The Board of Education recording ended unexpectantly. These are the minutes for the remainder of the meeting.

Nancy Hullinger asked that if school resumed in May, would we forego the 1/2 Day SIP day that is planned and try to get as many teacher/student hours in as possible.

Dr. McDermott stated that based on all the guidance from ISBE, it is recommended at this time not to make any changes to the existing school calendar. Dr. McDermott stated that it was not even 100% certain that school would resume in May.

Mrs. Hullinger asked about any end-of-year events planned like 8th Grade graduation and any Teachers Institute Days that had scheduled speakers. Mrs. Hullinger wondered if the district would have to pay for scheduled speakers if we cancelled.

Dr. McDermott stated that regarding graduation, that time is still needed to see what the future holds in terms of resuming school. Additionally, Dr. McDermott stated that it will be informative to see how high schools handle their graduations, which are usually scheduled at earlier dates than 8th Grade graduations.

Mrs. Banialis stated that based on her experiences of the last several weeks, that being prepared makes all the difference. Mrs. Banialis stated that she would like to have ideas for things like 8th Grade graduation in particular. Mrs. Banialis stated that she would like to have Plan A, and Plan B, in place ahead of time. Mrs. Banialis stated that the district should come up with a plan that still makes 8th Grade graduation special, perhaps even postponing it until August, right before the 8th Graders are beginning high school.

Mrs. Derman stated that at a previous Board meeting, there had been a lot of discussion about the 2020-21 School Calendar. Mrs. Derman asked if this could be discussed at the April Board Meeting, and if it may now affect the return-to-school date put in place.

Dr. McDermott stated that there were several committee meetings that needed to take place prior to the April Board Meeting. The cancelled March 17th Curriculum & Instruction and Parent/Student Discipline Handbook Committee, and the Insurance Committee, renewing the district's health insurance plan for next year. Dr. McDermott stated that many of these committees included parents, teachers, and staff members, but it was important we attend to these committee meetings prior to the April Board Meeting.

Dr. McDermott stated that it was recommended that this March 31st Board Meeting Agenda be pared down to the items that were ready for approval. Dr. McDermott stated that at the April Board Meeting, he anticipated having the 2020-21 Calendar ready for Board vote, as well as the Insurance Committee recommendations, and the 2020-21 Student Parent Discipline Handbook.
Mrs. Hullinger asked Mrs. Banialis, based on Mrs. Banialis’ medical background, if it was possible that the Coronavirus could come back in a second wave during the coming school year. Mrs. Banialis stated that there is a possibility of a second wave of a virus of this type, usually occurring six months after the first wave; this would indicate November/December 2020 for a second wave. Mrs. Banialis stated that, keeping this in mind it would be important to get children back to school earlier to balance a possible second wave or quarantine.

Mrs. Derman asked for a Motion to Adjourn the March 31, 2020 Board of Education Meeting. Mrs. Hullinger made the first motion to adjourn, followed by Mr. Hille who made the second motion to adjourn the meeting. A roll call was as follows: Hullinger, Hille, Mensing, Senesac, Derman, Doff, and Banialis.

Time of Adjournment of March 31, 2020 Board of Education Meeting: 7:37 p.m.