



GRANT SCHOOL DISTRICT #3

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BOARD MEETING

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**TUESDAY, August 19, 2021
7:00 P.M.**

DOCKET OF BUSINESS

1.0 PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

- 1.1 Call to Order
- 1.2 Pledge of Allegiance
- 1.3 Agenda Review
- 1.4 Swear in New Board Members
Kelly Stokes
- 1.5 Public Forum

2.0 OLD BUSINESS

- 2.1 Ready Schools, Safe Learners Resiliency Framework for 2021-22 School Year

3.0 FUTURE AGENDA AND CALENDAR ITEMS

- August 23.....First Day of School
- August 25.....Board Meeting
- September 15Board Meeting
- October 20Board Meeting
- Nov. 11-13Annual OSBA Convention
- November 17Board Meeting

4.0 GOOD OF THE ORDER

5.0 ADJOURN

Board Packet posted on district web site at: <http://www.grantesd.k12.or.us/District-3/index.htm>

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Heidi Hallgarth

From: Bret Uptmor
Sent: Wednesday, August 4, 2021 3:03 PM
To: Heidi Hallgarth
Cc: Haley Walker
Subject: FW: Hi Bret

Heidi,

We will need to start another file with the new input for our next public board meeting.

Bret Uptmor, Superintendent
Grant School District #3
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From: Kaitlyn Ledgerwood [mailto:kledgerwood@att.net]
Sent: Wednesday, August 4, 2021 2:46 PM
To: Bret Uptmor <uptmorb@grantesd.k12.or.us>
Subject: Hi Bret

Hi Bret,

I wanted to start off by saying thank you for your support at the board meeting last night. And, thank you for continuing to fight for our parental rights of choosing whether our children wear a mask or not. I'm also very pleased you all opened the floor up to us parents to ask questions and took time to try and answer what you could or take notes on what you couldn't.

As of now, my other concerns are:

1. Next week is fair so kids and parents may be busy with showing animals or the concert Friday night. I would encourage you to possibly move the meeting to after fair; maybe that following Monday evening (the 16th).
2. Recently, President Biden's former adviser, Michal Osterholm, admitted that typical paper and fabric masks are ineffective and that Americans that have not been vaccinated or been previously infected should look into N-95 masks. If paper or fabric masks are ineffective, why are the children, teachers, and staff required to wear them? Also, N-95 masks would definitely cause extremely labored breathing in many (and most likely ALL) children. I believe this would be a huge danger to their health! N-95 masks are meant to be worn in surgical settings, not on our children or teaching staff!
3. According to Oregon law, ORS 339.288 under School Attendance Article 1 (h), it states the following:
The use of the following types of restraint on a student in a public education program is prohibited:
Any restraint that impedes, or creates a risk of impeding, breathing.

Wouldn't that be ANY MASKS?? I'd say so! It is AGAINST the law for anything to impede my child's breathing.

Please see the attached links for more information on issue 1 and 2.
<https://www.foxnews.com/media/biden-covid-adviser-americans-need-to-wear-n95-masks>
https://oregon.public.law/statutes/ors_339.288

Once again, thank you. Your hard work is very appreciated! But, the fight is not over yet. We must continue to fight for local control and the power to make our own choices for our children.

I look forward to the next meeting and getting many of our questions addressed and answered.

Thank you,
Kati Ledgerwood

Heidi Hallgarth

From: Bret Uptmor
Sent: Wednesday, August 11, 2021 10:40 AM
To: Virginia Miller
Cc: Heidi Hallgarth
Subject: RE: Masking in schools

Thank you, your email will be shared with the board.
Bret

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

----- Original message -----

From: Virginia Miller <vmiller@ortelco.net>
Date: 8/11/21 8:41 AM (GMT-09:00)
To: Bret Uptmor <uptmorb@grantesd.k12.or.us>
Subject: Masking in schools

I support whatever it takes to keep our young people safe from known and documented foes such as Covid viruses in whatever form it takes!

I also remain astonished at the population in Grant County, that are mostly intelligent adults, resisting the wearing of masks to prevent the spread of the Covid virus in schools. The teachers, Board of Directors, and Administrators should, without reservation, support the safety of children in schools!! I expect all of you to have the courage to stand firm!

Virginia Miller

Sent from my iPhone

Heidi Hallgarth

From: Bret Uptmor
Sent: Wednesday, August 11, 2021 10:41 AM
To: Adele Cerny
Cc: Heidi Hallgarth
Subject: RE: Letter to the School Board re masking

Thank you, your email will be shared with the board.
Bret

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

----- Original message -----

From: Adele Cerny <cernyadele512@gmail.com>
Date: 8/11/21 8:22 AM (GMT-09:00)
To: Bret Uptmor <uptmorb@grantesd.k12.or.us>
Subject: Fwd: Letter to the School Board re masking

August 10, 2021

Dear School Board Members and Superintendent Uptmor,

I urge you to follow state masking guidelines in your school policy decisions.

