

1. Call to Order

President Driggers called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

2. Roll Call

Cynthia Driggers, Carson Breed, Mary Newman, Scott Robinson, Steve Harkess, Kelsey Lueshen, Mike Plourde

Others Present: Glenn Terry, Community, students and staff members were present

3. Additions/Corrections to Agenda

None

4. Comments from the Community

- Shelly Brien and Eileen Caver both spoke in favor of the current mask mandate the BOE has in place. Both asked that the BOE take their time in lifting the mandate to masks being optional.
- Mary Newman read a letter from Laura Lueshen asking the BOE to please slow down in their process of lifting the mask mandate.
- Brett Lundsten addressed the BOE and Mr. Terry regarding the mask mandate. Mr. Lundsten spoke about his time on the BOE and the accomplishments made to keep students in school when other districts did not. Mr. Lundsten spoke passionately about the efforts made by Mr. Terry and the sacrifices he has made for this district. Mr. Lundsten expressed his discontent with the parents who spoke at the previous meeting and the character assassination that was being made towards Mr. Terry. Mr. Lundsten did ask the BOE to revisit the current restraining order that is in place against Brad Lynde.
- Stephanie Steward, Carson Yungen (student in RSD), Luciana Arman-Zubic, Kerry Speich, Amy Mylin addressed the BOE and spoke in favor of masks being made optional to students.

5. Executive Session

~~Executive Session to discuss appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees (5 ILCS 120/2(e)(1), Negotiations (5 ILCS 120/2(e)(2), Pending Litigation (5 ILCS 120/2(e)(11), Student discipline (5 ILCS 120/2(e)(9), Selection of a person to fill a public office (5 ILCS 120/2(e)(3), Other matters relating to individual students (5 ILCS 120/2(e)(10), Lease of real property (5 ILCS 120/2(e)(5), Setting of sale price of real property (5 ILCS 120/2(e)(6), Sale or purchase of securities, investments or investment contracts (5 ILCS 120/2(e)(7) Lawfully closed meeting minutes (5 ILCS 120/2(e)(21) and Self-evaluation, practice and procedures or professional ethics, when meeting with a representative of a statewide association of which the public body is a member (5 ILCS 120/2(e)(16)~~

6. Discussion of the Opening Plan

Scott Robinson gave his own opinion on wearing masks. Mr. Robinson also commented on the prior week's meeting and how only a handful of parents stayed to hear the rest of the meeting. Mr. Robinson also stated that the First Amendment is a great thing, but what is not great is the disruption that has taken place in our schools last week and the civil disobedience that has transpired.

The BOE had a discussion regarding the draft revised opening plan. Cynthia Driggers read two of the changes that were being presented which were making masks optional for students and removing metrics currently in place. There was additional discussion about making mask optional for staff beginning February 28th.

Kelsey Lueshen did state that prior to Harlem going mask optional they were having a hard time staffing the school. Mr. Lueshen added that he is having a hard time with how fast this is

moving. However, Cynthia Driggers stated that the BOE had planned to revisit this topic in a couple weeks, but that the TRO made it possible to discuss it earlier than planned. Mary Newman stated that with all of this protesting going on, how much learning is really going on? Mike Plourde asked about visitors to the school and who would be required to show a negative test or proof of vaccination before entering the school.

Steve Harkess stated that he supports the draft plan but would like the plan to be put on the next BOE meeting agenda to be looked at again. Cynthia Driggers stated that if other items needed to be addressed or changed the plan can always be revisited.

7. Approval of revised Opening Plan

Mike Plourde motion to approve the draft revised opening plan as presented, seconded by Steve Harkess.

Roll Call: Cynthia Driggers-yes, Kelsey Lueshen-yes, Scott Robinson-yes, Carson Breed-yes, Steve Harkess-yes, Mary Newman-yes, Mike Plourde-yes


7-ayes. Motion Passed

8. New Business

None

9. Adjournment

Cynthia Driggers motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:46 pm, seconded by Carson Breed.


Cynthia Driggers, President


Mary Newman, Secretary