

**OLDHAM COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MEETING MINUTES  
November 8, 2021**

**WORK SESSION BOARD MEETING**

The Oldham County Board of Education met in a working session at the Arvin Education Center in La Grange, KY, on Monday, November 8, 2021, with the following members present: Joyce Fletcher, Board Chairperson; Larry Dodson, Board Member; Patrick Kehoe, Board Member; Suzanne Hundley, Board Member; Andrea Neikirk, Board Member and Jason Radford, Superintendent and Secretary to the Board.

**1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

Chairperson Fletcher called the meeting of the Oldham County Board of Education to order at 4:30p.m.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE**

Chairperson Fletcher asked Greg Watkins of Stock Yards Bank to lead the pledge of allegiance.

**3. AGENDA APPROVAL**

With no changes to the agenda, chairperson Fletcher, called for a motion and a second to approve. On a motion by Larry Dodson, seconded by Andrea Neikirk, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the November 8, 2021, work session board meeting agenda. (5-0).

**4. CONSENT ITEM**

Chairperson Fletcher, acting on the Superintendent's recommendation to approve, called for motions of the Board. On a motion by Andrea Neikirk, seconded by Suzanne Hundley, the Board approved consent item A and B as submitted and as listed below (5-0):

- A. Approve the field trips as attached and described above, pursuant to the condition that students not traveling on school buses, with their parents, or with a Board employee whose insurance carrier has named OCBE as an additional named insured, will be transported to and from their destination on an approved charter bus(es) and school(s) shall obtain written evidence of liability.

NOMS	GATES	Science Center, Louisville November 19, 2021	<b>Overnight: N/A</b> Miller Transportation	1
NOHS	KYA/YCLUB	Crowne Plaza, Louisville November 21-23, 2021	<b>Overnight: KYA</b> Parents transporting	2

- B. Approval of Certification of Exception from Local Maintenance of Equity Requirements

**5. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

1. Greg Watkins of Stock Yards bank briefly spoke to the board about investment options for the tax payer funded monies. Question and Discussion from the board members followed the report, the report was taken under advisement and no action was taken by the board.
2. Superintendent Jason Radford presented a report on scheduling board member visits to the schools that they represent. Question and Discussion from the board members followed the report. The report was taken under advisement and no action was taken by the board.
3. Assistant Superintendent Brent Deaves presented an update report on the COVID Return to School Plan and Update. Question and Discussion from the board members followed the report. The report was taken under advisement.

**A. ACTION**

**C. Approval of COVID Return to School Plan-**

The following recommendation was made to the board by Superintendent Jason Radford.

**Recommendation #1:**

- Masks are optional, but recommended for high school teachers, high school visitors, and students in grades 9-12 beginning on Thursday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021.
- Beginning Monday, November 29<sup>th</sup>, wearing face mask in all school buildings will be optional, but recommended, for ALL staff, students, and visitors.

\*Should our district become mask optional, students and staff should not be harassed, belittled, or teased for wearing a mask while on school property.

On a motion by Larry Dodson, seconded by Andrea Neikirk, the Board approved the recommendation as presented. (3,2) (Suzanne Hundley, Patrick Kehoe voted No)

**Recommendation #2:**

I recommend the board provide me, as superintendent, the ability to require a school to reinstate universal masking for up to two weeks, in order to prevent an outbreak due to a high number of positive cases amongst students and/or staff.

The board tabled recommendation #2 for more discussion, until further action of the board.

**D. ADJOURN**

With no further business to discuss, Chairperson Fletcher, called for a motion and a second to adjourn. On a motion by Andrea Neikirk, seconded by Patrick Kehoe, and unanimously carried, the Board adjourned the November 8, 2021, meeting at 5:32 p.m. (5-0).

  
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Joyce Fletcher, Board Chairperson

  
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Jason Radford, Ed. S, Superintendent/Secretary