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Hack shocks School Zoom meeting with video of child sexual abuse

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The Brecksville-Broadview Heights City School District (BBHCSD), its school year marred by the coronavirus pandemic, faced another devastation, May 7th, at a town hall Zoom meeting. The board called the meeting to hear from students and parents and explore options to provide the class of 2020 with at least some semblance of a graduation ceremony.

Approximately 57 minutes into the meeting, a hacked screen exposed about 150 participants to an explicit video of child sexual abuse for nearly 45 seconds. BBHCSD Superintendent Joelle Magyar turned her head from the distributing imagery, and raised her voice, “end meeting!”

The meeting abruptly ended, the shock and disbelief undoubtedly lingered. Magyar quickly drafted a statement that formed the basis of an email alerting the entire Brecksville-Broad-

view Heights community.

“The final few minutes of the Special Meeting of the BBHCSD Board of Education, which was conducted in a virtual online format using the ZOOM video conference system, with the most secure meeting settings possible, including password security, waiting rooms and video recording, was egregiously and shamefully hacked and explicit child pornography was displayed on-screen for several seconds,” Mag-

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