

Seneca Valley School District



SCHOOL BOARD SPECIAL MEETING

I H S AUDITORIUM - 7:00 P.M.

MINUTES

AUGUST 23, 2021

1. **CALL TO ORDER** Mr. Eric DiTullio, President, called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

- A. **Moment of Silence** - The meeting was opened with a moment of silence.
- B. **Pledge of Allegiance** - Mr. DiTullio led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
- C. **Roll Call** – Roll call by Ms. Lisa Mislán, School Board Secretary, showed the following members in attendance: Ms. Leslie Bredl, Mr. Eric DiTullio, Ms. Susan Harrison, Mr. Timothy Hester, Mr. Mike Jacobs, Mr. James Nickel, Mr. Frederick Peterson, Ms. Kathy Whittle, and Mr. Jeffrey Widdowson.

2. **INFORMATION REPORT** - Dr. Vitale provided a COVID-19 update as follows.

Butler County

- The 14-day rolling average is 38.1 cases with 45 cases reported August 20, 53 cases reported August 21, and 34 cases reported August 22.
- The 7-day total incidence per 100,000 on a 7-day rolling average is 165.55 which places Butler County in the "high" level of community transmission according to CDC (Center for Disease Control).
 - "Low" transmission is 0-9 new cases and a PCR or NAAT test of less than 5% positivity.
 - "Moderate" transmission is 10-49 new cases and a PCR or NAAT test of 5 - 7.9% positivity.
 - "Substantial" transmission is 50-99 new cases and a PCR or NAAT test of 8 - 9.9% positivity.
 - "High" transmission is 100+ new cases and a PCR or NAAT test of greater than 10% positivity.
- Butler County Early Warning Dashboard
 - The most recent 7-day difference in confirmed cases vs. the previous 7-day difference is up 92 cases.
 - The Butler County Incidence Rate is 110.2 positive cases in the most recent 7 days, up from 58.6 last week.
 - The Butler County PCR Rate is 8.2%, up from 5.7% last week.

Seneca Valley Zip Codes

- Callery 16024; Cranberry Township 16066; Evans City 16033; Harmony 16037; Mars 16046; Renfrew 16053; Zelenople 16063
- While looking at the zip code data, we do not believe that zip code numbers can be statistically aligned with a CDC formula (used to track county numbers.)
- Over the course of three days, Saturday, Sunday and Monday (August 21, 22, 23), there were 39 new cases reported in the SV zip codes.
- The 14-day rolling average Incidence Rate is currently at 9.5 cases.
- The 14-day rolling average Incidence Rate per 100,000 people is 13.67 cases.
- The 7-day rolling average Incidence Rate per 100,000 people is 106.45 cases, the highest tracked since early May.

Vaccination Rates

- In Pennsylvania, 54% of the population is fully vaccinated.
- In Butler County:
 - 57% of the total population is fully vaccinated
 - 60.4% over 12 years old
 - 62.5% over 18 years old
 - 86.5% over 65 years old
- At Seneca Valley, approximately 58%, or 500 staff members, are fully vaccinated. This does not include bus drivers who are contracted.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT - Public comment was heard from the following.

- Jason Stevens
- Kari Zimmer
- Nathan McCollough
- Virginia Schuetz
- Mike Metzger
- Chris Droesch
- Serenity Vincent
- Lia Snyder
- Michael Aleprete
- Jade Bower
- Colleen Tanner
- Erin McClymonds
- Jodie Freedman
- Parag Batavia

A ten-minute recess was taken after the last speaker.

4. ACTION AGENDA

- A. **Masks Recommended** - Motion to implement the Health and Safety Plan as publicly approved on Monday, August 9, 2021 with face masks being "recommended but not required" in schools.

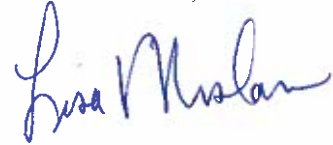
Mr. DiTullio motioned, seconded by Mr. Jacobs to implement the Health and Safety Plan as publicly approved on Monday, August 9, 2021 with face masks being "recommended but not required" in schools. The motion failed with seven no votes and two yes votes.

- B. **Masks Required When in Substantial or High Transmission Levels** - Motion to amend the Health and Safety Plan as publicly approved on Monday, August 9, 2021 with "face masks will be required of all individuals while in any district building during the school day while Butler County is in Substantial or High transmission levels as defined by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). When Butler County is in the Moderate or Low transmission levels as defined by the CDC, face masks will be recommended but not required."

Mr. Nickel motioned, seconded by Mr. Widdowson to amend the Health and Safety Plan as publicly approved on Monday, August 9, 2021 with "face masks will be required of all individuals while in any district building during the school day while Butler County is in Substantial or High transmission levels as defined by the CDC. When Butler County is in the Moderate or Low transmission levels as defined by the CDC, face masks will be recommended but not required."

5. **ADJOURNMENT** - With nothing further to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:27 p.m.

Mr. Eric DiTullio, President



Ms. Lisa Mislán, Board Secretary