As members of the school board, you serve an essential role in the education, health, and safety of our students. Your priority should be to keep students in-school and in-person during the coming year. You can accomplish that goal by the wise decision to follow the CDC and OHA guidelines. It is a well-documented fact that masking helps to control the spread of Covid-19 and minimizes the risk of bringing the virus home to at-risk family members and the wider community.

In order to return to 'normal', our community needs to have a higher vaccination rate and a lower transmission rate. As a school board, you can positively impact the rate of transmission in our community by requiring all students, staff, and visitors to follow state masking guidelines.

I taught in District 3 for thirty-four years and was Head Teacher of Seneca School for the last fourteen years of my service. The solution to every difficult decision that I made was based on two important questions - What is in the best interest of the health and safety of our students? What is the law? Individually, and as a board, you are leaders of our community. Please consider both questions as you make your decision.

Thank you for your hard work and time on behalf of students and staff.

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Heidi Hallgarth

From: Bret Uptmor
Sent: Wednesday, August 11, 2021 10:41 AM
To: Jessibru@yahoo.com
Cc: Heidi Hallgarth
Subject: RE: School masking mandate—in support

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Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

----- Original message -----

From: "Jessibru@yahoo.com" <jessibru@yahoo.com>
Date: 8/11/21 7:00 AM (GMT-09:00)
To: Bret Uptmor <uptmorb@grantesd.k12.or.us>
Subject: School masking mandate—in support

Hello Mr. Uptmor and School Board Members,

I am writing in full support of a mask mandate in our Grant District 3 schools. The science is clear—masks work for kids who cannot get vaccinated. I am particularly concerned with the rise in delta variant, which is 2 or 3 times more contagious than the regular strain, and the fact that there are few, if any, hospital beds available in our region. Please, let's not make our kids the guinea pigs for this new variant that we don't yet know the severity of. I trust your administration and school board to make the right decision to protect the health of our children and teachers, and listen to the experts—the epidemiologists and doctors who are setting these guidelines.

Thank you!
-Jessi Brunson
mom of two Humbolt Elementary students

Sent from my iPhone

Heidi Hallgarth

From: Bret Uptmor
Sent: Wednesday, August 11, 2021 10:42 AM
To: Ortelco Email
Cc: Heidi Hallgarth
Subject: RE: Masks

Thank you, your email will be shared with the board.
Bret

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

----- Original message -----

From: Ortelco Email <nanette@ortelco.net>
Date: 8/10/21 8:42 PM (GMT-09:00)
To: Bret Uptmor <uptmorb@grantesd.k12.or.us>
Subject: Masks

I understand how difficult this must be for all of you but kids are adaptable. They will do what “their grown-ups” model and require of them. This, at this time in THEIR State, is the law. Will you model that for them? Wiser adults than they have made decisions in their best interests. Will you model that for them? This is a difficult time but every generation goes through difficult times. As responsible citizens we must do our part..even when it’s hard. Will you model that for them? What a perfect opportunity to engage your students in conversation in class. Teach them the meaning of OSHA (what it stands for and why it exists). Teach them how to change things they may disagree with while obeying laws that exist in the present. This is an opportunity. I ask you to seize this moment..to TEACH.

Sent from my iPad

Heidi Hallgarth

From: Bret Uptmor
Sent: Wednesday, August 11, 2021 10:42 AM
To: Barbara
Cc: Heidi Hallgarth
Subject: RE: Mask mandate

Thank you, your email will be shared with the board.
Bret

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

----- Original message -----

From: Barbara <bnorth97873@yahoo.com>
Date: 8/10/21 8:31 PM (GMT-09:00)
To: Bret Uptmor <uptmorb@grantesd.k12.or.us>
Subject: Mask mandate

I look at it another way: we know mask protect people, cases of Covid are increasing in children. All it takes is one case. One child getting hospitalized. One law suit against the schools.

Sent from my iPhone

Heidi Hallgarth

From: hild0213@d.umn.edu
Sent: Thursday, August 12, 2021 8:47 PM
To: Heidi Hallgarth
Subject: Fwd: Support Mask mandates

Hello! Can you please share my message with the school? It looks like Brett is away and I want to make sure my message is received.

Thank you!

Lauren

Begin forwarded message:

From: hild0213@d.umn.edu
Date: August 12, 2021 at 9:40:55 AM PDT
To: uptmorb@grantesd.k12.or.us
Subject: Support Mask mandates

Hello! I am writing in full support of a mask mandate in our Grant District 3 schools. The science is obvious that masks work for kids who cannot get vaccinated. I am very concerned with the increasing delta variant cases, which is much more contagious than the regular strain and have an infant at home that I do not want to get covid while she is so young. My daughter was kept home last year and we would love to send her to school this year with masks.

Please, don't make our children the guinea pigs for this new variant that we don't yet know the severity of.

I trust your administration and school board to make the right decision to protect the health of our children and teachers, and listen to the experts—the epidemiologists and doctors who are setting these guidelines.

Lauren Romstad