



BOARD APPROVED 8/24/2021

Redmond School District

Special Board Meeting

August 11, 2021

Board Members in Attendance: Board Chair Shawn Hartfield, Vice Chair Michael Summers, Directors Jill Cummings, Liz Goodrich, Keri Lopez

Chair Hartfield called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and established a quorum.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Per ORS 192.660(2)(f) - To consider records exempt by law from public inspection.

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING RESUMES (6:18 pm)

A proposal of a boys soccer cooperative was added to the agenda. No other changes, additions, deletions or questions regarding the agenda.

PRESENTERS

Greg Colvin, Attorney - Explained legal ramifications of not following the Oregon Health Authority's mask mandate, which can include civil fines, loss of immunity from liability, personal financial liability, teaching and administrative licenses may be subject to suspension or revocation by Teacher Standards and Practices Commission (TSPC).

Colt Gill, Director of Oregon Department of Education (ODE) and Deputy Superintendent of Public Instruction - Reviewed masking requirements in schools. The Governor's priority is to have all students return to school everyday, with the highly contagious Delta variant, the Governor instituted the mask mandate. There are four requirements in place at this time (1) locally published and submitted plan for operations, (2) recovery services process, (3) quarantine/isolation protocols, and (4) indoor face coverings. All other protocols and procedures are under local control. OHA will review the ruling monthly.

Nahad Sadr-Azodi, Public Health Director and Laura Hart, RNC-OB, BSN, MSN, Public Health Nurse II - Presented a COVID local public health update and data. The Delta variant is different, highly contagious and likely more severe. Vaccination and masking are essential to prevent continued spread with this variant.

Ron Cutter, Sr. Vice President, Brown & Brown Insurance - The implications of not following the mask mandate, from an insurance standpoint, would include PACE (insurance company for all school districts) not covering any liability for the district. Currently there is \$50,000 for each school district (up to \$1 million) for communicable disease coverage, however if the district does not follow the mask mandate, the \$50,000 coverage would not be available to the district.

Kris Davis, Redmond High School Counselor - This last school year was the most difficult of his career. It was extremely difficult to connect with students during distance learning and mask wearing. Parents should be allowed to make the choice whether their students wear masks.

Citizen Comment

Karsen Wolfe - Masks should be a student's individual choice.

Scott Stuart - The Governor has no authority to authorize a mask mandate.

William Stacy - Supports the board to make the decision to not mask our children.

Barry Branaugh - Supports the mask mandate to keep students, teachers and the community safe.

Lena Berry - Please follow the mask mandate to protect our children.

Richard Clough - Not in support of the mask mandate. Not in support of advocating for the vaccine.

Rachael Haring - Masks should not be mandated for children, control should be at the local level.

Dr. Danielle Hafner - Supports the mask mandate to keep students and the community safe.

Aaron Brumbach - Supports the mask mandate, is medically fragile and wants to return to teaching.

Tina Garcia - Not in support of the mask mandate, but personal choice.

Draft Resolution

Vice Chair Summers made a motion to present a draft resolution and be placed on the August 25, 2021 agenda for consideration. Director Cummings seconded the motion. Motion carried, 4-1 (Director Goodrich voted no.)

Director Cummings made a motion to nominate Chair Hartfield to work with Vice Chair Summers to work on the draft resolution. Motion carried, 4-0 (Director Goodrich abstained.)

Director Lopez made a motion to request seeking legal counsel to review the options to challenge the mandate as well as review the resolution. Director Cummings seconded the motion. Motion carried, 5-0.

Summer school is currently in session and the mask mandate will start being enforced August 12, 2021. Director Goodrich stated that without a resolution in place, the district should enforce the mask mandate as ordered by OHA.

Boys Soccer Cooperative

Redmond High School has had very low participation in boys soccer over the past few years. Culver High School has not had a soccer program for approximately 8 years. Forming a cooperative would benefit both of our programs.

Director Goodrich made a motion for Redmond High School boys soccer to form a cooperative with Culver High School boys soccer. Director Cummings seconded the motion. Motion carried, 5-0.

Director Goodrich made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:09 pm. Motion carried, 5-0.


Shawn Hartfield, Chair


Gina Blanchette, Executive Assistant