

Harrison Hills City School District

Special Board Meeting September 2, 2021

The Harrison Hills City Board of Education met in special session for the purpose of COVID guidelines and procedures. They met on September 2, 2021 at 5:00 pm in the auditorium of Harrison Central, Cadiz, OH. The following members were present: Mr. Watson, Mrs. Kenny, Mrs. Mattern and Mr. Banks. Mr. Allen was absent. An audio recording is on file.

President Presides: Mr. Watson led the board in the Pledge of Allegiance and called the meeting to order.

Business and Operations

Mr. Watson turned the floor over to Mrs. Snider. She shared with the board that right now there are 11 positive cases and 74 staff and students quarantined. She said that the meeting tonight was to review the numbers and look at a way to keep students in school. She would ask that the board consider requiring masks as a way to possibly bring our quarantine numbers down.

Discussion:

Mrs. Kenny asked if a student is quarantined, how is their work being done? Mrs. Snider said it would be like if they were absent. Assignments would be sent home.

Mr. Watson said we wanted to start the year by giving our students and parents a choice of wearing a mask. This is not something we want to take away. However, we did say we would monitor our numbers and the goal is to keep kids in the classroom. This is not something we want to do, but it is something we need to do.

Mrs. Snider said this would be something we would start on Tuesday, September 7, 2021. Events held outside would not require masking, but events held indoors would. She also asked if we could put a stop date and then monitor to see if it would need extended?

Mrs. Kenny asked if we have a supply of masks? Mrs. Snider said yes we do. Mrs. Kenny asked what about temperature check? Mrs. Snider said no this has not proven to be effective. She also said that the district would ask parents to keep their children home if they show any symptoms. This would include staff who show symptoms for them to stay home as well.

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Mrs. Kenny asked about eating in the classrooms? Mrs. Snider said no that would not be done this year. The cafeteria will require close monitoring in case of a positive case to prevent the spread to other students. So far, there is no spread of COVID here. Mr. Watson asked why could we not do like we did last year? Mrs. Snider said we do not have enough staff to cover. The extra aides we had last year have gone back into the preschool classrooms because those classrooms are now full.

Mr. Banks suggested that as for a timeline that we leave the mask mandate in place until the next regularly scheduled meeting. He would also ask that we let other schools be aware that masks will be required for indoor events. He also would like extra masks available for those who would arrive at our games and not be aware they needed a mask.

Mrs. Kenny agreed with Mr. Bank's timeline.

Mrs. Mattern instead of an end date, she would like it to be a review date.

Mrs. Snider said masking is showing that we are taking this serious and will monitor the situation. She does not want to say this will be for the rest of the school year.

Mr. Watson asked how will it be handled for those that have difficulty wearing a mask, ie: special education students? Mrs. Snider said we have numerous face shields.

Mr. Watson asked if masks will be required of all no matter if they are vaccinated or not? Mrs. Snider yes that is correct.

Action

Mrs. Kenny made the motion, seconded by Mr. Banks that all students/staff will be required to wear a mask and this will be evaluated at the next regular board meeting. It will include wearing a mask indoor and include all students, staff and spectators. On roll call vote: Mr. Allen, absent; Mrs. Kenny, yes; Mrs. Mattern, yes; Mr. Banks, yes; Mr. Watson, yes. Mr. Watson declared the motion approved.

Mr. Watson asked Mrs. Snider to get information out concerning the wearing masks. He asked that Mr. Hibbs notify the AD's at the other schools we play.

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Adjourn

Mr. Watson made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Kenny, that the special meeting of the board of education be adjourned. On roll call vote: Mrs. Kenny, yes; Mrs. Mattern, yes; Mr. Banks, yes; Mr. Watson, yes; Mr. Allen, absent. The president declared the meeting adjourned.



Approve



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