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MINUTES

**CARLISLE COMMUNITY SCHOOL
Special School Board Meeting
Sunday, May 16, 2021, 5:00 p.m.
Carlisle School District Board Room
Livestream: [CCSD.LIVE](#)**

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Patrons can email Bryce Amos, Superintendent of Schools prior to board meetings to submit public comment to the school board. bryce.amos@carlislecsd.org.

President Hill called to order the May 16 special school board meeting at 5:00 p.m.

Directors Present: Art Hill, President
Mindy Donovan, Vice President
Samantha Fett
Directors Absent: Jeramie Eginoire
Hillary Gardner
Also Present: Bryce Amos, Superintendent
Jean Flaws, Board Secretary/Business Manager

Motion by Donovan to approve the agenda. Seconded by Fett. Motion carried unanimously.

BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS

A. District Mitigation Plan for the Remainder of the 2020-2021 School Year

Mr. Amos stated that new guidelines were received from the Iowa Dept. of Public Health (IDPH) Friday afternoon and updated guidelines from the CDC on Thursday. The updated IDPH guidance states that schools and childcare settings should approach COVID-19 like other child illnesses. Quarantine guidance is to recommend that while COVID-19 positive and symptomatic children should be excluded, exposed children should no longer be required to stay home, regardless of mask usage. Schools should provide parents and students with the option to make their own decision about mask usage. CDC guidelines state that fully vaccinated people no longer need to wear a mask except where required by federal, state, local, tribal or territorial laws, rules, and regulations, including local business and workplace guidance. District protocols have always been based off CDC, IDPH and Warren County Health Dept. guidelines. It is estimated that 80% of the staff are fully vaccinated based on the clinic held at the school. The only students that could be fully vaccinated would be those over the age of 16. As of May 14, there were 6 confirmed cases and 23 in quarantine from close contacts. The Warren County positivity rate is 3.8% and 4.4% for Polk County. There have been 5 staff who have tested positive and 5 staff have had to quarantine because of close contact since the vaccination clinic March 12. Currently, the District is in the green section of the school opening protocol document. Mr. Amos has been contacted by one parent and two staff who were in favor of maintaining the mask requirement through the end of the school year. Mr. Amos made the recommendation that masks are required indoors and on the school transportation fleet and optional outdoors, to maintain all other mitigation strategies as outlined in the protocol and follow close contact quarantine guidance from the Warren County Health Dept. The District has been successful because of the protocols and we want to maintain that. Mr. Hill read an email from Hillary Gardner in her absence that supports the continuation of current protocols, to stay the course. Mindy Donovan and Samantha Fett noted that their communication with parents were with parents mostly in favor of giving parents/students the option to decide on mask wearing. Motion by Fett to make masks and face coverings optional inside and outside all buildings in the Carlisle School. This changes the building status and personal safety protocols document to remove those

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procedures. However, we will follow the Department of Education on mask coverings for bus transportation in addition to guidance on students currently in quarantine by Warren County Health Dept. Mr. Amos suggested stating that we will follow quarantine policies by the Warren County Health Department to encompass all quarantine situations. Fett agreed to the change in wording. She also made the comment that if they come out with if you are not wearing a mask you have to quarantine, based on the IDPH statement, she would not be in agreement with that. Seconded by Donovan. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Amos will send out communication to staff, parents and students regarding this decision.

B. Approval of Graduates, 2020-2021

Motion by Donovan to approve the graduates for 2020-2021. Seconded by Fett. Motion carried unanimously.

FUTURE MEETINGS

A. May 26, 2021 Special Board Meeting, 6:00 p.m., Carlisle Community School Board Room

B. June 14, 2021 Regular School Board Meeting, 5:00 p.m., Carlisle Community School Board Room

*Closed session 5:00 – 6:00 for Superintendent's Evaluation

Motion by Donovan to adjourn the May 16 special board meeting. Seconded by Fett. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Art Hill, Board President

Attest: Jean Flaws, Board Secretary/Business Manager

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These minutes will be presented at the June 14 regular school board meeting for approval.

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