GARFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT #302
SPECIAL SESSION MEETING
Sunday, February 27, 2022
Held in the Garfield Cafeteria

OPEN:
The Garfield School Board meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm by Board Chair Sean Neal.

ATTENDANCE:
Garfield Board: Ryan Pfaff, Matt Bofenkamp, Justin Honcoop and Sean Neal. Paula Adams by Zoom,

Also Present: Garfield Superintendent/Principal Zane Wells.
Secretary Debbie Anderson

Guests: Many community members in-person and on zoom.

NEW BUSINESS:
A. STUDENT MASKING.
Matt Bofenkamp made a motion to rescind the motion that was passed on February 24, 2022 that stated the Garfield School District make face masks optional for all students at all Garfield District buildings effective on March 2, 2022, and all other provisions of proclamation 20-09.4 will be followed. This motion will expire on March 21, 2022. This was seconded by Ryan Pfaff. The roll call vote is as follows:

Matt Bofenkamp – Aye	Ryan Pfaff - Aye
Justin Honcoop – Aye	Paula Adams - Aye
Sean Neal - Aye	

Sean Neal addressed the board asking if there was anything else the board members wanted to bring up at this meeting regarding student masking. Justin moved to approve the following non-binding resolution, seconded by Matt Bofenkamp.

It is in the Garfield School Boards view that the Governor's mandate for universal masking in the schools has been to the detriment of our student's mental health and educational advancement. The Garfield School Board believes that a continuation of this policy will only be damaging to the physical health, mental health, and educational achievement of our students. The Garfield School Board believes that it should be parents who make the decisions regarding masking that best balance the advantages and disadvantages of continued masking for their child or children. ***NO*** *child should be discriminated against, or disciplined in any way, for the decisions their families make regarding masking. We, the Garfield School Board, will continue to do all that is possible to ensure that parent's freedom of choice as it pertains to their children is paramount in all our endeavors.*

Sean Neal requested board comment: Justin Honcoop wanted to reiterate that it should be up to the parents to mask their children. Paula had difficulty hearing on zoom so she said she would probably abstain.

There being no further comment from the board Sean Neal asked for a vote of approval from the board on the non-binding resolution.

Matt Bofenkamp – Aye	Ryan Pfaff - Aye
Justin Honcoop – Aye	Paula Adams - Abstain
Sean Neal - Aye	

ADJOURN:
There being no further business Matt Bofenkamp moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ryan Pfaff. The meeting was adjourned at 3:06 p.m.

Board Chairman: _____

Superintendent: _____