

**SPECIAL BUSINESS MEETING
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
BROWNSBURG COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION**

The Board of School Trustees of the Brownsburg Community School Corporation met in a special business meeting on Monday, August 16, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. in the F.L. O’Neal Administration Building, 310 Stadium Drive; Brownsburg, Indiana.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Eric Hylton, President of the Board, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Other Board members in attendance were Dr. Matthew Freije, Ms. Jessica Heffernan, Mrs. Tiffany Dearman and Mr. Mike Wells. Administrators present were Dr. Jim Snapp and Ms. Vicki Murphy. Mrs. Shayla Webb, Dr. Bret Daghe, Mr. Adam Poliskie, Dr. Ryan Hoover, Mrs. Megan Thomas, Mr. Marc Gianfagna, Mr. Scott Chambers, and Mrs. Susan Wise were also present.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. MOMENT OF REFLECTION

Mr. Hylton asked for a moment of silence for reflection.

Mr. Hylton then invited Dr. Snapp to provide a presentation on the latest COVID-19 information from the district. Dr. Snapp shared the number of COVID-19 cases in the district to date as well as the number of students quarantined as a result of being a close contact to a positive case. Additionally, he shared quotes from Hendricks County health officials indicating the number of children being affected as well as what it will take to mitigate the spread of the virus, including the masking of students PK-12 and social distancing of students whenever possible, similar to the standards in place for the 2020-21 school year.

Dr. Snapp addressed several clarifying questions from the Board.

IV. COMMENTS FROM PATRONS

Kara Smith – Brownsburg, IN - Ms. Smith spoke in favor of a mask mandate for students.

Walter Kovacs – Brownsburg, IN - Mr. Kovacs spoke against a mask mandate for students.

Rob Kendall – Brownsburg, IN - Mr. Kendall spoke against a mask mandate for students.

Christianne Beebe – Brownsburg, IN - Ms. Beebe spoke in favor of a mask mandate for students.

Laura Sucec – Brownsburg, IN - Ms. Sucec spoke in favor of a mask mandate for students.

Eric Knight – Brownsburg, IN - Mr. Knight spoke against a mask mandate for students.

Samantha Snyder – Indianapolis, IN - Ms. Snyder spoke against a mask mandate for students.

Donald Andrews – Brownsburg, IN - Mr. Andrews spoke against a mask mandate for students.

Garen Carnes – Brownsburg, IN - Mr. Carnes spoke against a mask mandate for students.

Carolina Wuestefeld – Brownsburg, IN - Ms. Wuestefeld spoke in favor of a mask mandate for students.

Diana Capes – Brownsburg, IN - Ms. Capes spoke against a mask mandate for students.

Tonya Boeldt – Indianapolis, IN - Ms. Boeldt spoke against a mask mandate for students.

Brian Weidner – Brownsburg, IN - Mr. Weidner spoke in favor of a mask mandate for students.

Cara Fowler – Brownsburg, IN - Ms. Fowler spoke in favor of a mask mandate for students.

Ben Pyatt – Brownsburg, IN - Mr. Pyatt spoke against a mask mandate for students.

Troy Koen – Brownsburg, IN - Mr. Koen spoke against a mask mandate for students.

Joe Walsh – Brownsburg, IN - Mr. Walsh spoke in favor of a mask mandate for students.

Rick Santerre – Brownsburg, IN - Mr. Santerre spoke against a mask mandate for students.

Amanda Cherry – Brownsburg, IN - Ms. Cherry spoke against a mask mandate for students.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Recommendation to Update COVID-19 Protocols – Dr. Snapp

Dr. Snapp recommended the Board of School Trustees approve the following:

1. Require masks PK-12 for students and staff in buildings on campus until further notice;
 - Parents would be notified following the meeting with Tuesday being a day of transition with full implementation on Wednesday, August 18, 2021
2. BCSC would move back to the protocols in place during the 2020-2021 school year except in a few areas (e.g. stop wiping down chairs after lunch and allow students to take off masks outside when not in large groups – ex. Recess would be normal along with PE when conducted outside);
 - Teachers would reset classrooms by Wednesday, August 18, 2021 with a goal of having 3 feet between desks to reduce quarantines;
 - Activities would move back to the 2020-2021 practices with limited ticketing, elementary concerts being virtual, etc.; and
3. Visitors would be permitted in schools during the school day with masks regardless of vaccination status (all staff members will be wearing masks regardless of vaccination status).

Dr. Snapp addressed several questions and concerns from patron comments.

Mr. Wells moved to approve the recommendation; Mrs. Dearman seconded the motion. Dr. Freije asked for an amendment to the recommendation to revisit the recommendation at every business meeting based on data presented at that time. Mr. Hylton moved to accept the amendment; Mr. Wells seconded the motion. Board members discussed concerns and options. Mrs. Dearman asked for an amendment to the recommendation making masks optional and offering online classes for students whose parents make the choice to keep them at home as well as reducing social distancing to 3 feet. No second was offered to the amendment, the amendment died. There being no further discussion, the Board voted to approve the recommendation, with the first amendment, by a vote of four (4) ayes; zero (0) nays.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Hylton called for adjournment at 7:47 p.m.

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