

Minutes of the December 20, 2021 Special Meeting of the Board of School Directors held in the Shippensburg Area Senior High School Auditorium, 201 Eberly Drive, Shippensburg, PA 17257.

OPENING

Call to Order

Mr. Mark Buterbaugh called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call

On roll call, the following members were present: Mr. Mark Buterbaugh, President; Mr. Charles Suders, Vice President; Mr. Jim Bard; Mr. Dwayne Burt; Mr. Levi Cressler; Mrs. Steph Eberly; Dr. Nathan Goates; Mr. Donald Hilbinger; and Mr. Fred Scott, Sr. Caden Yonish, Student Representative; and Allison Hunt, Student Representative; were absent.

Others present were: Dr. Chris Suppo, Superintendent; Mrs. Sheri Woodall, Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment; Mr. Joseph Wachter, Director of Operations and Maintenance; parents; teachers; concerned citizens; and Mrs. Cristy Lentz, Business Administrator/Board Secretary.

Moment of Silence

The Board of School Directors held a moment of silence in memory of the following:

Troy A. Group ~ October 28, 1971 - December 10, 2021
1989 Graduate of Shippensburg High School

(Action)

Agenda Approval

Mr. Buterbaugh asked if there were any changes or amendments to tonight's agenda.

Dr. Suppo stated there are no changes or amendments to tonight's agenda.

On motion of Suders, seconded by Bard to approve to tonight's agenda.

On roll call, all present voted to approve tonight's agenda.

(Information)

Meeting Expectations

Mr. Buterbaugh announced guidelines and expectations for tonight's meeting.

DISCUSSION AGENDA

District's Health & Safety Plan

Dr. Suppo presented information to the Board regarding the district's current Health and Safety Plan including but not limited to the following: mitigation efforts, 14-day rolling case count numbers, student-to-student spread information, vaccination availability for students' ages 12-18 years of age, vaccination availability for students' ages 5-11 years of age, and our on-site Rapid Antigen Testing.

Administration Recommendations

Dr. Suppo presented information to the Board regarding Masks and Quarantine. He is recommending the following: "After January 13, 2022, the wearing of masks will be optional for students, staff, and visitors in all school district buildings and is extended to extracurricular activities and all school schools events." Masks will not be required, but are highly encouraged.

Dr. Suppo also reviewed the district's masking threshold recommendations with the Board as they pertain to Cumberland or Franklin Counties being in the substantial or high community spread category.

Dr. Suppo also noted that the Transportation Mask Protocols have not changed so all passengers on school buses are still required to wear masks while traveling on a school bus.

Lastly, Dr. Suppo reviewed recommended quarantine protocol changes with the Board.

BOARD COMMENTS

An extensive discussion occurred among the Board and Administration regarding the District's Health & Safety Plan and the recommended changes.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS

The following district residents' spoke regarding the District's Health & Safety Plan and the recommended changes presented by Administration tonight regarding this plan and COVID-19 related matters:

Rebecca Kessler, Jeremy Stouffer, Becky Wolfinger, Travis Hoover, Andrea Katz,
Amanda McNair, Jason Nell, Sherry Reed, Tamara Smith-Moore, and Chris Jackson.

(Action)

ACTION AGENDA

On motion of Cressler, seconded by Scott to approve the following Action Agenda item:

Health & Safety Plan Updates

- Administration recommends amending the district's Health & Safety Plan to include the following: "After January 13, 2022, the wearing of masks will be optional for students, staff, and visitors in all school district buildings and is extended to extracurricular activities and all school events. Masks will not be required, but are highly encouraged."

Administration also recommends following the masking thresholds and quarantine protocols as presented by Dr. Suppo this evening.

On motion of Eberly, seconded by Cressler to **amend** the above motion to **remove the quarantine differentiation between vaccinated and unvaccinated for school and community setting only.**

The **amended motion failed** with **Bard, Burt, Goates, Hilbinger, Scott, and Suders** voting **no**.

On motion of Goates, seconded by Burt to **table** the original motion until the January 10, 2022 Planning/Action Meeting.

The motion to **table failed** with **Bard, Cressler, Eberly, Hilbinger, Scott, Suders, and Buterbaugh** voting **no**.

On motion of Hilbinger to **amend** the original motion to **change the implementation date to January 24, 2022 instead of January 13, 2022.**

The motion **failed** due to no second.

On roll call, the original motion made by Cressler and seconded by Scott passed with **Burt, Goates, and Hilbinger** voting **no**.

(Information)

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS REGARDING NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None

BOARD COMMENTS

Mr. Hilbinger encouraged people to think of others and wear masks in public.

Mr. Cressler thanked Dr. Suppo for the compromised plan.

Mr. Bard thanked Dr. Suppo for the compromise plan.

Mr. Scott thanked Dr. Suppo for the compromise plan and the staff's hard work on the plan. He also noted he is mystified by the comments made about neighboring districts. He is concerned S.A.S.D. will need to go virtual based on tonight's change to the district's Health & Safety Plan and noted he did not want to hear complaints from the community if virtual instruction was necessary due to the approved changes.

Mrs. Eberly thanked the community for the civil dialogue and Dr. Suppo's hard work in developing the compromised plan.

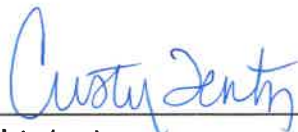
Mr. Hilbinger noted he is committed to following the approved Health & Safety Plan which will guide the district's actions going forward.

Mr. Buterbaugh thanked the community for coming out to listen to the proposed Health & Safety Plan changes and the Administration for their efforts. He also noted that if virtual instruction is necessary, based on the revised plan, this is what will need to occur.

Dr. Suppo noted he appreciated the civil conversation tonight and acknowledged the hard work of the Administration.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Scott, seconded by Eberly to adjourn at 9:06 p.m.



Cristy Lentz
Board Secretary