

# COHOES CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

**Board of Education  
Cohoes, New York  
Live Streamed per Governor’s Executive Order 202.91**

**Special Meeting  
February 8, 2021  
5:30 PM**

(The Board of Education may entertain a motion to enter into an executive session subject to Board approval.)

## MINUTES

I. The Meeting was called to order at 5:32 p.m. by Board President, Mr. Nolin.

### ROLL CALL

Present: Mrs. Giller  
Mr. Pascale  
Mr. Jackson  
Mrs. Dion  
Mr. Annely  
Mr. Nolin

Excused: Mrs. Carey

Also Present: Ms. Peggy O’Shea, Interim Superintendent of Schools  
Mrs. Stacy Mackey, School Business Official

II. BOARD OF EDUCATION DISCUSSION OF AGENDA ITEMS

III. COMMUNITY DISCUSSION OF AGENDA ITEMS

IV. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT – PERSONNEL

### **INSTRUCTIONAL**

A. **WHEREAS**, the Governor of New York authorized interscholastic high-risk sports to begin on February 1, 2021 at the discretion of county public health departments.

**WHEREAS**, the Albany County Department of Health has authorized interscholastic high-risk sports to resume under certain circumstances including the creation of sport-specific preparedness plans for each high-risk sport which are approved by the district’s school physician/medical director, obtaining informed consent from parents/guardians, medical clearance from the student-athlete’s healthcare provider and approval by district boards of education for each high-risk sport.

**WHEREAS**, the Albany County Department of Health also identified community COVID-19 metrics that must be met in order for interscholastic high-risk sports to resume including a seven-day rolling average percent positivity rate in the county must be at or below 4 % and hospital bed capacity must be above 15% in the capital region.

**WHEREAS**, the Cohoes City School District obtains both informed consent from parents and student-athlete medical clearance with its Family ID registration program.

**WHEREAS**, the Interim Superintendent of Schools, in coordination with the Athletic Director, created sport-specific preparedness plans for each high-risk sport that has been reviewed by the School Physician.

**WHEREAS**, the School Physician, Dr. DiTursi, at this time has approved the sport-specific preparedness plans for boys basketball, girls basketball and competitive cheerleading.

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Education believes that interscholastic sports are an important component of a student's experience.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Cohoes City School District, upon recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, hereby authorizes the resumption of Boys Varsity Basketball once the community COVID-19 metrics established by the Albany County Department of Health are met.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Cohoes City School District, upon recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, hereby authorizes the resumption of Girls Varsity Basketball once the community COVID-19 metrics established by the Albany County Department of Health are met.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Cohoes City School District, upon recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, hereby authorizes the resumption of Varsity Competitive Cheerleading once the community COVID-19 metrics established by the Albany County Department of Health are met.

**BOARD ACTION ON CONSENT AGENDA**

**MOTION:** THAT the Board of Education adopts the following resolution of the February 8, 2021 Agenda:

**IV (A)**

Moved by: Mrs. Giller  
All voted "Aye"

Seconded by: Mr. Annely  
Motion carried 6-0

V. COMMENTS FROM BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS

VI. QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS FROM AUDIENCE

VII. DATES FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

**February 10, 2021**, Live Streamed at 6:00 p.m.

**February 24, 2021**, Live Streamed at 6:00 p.m.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION:** To adjourn at 6:03 p.m.

Moved by: Mr. Annely  
All Voted "Aye"

Seconded by: Mrs. Giller  
Motion carried 6-0

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District Clerk