

**SPRINGFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS
Emergency School Board Meeting
February 2, 2022
6:00 PM**

Members Present:

*Bruce Lord, President
Frank Agovino, Treasurer
Domenic Bentivegna, Assistant Secretary & Director
Jennifer Flynn, Director
Jacqueline Guy, Director
Kevin Keenan, Director*

*Anthony Barber, Superintendent of Schools
Don Mooney, Executive Director of Operations
Lisanne Mikula, Solicitor*

MEETING MINUTES

Mr. Lord led the pledge to the flag.

A. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Lord reminded the public of the time limit. He also said that speakers should only speak on the topic of the special meeting. Mr. Lord stated there has been some confusion in the Health & Safety Plan regarding how special education students can request accommodations.

Mr. Lord asked the public to remain respectful of all speakers.

Ms. Mikula explained that the language inserted into the Health and Safety Plan that amplifies the process on how a child with special needs

Clarifying language that points people in the right direction to request accommodations.

Speakers:

Danielle Elder, 318 Parham Rd, Springfield, Ms. Elder asked if a child's IEP would determine if an entire class would have to mask.

Steve Corp, Brookside Rd. Springfield, Mr. Corp would like clarification on when his child needs to wear a mask.

Alexandra Donato, Stewart Ave. Springfield, Ms. Donato asked for clarification on the Health & Safety Plan.

Tina Mulholland, 129 Overhill, Rd Springfield, Ms. Mulholland expressed concern that her child may have to mask.

Dena Boggs, 705 Country Ln. Morton, Ms. Boggs expressed concern that a child's IEP may require students to wear a mask.

B. ITEM FOR BOARD ACTION

1. Health and Safety Plan – Ms. Mikula

Ms. Mikula explained the need to add additional language to the plan to further clarify the process the district has been following.

RECOMMENDATION: *that the Board approve the updated Health and Safety Plan, effective immediately, to add the following language as presented: The District recognizes that medically fragile and other special needs students have diverse and sometimes contrary needs when it comes to masking. For that reason, each child's IEP and 504 team must make an individualized determination as to what reasonable accommodations are appropriate for each individual child in accordance with the requirements of IDEA, ADA and Section 504.*

Motion: Ms. Guy Second: Mr. Keenan Vote 6-0

Comments: Ms. Mikula explained that this language has always been in the Health & Safety Plan, this just clarifies it.

Before and after each meeting, the Board meets in Nonpublic Executive Study Session to discuss personnel, legal and labor relations matters.

Motion: Ms. Guy Second: Mr. Keenan Vote 6-0

Respectfully submitted,


Domenic Bentivegna