

MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION OF THE MARSHALL BOARD OF EDUCATION HELD ON MONDAY, AUGUST 9, 2021 AT 7:00 PM IN-PERSON IN THE MARSHALL OPPORTUNITY HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

PRESENT: LINDSEY, NICHOLSON, MIDDLETON, WILLIAMS, GAMBLE

ABSENT: DAVIS, LANKERD

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President Lindsey. A moment of silence was observed.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge of allegiance was recited

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Moved by Williams, supported by Nicholson, that the agenda be approved as presented. A roll-call vote unanimously carried the motion.

PUBLIC COMMENT

President Lindsey called for any members in the audience to address the Board.

Joanna Johnson: Spoke on the importance of keeping COVID-19 out of classrooms and the opinion that parents should have a choice on mask wearing and vaccines.

Laura Bartlett: Applauded MPS for mask optional verbiage - masks shouldn't be mandated because they aren't effective - masks cause bacteria and block the mouth and facial expressions. Don't change policy mid way through the year.

Tracy Haroff: Stated the goal of MPS is to have students in class five days a week - in order for that to happen we need at least 3' distance and mandatory mask wearing. Concerned about close contacts and quarantines shutting school down..

Shannon Robinson: Disappointed on the wording of the mask optional policy. Reconsider the wording and mandate masking across the board.

Darla Barnett: Says teachers are tired of wearing masks. Masks should be a personal choice. If masking is the policy, make sure it is done across the board.

Joanna Johnson: Spoke on the importance of keeping COVID-19 out of classrooms and the opinion that parents should have a choice on mask wearing and vaccines.

Gerald Case-Blanchard: Said the safety of everyone is important. We need to come together as a community and all wear masks. Be consistent with policy.

Justin Kazmar: Went over COVID stats - states that COVID is not worth the hysteria. Advocated against universal mask wearing, vaccines and tests in the school.

Matthew Schwartz: Trained in public health - optional mask wearing won't work. When the CDC makes a recommendation it doesn't mean it's a suggestion - we should follow what they say.

Phil Heath: Masks for students shouldn't be required. Cloth and disposable masks don't work. Keep the talk of COVID out of classrooms - opinions are given and not facts.

BOARD TOPICS

Items included in the board topics were MHSAA rule changes on eligibility; Athletic Director Nick Dent spoke on the MHSAA relaxing minimum grade requirements, COVID-19 Policies; Kelly Fitzpatrick spoke on the MPS MPS Back to School district wide safety guidance.

ACTION ITEM - BOND

Adopt resolution calling a special election for Tuesday, November 2, 2021.

Moved by Nicholson supported Middleton, that the board adopt a resolution calling a special election for Tuesday, November 2, 2021. A roll-call vote carried the motion unanimously.

ACTION ITEM - OTHER

Amend the MHS Athletic Eligibility Code of Conduct Violation Protocols.

Moved by Middleton, supported by Williams that the Board amend the MHS Athletic Eligibility Code of Conduct Violations Protocols. A roll-call vote unanimously carried the motion.

**BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS FOR WHICH
NO ACTION MAY BE TAKEN AT THIS MEETING**

President Lindsey invited Board members to comment; President Lindsey thanked Kelly Fitzpatrick and the COVID Council for their hard work, Secretary Middleton congratulated Nick Dent as the new Athletic Director. Trustee Gamble applauded the COVID Council and their ability to talk openly about their opinions.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

LISA MIDDLETON, SECRETARY

IAN GILYARD-SCHNAITMAN, RECORDING SECRETARY