



- Does not exclude any immunocompromised individuals from attending
- Does not exclude any students; all receive the same ceremony
- Recognition would be in the form of a video, streamed online. It would include all of the speeches that would be given. It would provide photos of all seniors and recognize them for their distinctions in graduation.

Mr. Ramsey and Mr. Hollinden have also worked to add a parade of seniors following the broadcast of the ceremony (if done virtually). The Mayor has agreed to the proposal and would oversee the fireworks display to be held at the end of the parade.

Mr. Jarboe asks for opinions from the Administration. Mr. Ramsey points out that we have to petition the board of works for the fire works. Mr. Hollinden states that everyone needs a reason to celebrate and this is that opportunity. There has been substantial outcry from local businesses to participate. Mr. Ramsey states successful people are those that can adapt. He thinks this could be great, understands it's different, and reiterates the concern for those students that would not be able to attend. Senior class sponsors Dan Lacy and Dan Hall spoke to the board. To avoid alienation of students, virtual is safer, and the longer we wait the fewer students will participate. Mr. Lacy states that no one wants to have a virtual ceremony, and he is torn. While you want a traditional ceremony, nothing we do will be the same as it has been in the past. Mrs. Noble spoke as a parent, and appreciates the thought that goes into the decision, and states this is a learning/adapting moment for the seniors. A senior parent (the only attendee) was asked to speak. She agrees with the comments and appreciates the thoughtfulness of those involved and supports a virtual ceremony for the safety of all. The newspaper also spoke and pledged support in whatever fashion they could contribute to the process.

Mr. Goffinet states you would not have to limit attendance at Legion and believes 740 people could be socially distanced on the field. He suggests we set a date in July and if that date fails release the virtual video. He stated only one other school in Southern Indiana is doing virtual and he is not comfortable being one of two schools doing it this way. Mr. Thomas thanks everyone for their comments, acknowledges the change for everyone, and the duty of public office to make the hard decisions. He spoke of the work we've done to mitigate the virus and our responsibility to protect our community. He feels a wonderful program can be provided for the students and wants to treat the majority of students as equally as possible. Mr. May states he has spoken to many senior parents and they want a safe ceremony that honors the students. He states this isn't just a virtual ceremony and thinks we should call it something that encompasses all of the ceremony- the recording, the parade, and the fireworks. He asks if the fireworks are possible, and Mr. Ramsey states he has been in communication with the group that does fireworks for the apple drop. Mr. Jarboe states that he and Mr. Thomas will contribute \$1000 to the hybrid ceremony. Ms. Mattingly agrees that many schools are putting ceremonies off but feels the chance of postponement down the road is too great to be ignored. She states we are not living in normal times and the hybrid proposal is the best option we have. Mr. Jarboe states he supports the hybrid, and references the military students and those leaving early once again. He feels we should do it big and agrees with Mr. May this is no virtual ceremony, and we will be celebrating by dragging Main and fireworks along with the video.

Mr. Goffinet asks how diplomas will be delivered, and we will either deliver the diplomas or the superintendent would deliver later in the month. They will not be handed out during the procession. While Legion Field is big enough to hold 1000 people, it's about the congregation before and after the ceremony that we would not be able to control. It's about stopping the spread of the virus, not how we can skirt the recommendations of the state.

Mr. Jarboe motions that a non-traditional ceremony including a virtual ceremony, parade, and fireworks be held for graduation, with latitude provided to the superintendent and administration.

**b. NEOLA Discussion**

Mr. Jarboe states that a first and second reading should occur at the regular board meeting to ensure these policies are timely. All of the recommended policy changes are related to COVID-19

**Adjournment:**

**1. Motion to Adjourn: 4:45 PM**

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**DOE Guidance:**

**Class of 2020: Virtual Graduation Guidance Available**

Given the evolving nature of the COVID-19 pandemic, IDOE realizes the impact on the Class of 2020. Celebrating their accomplishments is an important milestone. To assist districts with planning alternate solutions, we have developed a Virtual Graduation Assistance document. Please contact Robin LeClaire with any questions.

On April 17, IDOE released this [Virtual and Social Distance Graduation Tools](#) document.

On May 1, IDOE in collaboration with ISDH released this [Additional Guidance Regarding Alternate Graduation Ceremonies to Protect Against COVID-19](#) document.

**[What's Open, What's Closed](#)**

[https://www.doe.in.gov/sites/default/files/news/virtual-graduation-plansdocx-april-24.pdf?utm\\_content=&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_name=&utm\\_source=govdelivery&utm\\_term=](https://www.doe.in.gov/sites/default/files/news/virtual-graduation-plansdocx-april-24.pdf?utm_content=&utm_medium=email&utm_name=&utm_source=govdelivery&utm_term=)