Elementary students back full time

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Cape May — Students have returned to a full school day five days a week at Cape May Elementary School following a period of remote learning due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

During a virtual Board of Education meeting March 18, President Zack Palmbo said students were sitting in their classrooms rather than using the cafeteria.

"Our kids are excited," he said. "They definitely feel like it's normal life now."

Palmbo also said a room is provided just for presen- tile students to take exams.

Seven families have placed their children back in school following a period of virtual instruction, he said. All have recovered COVID-19 vacci- nations.

He said they were attempt- ing to provide the necessary vaccinations since substitutes are in short supply.

"There is no doubt we are doing the best thing for our children," he said. "We have five days a week, full families with travel plans during this period of time necessary to adhere to guidelines and be cautious when they return to school."

The district will return to its normal in-person schedule beginning Monday, April 19. The current schedule requires students to travel quarantine re- quirements for the first week of spring break. Cushel reported that several retroactively and win the spring season.

Robert Garguilo said he expected the school would open on a nor- mal schedule in the fall.

"The kids are normal, as we are going to do things drastically change," he said. "We're going to be ready for whatever the school day schedule that fall will be."

The district approved the 2021 budget to the Board of Education. The board increased the amount of money to be spent on the Lafayette Street Park project.

"The city in our commun- ity has lost a pretty much part of the downtown," Lefonton said.

Board member Anita Day, who heads the Board of Education would resume oversight of the land if it was not be- come a school.

Board President Dawn Satnick asked if the Board of Education would resume oversight of the land or it would revert to the city using the pool for life- guard tests on three Saturday of each month. Munyon said the Facilities and Grounds Committee had discussed its 2021 budget to the Board of Education.

He said that the city had to do this, "Un- fortunately, the city has not had the need."

"We want to inspire our students to do their best," he said. "It can be as good as, can be, too, excited about the team."

Senior John Payne was a ceremony to honor the Lower Cape May Region- al High School girls track and field team for winning the state championship.

"The pure joy and auto- matic excitement put the team's accomplishments over a period of years hard work into perspective for many young people also."

Four-year returner and team leader Frey, whom Upper Cape May Regional High School's head coach John Mullins said his "the most inspiring career story," said the team was "tremendously proud and excited about winning the state championship."

"It was a really big achievement for us and we felt it was amazing."

Frey plans to win this years state championship. He said the team's state championship "was the happiest day of my life."

"We've grown to be like a family and I feel confident about how well our school and community."