

ROCKINGHAM COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Central Administrative Offices
511 Harrington Highway
Eden, NC 27288
August 20, 2021
9:00 a.m.
Emergency Called Board Meeting

Present: Ms. Kimberly McMichael, Board Chair and Ms. Vicky Alston, Vice Chair. Board Members: Ms. Paula Rakestraw, Mr. Bob Wyatt, Mr. Doug Isley, Mr. Brent Huss and Ms. Vickie McKinney. Administrative Staff present; Dr. Rodney Shotwell, Superintendent; and Board Attorney, Mr. Nick Herman were present.

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. McMichael called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

The Board members stated their names. All members were present.

Mr. Huss attended via zoom. Attorney Mr. Nick Herman attended via zoom.

Action: Mr. Isley moved that the Board allow public comments according to policy, allowing 3 minutes per speaker. Mr. Huss seconded the motion. The vote was 7/0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS / BOARD COMMENTS

Public Comments Sign Up Sheet – Attachment 1-A

Board Members addressed the public in order as listed below.

Ms. Paula Rakestraw

Mr. Doug Isley

Mr. Bob Wyatt

Mr. Brent Huss

Ms. Vicky Alston

Ms. Vickie McKinney

Ms. Kimberly McMichael

Dr. Stephanie Ellis presented Mr. Wright, Director of Public Health for Rockingham County for comments. Mr. Wright provided a report in regards to the Covid number of cases, vaccinations, deaths and new cases in Rockingham County. Dr. Zack Moore provided comments as well via a zoom regarding Covid case information from North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services.

ACTION ITEMS

Approval – Keep Masks Optional

Ms. McMichael recognized Mr. Isley for a motion.

Action: Mr. Isley moved that the Board continue with the current mask policy in place, to keep mask optional. Mr. Huss seconded the motion. The vote was 4/3. The motion failed. The vote is listed below.

Motion to Keep Mask Optional Yes Votes:

Doug Isley

Kimberly McMichael

Brent Huss

Motion to Keep Mask Optional No Votes:

Paula Rakestraw

Vickie McKinney

Vicky Alston

Bob Wyatt

Action: Mr. Wyatt moved that the Board, in order to keep students in school, move to require masks be worn by students, staff and faculty with the Board revisiting this when necessary in the future. Ms. McKinney seconded the motion. The vote was 4/3 in favor of the motion. The motion passed. The vote is listed below.

Motion to Require Mask Yes Votes:

Paula Rakestraw
Vickie McKinney
Vicky Alston
Bob Wyatt

Motion to Require Mask No Votes:

Doug Isley
Kimberly McMichael
Brent Huss

Action: Ms. Rakestraw moved to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Alston. The vote was 6/1. Mr. Isley voted opposed.

Minutes read and approved:

Ms. Kimberly McMichael, Board Chair
Rockingham County Board of Education

Dr. Rodney Shotwell
Superintendent of Schools

October 11, 2021