

**Coal City Community Unit School District #1  
Board of Education Special Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, July 21, 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, Quint Harmon, Chuck Lander, Steve Rogers, and Ken Miller. Superintendent Kent Bugg, CSBO Jason Smith, Director of Curriculum and Instruction Tammy Elledge, Director of Special Populations Luke Krippel, High School Principal Christopher Spencer, and LaWanda Gagliardo were also in attendance.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS**

1. Introduction/acknowledgement of guests. – none.

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE FLOOR**

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

**OLD BUSINESS**

**A. DISCUSSION/ACTION ON BOARD RESOLUTION REGARDING IDPH GUIDANCE FOR COVID-19 PREVENTION IN K-12 SCHOOLS**

Dr. Bugg discussed the new IDPH guidance for COVID-19 prevention in K-12 schools. Dr. Bugg provided the Board with a summary of the work the administration team, along with Superintendent colleagues in Wilmington and Reed Custer, and legal counsel put in for this Resolution to be presented tonight for Board action. Dr. Bugg will continue to watch local COVID-19 data closely and reminded the Board that recommendations are based on data, and can change at any time. Dr. Bugg provided the Board with the current COVID-19 data to date for Grundy County. The new CDC guidance contains very few mandates there are lots of recommendations. In the IDPH guidance they make it very clear local school Boards have discretions and should base their decisions upon local conditions. This seems to be an accelerated process, but given the timeframe when the information was received to the start of school the administration team has to work to get a Return to School Plan in place and get that information out to parents in a timely manner. Dr. Bugg discussed that the district will not have a mask mandate, but will strongly recommend non-vaccinated individuals to wear masks. The only mask mandate will be on district transportation: school buses, white buses, and driver's ed vehicles. Dr. Bugg provided the Board with the breakdown of the metrics from the parent questionnaire.

The Return to School Plan will have various thresholds in place as the COVID19 data changes. There will be more mitigations for K-5 students as they are not eligible to receive the vaccine. This resolution will provide the guidance necessary for the administration team to develop a 2021 – 2022 Return to School Plan that aligns with CDC/IDPH/ISBE recommendations.

The Board thanked Dr. Bugg, the administration team, and Union leadership for their efforts and

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dedication in preparing this resolution, and the work that's being done for the Return to School Plan.

Mr. Hamilton moved and Mr. Lander seconded to approve the IDPH Guidance for COVID-19 Prevention in K-12 Schools Resolution as presented, and to waive the reading of the Resolution.

Roll Call.

Ayes: Shawn Hamilton, Chuck Lander, Robert Bianchetta, Mary Gill, Quint Harmon, Steve Rogers, Ken Miller

Nays:

Motion: Carried.

**OPEN FOR ITEMS NOT KNOWN AT AGENDA PREPARATION TIME**

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE FLOOR**

1. In regard to agenda items – President Miller asked if there were any communication in regards to agenda items. John Hoffmeyer was in attendance and stated he was a resident of Coal City. He asked if the Board was aware of any studies on mask effectiveness or hazards on small children in Grundy County? The Board stated they were not aware of any such studies.

Stephanie Armstrong, an employee of Will County Health Department and has children in the district. Ms. Armstrong wanted to know if the Board was aware of a meeting held on Tuesday at IDPH and they are considering close contact to be 3 to 6ft and if students fully masked did not have to quarantine as long as they are not symptomatic? Also, would the district quarantine the classroom if they are 3ft apart if not masked? Dr. Bugg stated we would not quarantine the classroom, that only those students in close contact would be quarantined. If students were wearing masks in school, then you wouldn't have to quarantine as many children? Dr. Bugg stated that the district is strongly recommending that unvaccinated students that parents would send them to school wearing masks.

2. In general (Limited to 5 minutes per person.)

**BOARD STUDY SESSION OF THE WHOLE DATE: JULY 28, 2021 @ 6 P.M.  
In Coal City CUSD #1 Administrative Center Boardroom**

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING DATE: AUGUST 4, 2021 @ 6 P.M.  
In Coal City CUSD #1 Administrative Center Boardroom**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Harmon moved and Mr. Lander seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:15 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

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Mary Gill, Secretary