everyone in attendance at said  
meeting who requested a copy:

## RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING DISTRICT E-LEARNING DAYS

WHEREAS, Section 10-20.56 of the School Code provides that the District may, by resolution of the Board of Education, adopt a research-based program or programs for E-Learning days District-wide that permit student instruction to be received electronically while students are not physically present, in lieu of scheduled emergency days; and

WHEREAS the research-based program or programs may not exceed the minimum number of emergency days in the approved school calendar and must be verified by the Regional Office of Education annually; and

WHEREAS, an E-Learning program may utilize the Internet, telephones, texts, chat rooms, or other similar means of electronic communication for instruction and interaction between teachers and students that meet the needs of all learners; and

WHEREAS, the E-Learning program shall ensure that all teachers and staff who may be involved in the provision of E-Learning have access to any and all hardware and software that may be required for the program; and

WHEREAS the Board hereby determines that it is necessary and in the best interests of the District that the E-Learning days be utilized in lieu of emergency days; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has reviewed the E-Learning Program Verification Form and the District's Responses to that form, as attached to this Resolution; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined the Verification Form and the District's Responses establish and describe a research-based program for E-Learning consistent with Section 10-20.56 of the School Code; and

WHEREAS, the Board has given notice of and conducted a public hearing on the District's initial proposal for an E-Learning program at a regular or special meeting of the

Board during which (1) the terms of the proposal were substantially presented and (2) an opportunity for allowing public comments was provided, all as required under Section 10-20.56 of the School Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF STREATOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 44, LASALLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS, as follows:

1. The Board of Education hereby approves and adopts the research-based program for E-Learning as described in the E-Learning Program Verification Form and the District's Responses to that form, as attached to this Resolution.

2. The Superintendent is hereby authorized and directed to submit the Verification Form and the District's Responses to the Regional Office of Education and to request ROE approval of the District's E-Learning program.

3. If necessary, the Superintendent is authorized to make changes in the E-Learning program reasonably necessary and appropriate to address any concerns of the ROE raised hereafter during the approval process and/or to submit additional documentation as may be required.

4. All resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed, and this Resolution shall be in full force and forthwith upon its adoption.

Adopted this 20TH day of October 2020.

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President, Board of Education  
Streator Elementary School District No. 44

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary, Board of Education

Member \_\_\_\_\_ moved and Member \_\_\_\_\_

seconded the motion that said resolution as presented be adopted.

After a full discussion thereof, the President directed that the roll be called for a vote upon the motion to adopt said resolution as presented.

Upon the roll being called, the following members voted

AYE:

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NAY: \_\_\_\_\_

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Whereupon the President declared the motion carried and said resolution adopted, approved and signed the same in open meeting and directed the Secretary to record the same in the records of the Board of Education of Streator Elementary School District No. 44, LaSalle County, Illinois, which was done.

Other business not pertinent to the adoption of said resolution was duly transacted at the meeting.

Upon motion duly made, seconded, and carried, the meeting was adjourned.

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Secretary, Board of Education

STATE OF ILLINOIS

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COUNTY OF LASALLE

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, do hereby certify that I am the duly qualified and acting Secretary of the Board of Education of Streator Elementary School District No. 44, LaSalle County, Illinois, and as such Secretary, I am the keeper of the records and files of the Board of Education of said District.

I do further certify that the foregoing is a full, true and complete transcript of that portion of the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Education held on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2020, insofar as the same relates to the adoption of a resolution entitled:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING DISTRICT E-LEARNING DAYS

a true, correct and complete copy of which said resolution as adopted at said meeting appears in the foregoing transcript of the minutes of said meeting.

I do further certify that the deliberations of the members of the Board of Education on the adoption of said resolution were taken openly, that the vote on the adoption of said resolution was taken openly, that said meeting was held at a specified time and place convenient to the public, that notice of said meeting was duly given to all news media requesting such notice, and that said meeting was called and held in strict accordance with the applicable provisions of the Illinois Open Meetings Act and the applicable provisions of the Illinois School Code, and that said Board of Education has complied with all of the applicable provisions of said Act and said Code.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto affix my official signature at Streator, Illinois, this 20<sup>th</sup> day of October 2020.

