

**Coal City Community Unit School District #1
Board of Education Special Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, August 9, 2021**

CALL TO ORDER

President Miller called the Special meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with the board members answering roll call present: Robert Bianchetta, Mary Gill, Shawn Hamilton, Chuck Lander, Steve Rogers, and Ken Miller. Superintendent Designee Chris Spencer, CSBO Jason Smith, Director of Curriculum and Instruction Tammy Elledge, Director of Special Populations Luke Krippel, and Board Secretary LaWanda Gagliardo were also in attendance. Board member Quint Harmon and Superintendent Kent Bugg were absent. Board member Steve Rogers attended the meeting via conference call.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Miller led the Board and others present in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

After reciting the Pledge of Allegiance, President Miller read a statement from Dr. Bugg addressing the Board's position on the State mandate. Board President Miller also read a statement recognizing all interested in public comment have to be recognized by the Board President first before they can speak. He reminded guest in attendance that only comments could be made and no questions could be asked.

NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS

None.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE FLOOR

1. In regard to agenda items – none.
2. In general (Limited to 5 minutes per person.)
 - Alicia Wetenkamp read a statement not supporting the State mask mandate but supports parental choice.
 - Destiny – Thanked the Board for having in person learning last school year, and she felt as though the Board is not currently doing what is best for the students this school year due to following the State mask mandate.
 - Christopher Clark – 80 W. Gordon Coal City, IL – Does not support the State mask mandate, and supports parental choice.
 - Brian Faletti – Acknowledged the Board's efforts in the 20 – 21 school year. Mr. Faletti shared a story of his student's experience school last year, and he felt the district is not doing enough for the students this school year by following the State mask mandate.
 - Megan – 370 Barber Court Coal City, IL – Megan had a statement that schools have a choice and don't have to follow the State mask mandate.
 - Amy Walker – Supports parental choice.
 - Molly Shute – 2475 Boarder Diamond, IL – Ms. Shute wanted the Board to find evidence regarding masks, and stated that the State mandate is a recommendation not law.
 - Jim Hazzard – 4700 E. Grand Ridge Rd. Coal City, IL. – Mr. Hazzard supports parental choice, and not the State mask mandate. He also had a question for President Miller and was willing to stay after the meeting to ask his question.
 - Kevin – Had an online video he shared with the Board that discussed wearing masks and respiratory infections.

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- John Hoffmeyer – Mr. Hoffmeyer felt the Board should go against the State mask mandate, and fight for parental choice. Mr. Hoffmeyer also attended the July 21, 2021 Special Board meeting.

There are Board members who support the State mask mandate, and Board members who oppose it. Ultimately that Board has to consider the health and safety of all students and staff in District 1. President Miller stayed after the Special Board meeting and answered questions, and heard additional comments from parents in attendance.

OLD BUSINESS

A. DISCUSSION/ACTION ON 2021 – 2022 RETURN TO SCHOOL PLAN

At the Special Board Meeting of July 21, a Board Resolution was passed providing the guidance necessary to develop the 2021 – 2022 Return to School Plan. At the July 28 Study Session Dr. Bugg reviewed the draft Return to School Plan. At the August 4, Board meeting Mr. Spencer provided the Board with an update on the new guidance that will amend the Return to School Plan.

Mr. Hamilton moved and Mrs. Gill seconded to approve the 2021 – 2022 Return to School Plan as presented.

Roll Call.

Ayes: Shawn Hamilton, Mary Gill, Steve Rogers, Ken Miller

Nays: Chuck Lander

Absent: Quint Harmon

Abstained: Robert Bianchetta

Motion: Carried.

OPEN FOR ITEMS NOT KNOWN AT AGENDA PREPARATION TIME

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE FLOOR

1. In regard to agenda items – none.
2. In general (Limited to 5 minutes per person.) – none.

**BOARD STUDY SESSION OF THE WHOLE DATE: AUGUST 25, 2021 @ 6 P.M.
In Coal City CUSD #1 Administrative Center Boardroom**

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING DATE: SEPTEMBER 1, 2021 @ 6 P.M.
In Coal City CUSD #1 Administrative Center Boardroom**

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Hamilton moved and Mr. Lander seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 p.m. President Miller asked if there was any opposition to the motion, hearing none considers the motion approved.

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Kenneth P. Miller, President

Mary Gill, Secretary