

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Board of Directors
Vinton-Shellsburg Community Schools
September 20, 2021**

Call to Order

President Rob Levis called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Central Office Board Room.

Roll Call / Pledge of Allegiance

Rob Levis, Sue Gates, Kathy Van Steenhuyse, Jake Fish, Becky Williams, Tom Burke, Mike Timmermans, Kyle Koeppen, Superintendent, and Brenda Barkdoll, Board Secretary/Treasurer were present.

Receive Visitors/Public Comments

President Levis explained the rules and had a signup sheet for those to speak regarding COVID pandemic school policy.

Kaitlin Emrich shared her concerns with masking for the elementary kids, her own kids and expressed how effective masking is.

Jacob Dudley shared he is against mandating masks at school due to health concerns.

Lance Lillibridge shared he is against mask mandating due to mental illness.

Valerie Bearbower shared she is against the mask mandate due to not being able to see others' expressions and if vaccinated should not have to wear one.

Maggie Mangold shared her reasons for supporting k-12 masking.

Heather Walker shared she is against the mask mandate due to depression and believes it is the parent's choice.

Braxton Morrison shared his concerns regarding masking following science and controversial data.

Joe Mullino shared his concerns with mask choice due to types, layers, kind, design and how they must fit tightly. Masks should be an option and if not handled correctly do not work.

Scott Barron shared his research back to 1946 on masks and has given the board a file to review. He is concerned with mental health and how educational learning is critical in kindergarten through 3rd grade.

Sara Gill shared she is against masking due to depression, anxieties, and asthma. She believes that others should have a choice in wearing masks.

Administrator Reports

Kyle Reeve shared information on academic goal areas and social emotional learning.

Ryan Davis shared information on social emotional curriculum.

Shelly Petersen shared information on two goal areas of reading and math.

Matt Kingsbury shared information on universal instruction goals, collaboration & leadership with communication goals, and homecoming.

Superintendent Reports

Superintendent Koeppen reported on Open Enrollment applications, School Board Convention, professional development days, homecoming, School Improvement Advisory meeting, and planning the 18th of October for the next board meeting.

Board Reports/Requests

Tom Burke shared that a couple of kids in district lost their parent and expressed the need to support them.

General Business of the Board

Consent Items

1082. It was moved by Gates and seconded by Timmermans to accept the consent items as presented. Motion carried 7/0.

Additional Staffing for 2021-22 Academic Year

1083. It was moved by Williams and seconded by Burke to add an additional teacher and utility position for the 2021-22 school year. Motion carried 7/0.

School Board Policy During COVID Pandemic

1084. It was moved by Fish and seconded by Burke to implement status quo with family/individual choice on masking and school providing N95 masks for those who chose to wear one. Motion carried 4/3 with Williams, Van Steenhuyse and Timmermans voting against.

Application for Modified Allowable Growth for Negative Special Education Balance

1085. It was moved by Van Steenhuyse and seconded by Fish to request allowable growth and supplemental state aid for the negative special education balance for the 2020-21 year in the amount of \$939,931.27. Motion carried 7/0.

District Staff Wellness Project

1086. It was moved by Fish and seconded by Timmermans to conduct the CatchLife30 Wellness Challenge as recommended by the district Wellness Committee. Motion carried 7/0.

Correspondence Items

- Letter from Benton County Public Health
- Letter from Benton County medical professionals
- WAMAC Schools current state

Adjournment

Rob Levis adjourned the meeting at 8:40 p.m.



Rob Levis, President



Brenda Barkdoll, Secretary