

**Mooresville Graded School District Board of Education
Emergency Called Meeting, Monday, November 23, 2020, 7:00 p.m**

The Board of Education of the Mooresville Graded School District met in an Emergency Called Meeting on Monday, November 23, 2020, in the Performing Arts Center at the Mooresville High School, 659 E. Center Avenue, Mooresville, NC.

Present were Mr. Roger Hyatt, Chairman; Dr. Debbie Marsh; Mrs. Kerry Pennell; and virtually present were Mr. Greg Whitfield, Vice-Chairman; and Mr. Leon Pridgen, II.

Dr. Stephen Mauney, Superintendent, and Kevin Donaldson, Board Attorney were present.

Mrs. Terry Haas, Chief Finance Officer; Dr. Todd Black, Assistant Superintendent for Secondary Instruction and CTE; Dr. Scott Smith, Assistant Superintendent for Elementary Instruction and Technology; Dr. Ingrid Medlock, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources; Dr. Michael Royal, Chief Operations Officer; Mrs. Tanae McLean, Chief Communications Officer and Title IX Coordinator; and Mrs. Sylvia Martinez, Board Clerk, were present.

Media representatives: *Melinda Skutnick, Iredell Free News*

Mr. Hyatt called the meeting to order, reflected and recommended one should find something to be thankful for this Thanksgiving holiday, and reminded everyone to continue practicing the 3 W's; **W**ear, **W**ash, and **W**ait. He held a moment of silence, and led the pledge of allegiance.

On a motion by Dr. Marsh, seconded by Mrs. Pennell, the board voted unanimously to approve the emergency called meeting agenda as presented.

Presentation and Discussion of Emergency Change to the School Schedule: Dr. Mauney presented and explained the MGSD COVID-19 related data, the new NC COVID-19 County Alert System, and the three Learning Plan Options for the board's consideration and possible approval of an emergency change to the school schedule. Dr. Mauney advised due to the increase in COVID-19 cases in the Iredell County and in the Mooresville Graded School District an emergency change to the school schedule is needed. The increases in the COVID-19 related data have caused many classes at MGSD to quarantine and the recent school closure of South Elementary School. He advised the district currently has 17 positive COVID-19 cases, 279 number of quarantine cases, and a 9.6% positive test rate in Iredell County. Dr. Mauney presented the new NC COVID-19 County Alert System recently introduced by Governor Cooper at his press conference which was designed to monitor and identify the counties with the highest metrics. He also provided the current Iredell County Alert System data; 390.0 New Case Rate per 100,000 people which puts Iredell County well above in the Red category, 8.8% Tests that are Positive which puts the Iredell County in the Orange in that category, and moderate in Hospital Impact which puts the Iredell County in the

Orange in that category. Dr. Mauney shared in an effort to combat the increase in COVID-19 numbers he presented the board the following Learning Plan Options 1, 2 & 3; **Option 1** - continue with our current learning plan and quarantine or close classroom and schools on an individual basis as dictated by our COVID-19 related cases, **Option 2** - students in grades K-5 would attend school, 2 days a week, 1 virtual day with their teachers on Wednesday's, and 2 days of asynchronous instruction. EC students would be on campus 4 days a week, and students in grades 6-12 would continue with their current virtual learning plan with options to attend in-school instruction on WIN Wednesday's and extracurricular activities throughout the week. Lastly, **Option 3** - move from our current model to a fully virtual plan for all students in K-12 grade levels. Dr. Mauney recommended Learning Plan Option 2 as the best option at this time and stated "We understand some parents are not going to be happy with this choice, however, we have 6,700 staff and students we have a responsibility to and have to keep everyone's safety in mind when making decisions."

Public Comment: The following district parents/guardians addressed the board to express their opinions and concerns regarding a possible emergency change to the school schedule.

Lisa Neckameyer, 227 Golden Valley Dr., Mooresville, NC 28115; Natalie Banner, 253 Elrosa Rd, Mooresville, NC 28115; Evelio Martinez, 186 Glennallen Rd, Mooresville, NC 28115.

The Board of Education members Mr. Hyatt, Mr. Whitfield, Dr. Marsh, and Mrs. Pennell each shared their opinions, thoughts, and concerns regarding each of the three learning plan options presented to them and agreed that, under the current circumstances, the increase in COVID-19 cases, and to limit the exposure of those students when an individual tests positive, moving to Learning Plan Option 2, is the best option at this time for our students and staff.

Approval of Emergency Change to the School Schedule: Dr. Mauney requested board approval of an emergency change to the school schedule to the learning plan option 2, beginning on Tuesday, December 1, 2020, until the end of the 3rd quarter unless the State mandates changes to the school learning plan. Monday, November 30, 2020, will be designated a teacher workday for K-5 teachers to be used as a planning day. **On a motion by Mrs. Pennell, seconded by Dr. Marsh, 4 board members voted unanimously to approve the emergency change to the school schedule to the learning plan option 2, until the end of the 3rd quarter unless the State mandates changes to the school learning plan. Board member Mr. Pridgen was not present for the vote.**

There being no further business, on motion by Dr. Marsh, seconded by Mr. Whitfield, the meeting was adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Stephen A. Mauney, Secretary
Board of Education