



**MINUTES
CARLISLE COMMUNITY SCHOOL
Special School Board Meeting
Tuesday, September 21, 2021, 6:00 p.m.
Carlisle Community School Board Room
Livestream: CCSD.LIVE**

President Hill called to order the September 21 special board meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Directors Present: Art Hill, President
Mindy Donovan, Vice President
Jeramie Eginore
Samantha Fett
Hillary Gardner

Also Present: Bryce Amos, Superintendent
Jean Flaws, Board Secretary/Business Manager
Vickie Hall, Business Manager

Motion by Eginore to approve the agenda as presented. Seconded by Gardner. Motion unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS

A. Visitors – Todd Erzen said the results are in and it should be an easy decision. He asks that Carlisle not follow neighboring schools with mandating masks but to continue going forward and keep up the good job and vote no masks for kids. Ethan Quick spoke in favor of no masks. The good thing about America is we have choices. He appreciated the survey and glad to see the results. He hopes the board will decide to let the parents decide. Monica Runkel said she is very passionate about not wearing masks. She also appreciated the survey. The choice to wear masks should be with the parents as they know what's best for their own children. Mindy Donovan reached out to people to get their opinions and shared their comments. The majority were in favor of keeping masks optional.

UPDATES/INFORMATION

B. Review District Stakeholder Survey Report – Face Mask Options – Mr. Amos shared the results from the survey with over 1,500 responses. The overall results broken down by building in favor of face masks being recommended/optional are: Gr. PS-3 – 55% agree, 34.9% disagree, 11.5% no preference; Gr. 4-5 – 58.8% agree, 32.8% disagree, 9% no preference; Gr. 6-8 – 58.7% agree, 33% disagree, 11% no preference; Gr. 9-12 – 60.8% agree, 28.5% disagree, 11.8% no preference; PS-12 staff – 54.1% agree, 23.8% disagree, 23% no preference. The overall results broken down by building in favor of face masks being required are: Gr. PS-3 – 39% agree, 54.2% disagree, 7.5% no preference; Gr. 4-5 – 38.5% agree, 52.2% disagree, 9.9% no preference; Gr. 6-8 – 36.2% agree, 55.1% disagree, 9% no preference; Gr. 9-12 – 32.8% agree, 59.4% disagree, 8.3% no preference; PS-12 staff – 44.4% agree, 40.5% disagree, 15.2% no preference. The positivity rate as of Sept. 21 for Warren County is 10.3% and Polk County 10.4%. Mr. Amos will be starting up the COVID dashboard and the link will be in the Wildcat Weekly.

BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS

A. Approval of Return to School Plan
Jeramie Eginore said the decision is complicated. He has read all the comments and appreciates all the different viewpoints. He was elected to represent others and with 57% in favor of highly recommended/optional masks, he would not be in favor of a mask mandate at this time. He believes cases

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should be closely monitored and ready to take action if necessary. Hillary Gardner said she has probably heard more for masks than most but the people have spoken and she represents the people and would be in favor of a no mask mandate. She also asked that if we see a spike, that the board meets to further discuss. Samantha Fett is in favor of the parental choice. The people she represents are in favor of parental choice. Mindy Donovan agrees with the others and says the survey speaks for itself. Her opinion doesn't matter as she represents the people. Art Hill says that we have done our due diligence and listened to the survey. He inquired if kids are getting COVID from other kids in the classroom but Mr. Amos has not detected that. He's also not aware of any issues with students wearing masks. The District continues to deep clean the classrooms in each of the buildings on a weekly basis. The buildings do have signs that state masks are highly recommended.

Motion by Fett to keep the return to school plan as is with no changes. Seconded by Eginoire. Motion carried unanimously.

FUTURE MEETINGS

A. October 11, 2021 Regular Board Meeting, 6:00 p.m. Carlisle Community School Board Room

Motion by Donovan to adjourn the September 21 special board meeting. Seconded by Eginoire. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

Art Hill, President

Attest: Jean Flaws, Board Secretary/Business Manager

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These minutes will be presented at the October 11 regular school board meeting for approval.

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