

**DANBURY BOARD OF EDUCATION WORKSHOP
SCHOOL CLOSING DISCUSSION
NOVEMBER 5, 2020**

Present: Joseph Britton, Rachel Chaleski, Kate Conetta, Gladys Cooper, Loren Daly, Joseph DaSilva
Kathryn Hodgdon, Richard Jannelli, Kathleen Molinaro, Albert Russo, Amy Spallino

Also Present: Dr. Pascarella, K. Thompson, K. Walston, C. LeBorious, K. Casimiro, K. Truchsess, K.
O'Dowd, K. Wanzer, G. Jasmine, Dr. Fong, Dr. Begg, R. Jalbert, K. Prunty

Chair, G. Cooper, called meeting to order @ 7:05 p.m. Discussed norm for the meeting and asked Dr. Sal
to review decision to not reopen schools in Oct. as previously planned.

Discussion ensued.

Kara Prunty, Danbury Board of Health Dept, presented facts of Covid-19 spread in Danbury.

Dr's Begg and Fong asked that the Board continue to keep schools closed until the rate of spread is in a
steady decline.

Questions from Board included:

How the Flu vaccine reacts with Covid-19, how effective is contact tracing, mortality rate of Covid-19 vs
the Flu, and how reliable are the indicators as reported

Social and emotional wellbeing of our children was addressed at length, and this Board is encouraging
our administration to continue to seek safe alternatives to get our kids back to in school as quickly as
possible.

There are 40 reported cases currently in our school community that would force a closure and disrupt
classes. The administration believes that continuity of instruction is foremost.

Board ended discussion. Chair G. Cooper thanked all for their input and asked for Motion to adjourn @
8:34 p.m.: J. DaSilva, Seconded by K. Hodgdon.

Kathleen Molinaro, Secretary