

**MOORESVILLE GRADED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Emergency Called Meeting, Tuesday, January 4, 2022, 4:00 p.m.**

The Board of Education of the Mooresville Graded School District met in a duly noticed Emergency Called Meeting on Tuesday, January 4, 2022, in the Performing Arts Center at the Mooresville High School, 659 E. Center Avenue, Mooresville, NC 28115.

Board Members Present: Mr. Roger Hyatt, Chairman; Mr. Greg Whitfield, Vice-Chairman; Dr. Debbie Marsh; Mrs. Kerry Pennell; Mr. Rakeem Brawley were present.

Dr. Stephen Mauney, Superintendent, and Mr. Kevin Donaldson, Board Attorney, were present. Mrs. Angie Davis, Chief Finance Officer; Dr. Todd Black, Assistant Superintendent for Secondary Instruction and CTE; Dr. Quinetta Hall Pratt, Assistant Superintendent for Elementary Instruction; Dr. Sandra Albert, Chief Student Services Officer; Dr. Scott Smith, Assistant Superintendent for Auxiliary Services; 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.

Mr. Hyatt called the meeting to order and led the pledge of allegiance.

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

**Emergency Discussion of the MGSD Face Covering Policy for the Students Return to School on January 5, 2022:** Dr. Mauney advised that due to the rising COVID-19 data, the MGSD school board requested an emergency called board meeting to discuss and re-evaluate the MGSD face covering policy for the students return to school on Wednesday, January 5, 2022. Each board member shared their concerns and thoughts regarding the increased COVID-19 data and provided their opinions on a face covering policy for the students return to school on January 5, 2022. Dr. Marsh requested that it be recorded on the board minutes that "she regretted not supporting the face covering policy recommendation made by the Superintendent, Dr. Mauney, at the December 14, 2021, board meeting."

Dr. Medlock presented an updated MGSD Staff COVID-19 report since the last board meeting on December 14, 2021, and as of today, January 4, 2022, at 2:00 p.m.: **Total District Staff Positives - 28; Total District Staff Quarantines Due to Exposure - 10.** Dr. Medlock also provided the board with a breakdown of the Staff COVID-19 data at each of the schools and other facilities in MGSD.

Mrs. McLean presented an updated MGSD Student COVID-19 report since the last board meeting on December 14, 2021, and as of today, January 4, 2022, at 2:00 p.m.: **Total Student Positives - 33; Total Student Quarantines Due to Close Contact - 36; Return Masked - 9.** Iredell County

**continues in the Red - High Community Transmission Category; Iredell County percent positive = 16.5% (December 14 percent positive = 11.7% / November 9 percent positive = 7.4%) Iredell County cases per 100,000 = 418 (December 14 case rate = 298 / November 9 case rate = 128).**

Mrs. McLean also provided the board with a breakdown of the student COVID-19 data at each of the schools in MGSD.

**Approval of MGSD Face Covering Policy for the Students Return to School on January 5, 2022:** The school board reviewed the COVID-19 data presented and after careful consideration and discussion, Mr. Hyatt, board chair, requested a first motion from the board to recommend and approve a face covering policy for the students return to school on Wednesday, January 5, 2022. Dr. Marsh presented her face covering policy recommendation and provided the first motion for approval. **On a motion by Dr. Marsh, seconded by Mr. Brawley, the board voted as follows: Mr. Hyatt - yay, Mr. Whitfield - yay, Dr. Marsh - yay, Mr. Brawley - yay, and Mrs. Pennell - nay: With a board vote of 4 - 1, the board approved the Board Policy: Face Coverings - 4231/5021/7263 for the students return to school on Wednesday, January 5, 2022, as follows; Beginning on January 5, 2022, face coverings will be required for all staff and students without a bona fide exemption at all MGSD facilities and at all indoor extracurricular activities and athletic events. All spectators and athletic officials at athletic events are also required to wear face masks. Any athletes who cannot wear a face mask during any indoor athletic events must test for COVID-19 once a week or if showing symptoms. This face covering policy will be re-evaluated at the next board meeting on January 11, 2022. Due to federal orders, face coverings will continue to be required on all school buses.**

**There being no further business, on motion by Dr. Marsh, seconded by Mr. Whitfield, the meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted:

Mr. Roger E. Hyatt, Chairman  
Board of Education

Dr. Stephen A. Mauney, Secretary  
Board of Education