

WESTPORT BOARD OF EDUCATION

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

Wednesday, February 16, 2022

AGENDA

PUBLIC SESSION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

6:00 p.m., Staples High School, Cafeteria B (Room 301)

DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION

1. Possible repeal of Board of Education Policies 4118.237 and 5141.8 (Use of Face Masks in School), *pages 1-2* Mr. Thomas Scarice
2. Possible adoption of a new policy, Policy Concerning Health and Safety Protocols Related to COVID-19, *page 3* Mr. Thomas Scarice

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting can also be viewed on Cablevision on channel 78; Frontier channel 6021 and by video stream @www.westportps.org
PUBLIC PARTICIPATION WELCOME USING THE FOLLOWING GUIDELINES:

- Public may speak as agenda topics come up for discussion or information.
- Speakers on agenda items are limited to 3 minutes each, except by prior arrangement with chair.
- Speakers must give name and address, and use microphone.
- Per Board policy, speakers must be town residents or employees
- Responses to questions may be deferred if answers not immediately available.
- Public comment is normally not invited for topics listed for action after having been publicly discussed at one or more meetings.

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Personnel - Certified and Non Certified**Students****Use of Face Masks in School**

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Compliance with this policy shall be mandatory for all individuals while in a school building, District facility and/or District transportation vehicle, unless an applicable exception applies. Any individual who refuses to wear an appropriate face covering at all times while in a school building, District facility or District transportation vehicle shall be denied admission and/or required to leave the premises, unless an applicable exception applies. In addition, failure to comply with this policy may lead to disciplinary action for students and staff, and exclusion from school property for members of the community, in accordance with applicable laws, rules, regulations, and/or Board policies.

All individuals participating in or attending any school-sponsored activities must wear an appropriate face covering, whether or not those activities occur in a school building, District facility or District transportation vehicle, unless an applicable exception applies or the Administration, in consultation with the local health department, determines that face coverings are not required for athletes participating in certain athletic activities.

The Board authorizes the Superintendent or designee to develop administrative regulations and/or protocols to implement this policy. Such administrative regulations and/or protocols shall outline authorized exceptions to the requirement that all individuals wear an appropriate face covering in the school buildings, District facilities and District transportation vehicles and may identify additional face covering rules as related to the safe operation of the school community.

Legal References:

Connecticut General Statutes § [10-221](#)

Adapt, Advance, Achieve: Connecticut's Plan to Learn and Grow Together, Connecticut State Department of Education, as amended by Addendums 1-11 (June 29, 2020 through August 31, 2020).

Policy adopted: November 16, 2020

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**Series C-19
COVID-19 Policies and Regulations**

**POLICY CONCERNING HEALTH AND SAFETY
PROTOCOLS RELATED TO COVID-19 (NEW)**

The _____ Board of Education (the “Board”) recognizes the importance of developing health and safety protocols to protect the health and safety of students, staff, and the community related to COVID-19. The Board thus authorizes and directs the administration of the _____ Public Schools (the “Administration”) to develop health and safety protocols related to COVID-19 (the “Safety Protocols”) consistent with applicable laws, rules, regulations, and requirements, and to consider current guidance in the development of the Safety Protocols. The Safety Protocols may address, without limitation, circumstances in which all individuals entering a school building, a Board facility, and/or a Board transportation vehicle may be required to wear an appropriate face covering.

Compliance with the Safety Protocols shall be mandatory for all individuals while on school property and in Board facilities (including, without limitation, a Board transportation vehicle) and while participating in a school-sponsored activity, unless a legally recognized exemption or exception applies. Failure to comply with the Safety Protocols may lead to disciplinary action for students and staff, and exclusion from school property, Board facilities, and/or school-sponsored activities for members of the community, in accordance with applicable laws, rules, regulations, and/or Board policies.

The Administration shall provide appropriate notice of the Safety Protocols. Notice may be provided by way of electronic mail, regular mail, website posting, student handbooks, employee handbooks, and/or any other appropriate methods.

Legal References:

Connecticut General Statutes § 10-221

Public Act _____, An Act Concerning the Extension of Certain Executive Orders and Department of Public Health Authority and COVID-19 Relief Days

Commented [RSJ1]: Confirm when enacted.

ADOPTED: _____

REVISED: _____

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