

**Minutes of Special Meeting
The Board of Education
Summit Hill District 161**

February 8, 2022

Minutes of the Summit Hill School 161 Board of Education Emergency Meeting that was held on Tuesday, February 8, 2022, at the Administration Center.

The President, Stacey Borgens, called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. Members in attendance were Stacey Borgens, Stefanie McCleish, Jim Martin, Trudy Sturino, George Leonard, Stefanie McCleish, Katie Campbell, and Amy Berk. Also, in attendance were: Dr. Paul McDermott, John Snipes, Leslie DeBoer and Julie Stearns.

Public Comments

Public comments were made by Gage Dangman, Joey Santor, Paul Kramski, Nicole Kramski, Jack and Alicia Hammel, Carrey Bunda, Steve Hamm, Sopia Eiva, Mila Lewery, Brian Stahulak, Mike Dillon, and Eric Lindholm.

Discussion of TRO in Illinois School Mask Mandate Lawsuit

The Board discussed the recent TRO Illinois school mask mandate and the mask optional option for the district.

Litigation Matters (Closed Session)

A motion was made by Mrs. McCleish and seconded by Mrs. Campbell that the Board of Education go into closed session according to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11) for the purpose of when an action against, affecting or on behalf of a particular District has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the District finds that an action is probable or imminent in which case the basis for the finding shall be recorded and entered into the closed meeting minutes. Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Sturino aye, Mrs. Berk aye, Mr. Leonard aye, Mrs. Campbell aye, Mr. Martin aye, Mrs. McCleish aye, Mrs. Borgens aye. Motion carries: 7 ayes, 0 nays. The time was 7:05 P.M.

Return to Open Session

A motion was made to go into open session. The time was 8:51 P.M.

Action as a Result of Closed Session, In Regard to Possible Policy Changes

A motion was made by Mrs. McCleish and seconded by Mr. Leonard that the Board of Education amend the 2021-22 Opening Plan to read shift to a lower transmission. The mitigation practices will occur when one of our indicators has meet for 7 consecutive days effective February 11, 2022. This subtle change allows the district to consider moving to mask optional. In the event the governors mandate is put back into effect we will be abiding by the state issued mandate. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Martin aye, Mrs. Campbell aye, Mrs. Strurino aye, Mr. Leonard aye, Mrs. Berk aye, Mrs. McCleish aye, Mrs. Borgens aye. Motion carries: 7 ayes, 0 nays.

Public Comments

Public comments were made by John Lettiere, Eric Lindholm, Kristi Danielwicz, Christina Girtten, Adriana Sues, Maeve Duggan, Sophie Duggan, Steve Hamm, Phil Lee, Amanda Heller, Nicole Santor, Adrian Chavez and Lisa Bogusz.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. After a voice vote, the meeting was adjourned. The time was 9:20 P.M.

President

Secretary