

MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 8, 2021 BOARD MEETING

The special meeting of the Board of Directors of the Meyersdale Area School District was held Wednesday, September 8, 2021 at 7:00 pm in the Auditorium, 1349 Shaw Mines Rd, Meyersdale, PA. The meeting was called to order by Board President, Jeff McKenzie.

Dr. Karlie opened the meeting with an invocation and led those present in the flag salute.

Roll Call: Members present: Gidget Brooks, Heather Reese, Jeffory McKenzie, Brian Witherite, Brian Deist, Tammy Witherite, Ron Donaldson, Jami Gindlesperger8
Members absent: Bryan Stanczyk.....1

Others present: Tracey Karlie-Superintendent, Shannon Brant-Bus.Mgr./Bd. Sec., John Wiltrout-HS Principal, Wayne Miller-MS Principal, Devin Pritts-Elem. Principal, Tiffany Beal, Jesse Smiley, Cassandra Smiley, Ginger Geiger, Beth Smith, Aleigha Oakes, Jennifer Sines, and Becky Sanner.

Public comments:

- Tiffany Beal: spoke on masking
- Aleigha Oakes: spoke on masking
- Beth Smith: spoke on masking

A motion was made by Gidget Brooks, seconded by Brian Deist, to recommend approval to advertise for a part time 4.25-hour cafeteria position.

Section 508: All members present voted in the affirmative. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Gidget Brooks, seconded by Tammy Witherite, to recommend approval of the Meyersdale Area School District Health and Safety Plan as presented, with a medical exemption for masking.

Board discussion resulted in the need to have separate motions to establish the content of the plan.

A motion was made by Ron Donaldson, seconded by Brian Witherite, to require medical documentation for a mask exemption for all students, staff, and visitors.

Roll Call: Ayes: Ron Donaldson, Brian Witherite, Tammy Witherite, Jami Gindlesperger.....4
Nayes: Brian Deist, Jeff McKenzie, Heather Reese, Gidget Brooks.....4

Motion was postponed pending consultation with attorney Ron Repak.

A motion was made by Ron Donaldson, seconded by Gidget Brooks, to revise the Meyersdale Area School District Health and Safety Plan to include the PA Department of Health recommendation in regards to COVID related closures as presented to the board. Copy in folder attached to minutes.

Roll Call: Ayes: Ron Donaldson, Brian Witherite, Tammy Witherite, Jami Gindlesperger, Brian Deist, Jeff McKenzie, Heather Reese, Gidget Brooks8
Nayes:0

Motion carried.

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After consultation with Attorney Repak the previously postponed motion dies due to lack of majority.

A motion was made by Heather Reese, seconded by Brian Deist, to approve resources for the school to make COVID rapid testing available, following protocol provided by the school nurse.

Section 508: All members present voted in the affirmative. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Heather Reese, seconded by Jami Gindlesperger, to not accept home COVID test results.

Section 508: All members present voted in the affirmative. Motion carried.

At 8:21 pm a motion was made by Brian Witherite, seconded by Brian Deist, to move to executive session for personnel matters.

It was announced that official action may be taken after the executive session ends.

Section 508: All members present voted in the affirmative. Motion carried.

Executive session ended at 8:50.

A motion was made by Heather Reese, seconded by Brian Deist, to recommend approval for teachers, who are told to quarantine due to a school related exposure, to either use sick time or work from home where they will be expected to actively teach their classes following their regular schedule.

Section 508: All members present voted in the affirmative. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Heather Reese, seconded by Jami Gindlesperger, to adjourn the meeting at 8:52 pm.

Section 508: All members present voted in the affirmative. Motion carried.