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Secretary, Board of Education  
Streator Elementary School District No. 44

## **Responses to E-Learning Program Verification Form**

### **Streator Elementary School District #44**

**October 20, 2020**

#### **Ensure and verify at least 5 clock hours of instruction or schoolwork, as required under Section 10-19.05, for each student participating in an e-learning day**

- Staff and students will be checking Google Classroom throughout the day starting at 9:00 a.m. through 2:00 p.m. Each teacher will be assigning an assignment that collectively will equal at least 5 hours of work time for the students.
- Teachers will monitor and verify each student's electronic participation throughout the day. Evidence of participation may be demonstrated through completing and submitting a Google Form (reflecting on work), emailing questions or responses, participating in a discussion board (requiring discussion posts), showing evidence of viewing an instructional video, etc.
- Each teacher will be posting a google attendance form/question on each of the Google Classroom pages. This is the verification that students went to the Classroom page and checked in.

#### **Ensure access from home or other appropriate remote facility for all students participating, include computers, the Internet, and other forms of electronic communication that must be utilized in the proposed program**

- SES is a 1:1 Chromebook school. The most recent technology survey showed that over 85% of our students have internet access at home. Students will be able to load assignments posted the previous day and will allow students to work on them even without home WiFi.

#### **Ensure that non-electronic materials are made available for students participating in the program who do not have access to the required technology or to participating teachers or students who are prevented from accessing the required technology.**

- Although we do not anticipate this problem, students who advise they could not access the material electronically will be provided an alternative assignment to complete with no penalty.

#### **Ensure appropriate learning opportunities for students with special needs**

- Special needs teachers have been posting and using Google Classroom throughout the last year. Students with special needs are able to use their Chromebook and Google Classroom for daily assignments.
- Students with special needs will be participating in e-learning based on IEP goals as determined and designed by the IEP team. Make-up days for compensatory related services will be established for addressing the lost minutes included on the IEPs if necessary.

#### **Monitor and verify each student's electronic participation**

- Each teacher will be posting a google question form on each of the Google Classroom pages. This is the verification that students went to the Classroom page and checked in.

**Address the extent to which student participation is within the student's control as to the time, pace, and means of learning**

- The student will have 100% control over time, pace, and means of learning assuming the student completes the activity within the time block allowable by SES.

**Provide effective notice to students and their parents or guardians of the use of particular days for e-learning.**

- Notice will be sent via social media, website, and through parent emails of E-Learning days.
- The local radio station will be advised of the E-Learning day for broadcast and a robocall home will be made to cover anyone that does not have access to the internet

**Provide staff and students with adequate training for e-learning days' participation**

- Staff has been trained on Google Apps for Education. The students have also used them for the 2020-2021 school year. Teachers will be given ample time to prepare lessons that can be delivered through Google Classroom to students on an as-needed basis.
- Staff has been trained on the use of E-Learning Days during school improvement time. The information provided was the expectations of the teachers on E Learning Days. Topics addressed include what time material had to be posted onto Google Classroom, how to take attendance on Google Classroom, what hours attendance had to be posted into Skyward as well as answers to any teacher questions about E-Learning

**Ensure that all teachers and staff who may be Involved in the provisions of e-learning have access to all hardware and software that may be required for the program**

- All staff have been issued a Chromebook that they can take home with them. All teachers have internet access at home or will be allowed to be make alternative arrangements.

**Ensure an opportunity for any collective bargaining negotiations with representatives of the school district's employees that would be legally required, and including all classifications of school district employees who are represented by collective bargaining agreements and who would be affected in the event of an e-learning day**

- Formal meetings were held with all bargaining units regarding E-Learning Days and provisions are in place for all anticipated issues.

**Review and revise the program as implemented to address difficulties confronted**

- After the first E-learning day and each subsequent E-Learning day, our committee will review the process and procedures and make recommendations for improvement.

**Ensure that the protocol regarding general expectations and responsibilities of the program is communicated to teachers, staff, and students at least 30 days prior to utilizing an e-learning day**

- Ongoing meetings with staff regarding E-Learning will take place and communication will begin immediately upon plan approval. Expectations and responsibilities will be communicated to them clearly through this time.