

Mohawk Valley School District #17

Minutes

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING August 2, 2021

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Tristan Wright, President
Mr. Howie Jorajuria, Clerk
Mrs. Gina Richmond, Member
Mrs. Ann Taylor, Member

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mr. Julian Rinehart, Vice-President

OTHERS PRESENT: Mrs. Shanna Johnson
Mrs. Sherry Fajardo

I. CALL TO ORDER

- ❖ Mr. Tristan Wright called the Board Meeting to order at 5:00 pm

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

- ❖ The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Tristan Wright

III. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

- ❖ Mr. Tristan Wright asked for a motion to adopt the agenda. Mrs. Gina Richmond made the motion to adopt. Mr. Howie Jorajuria seconded.

There was no discussion, motion carries.

IV. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

- ❖ No comments

V. ACTION ITEMS

1. Discussion and Possible Action to Update Mitigation Plan

- ❖ Mrs. Johnson stated that what needs to be discussed is what can be controlled and what cannot in regards to this year's mitigation plan
- ❖ She also stated:
 - COVID is running ramped once again
 - The Delta variant is breaking through vaccines
- ❖ Things that can be controlled are:
 - Masks on buses – up to interpretation
 - Social distancing and cleaning
- ❖ Things that cannot be controlled are:
 - Requiring students and staff to wear masks during school hours
- ❖ Mrs. Johnson stated that Phoenix Union has been bold enough to implemented a mask mandate, going against the newly implemented anti-mask law
- ❖ Mrs. Johnson explained that the anti-mask mandate was passed on the budget bill. The question has become that the budget does not go into effect until September 29th but the masks are mandated July 1st. So, what date is a district to abide by. A few districts are challenging this date
- ❖ She explained that in regards to mask on buses the CDC has stated that masks are mandated on all public transportation. According to ADE, school buses are considered public transportation, however not every district is interpreting buses as public transportation
- ❖ Yuma County is still in a "Moderate Category". There is not a high transmission rate in the county at this time
- ❖ Mrs. Johnson stated that with COVID cases near us, we know what to do and what to look for when there is something suspicious
- ❖ There are two questions that need to be debated:

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1. Masks on buses
 2. Signed waivers
- ❖ Therefore, Mrs. Johnson's recommendations are:
 1. Require masks on buses under the following situation:
 - Masks will be enforced on buses
 - Remove the enforcement when it becomes a "minimal category"
 - Deflect to CDC if any questions arise as to masks being required
 2. Families sign COVID-19 Waivers
 - ❖ Comments from Board Members and Mrs. Johnson
 - Mr. Jorajuria – Communication and flexibility, prepare for social distancing. Be proactive instead of waiting
 - Mrs. Taylor – Slow down, see where it goes
 - Mr. Wright – Maybe enforce due to how contagious Delta variant is
 - Mrs. Johnson – Need time to inform parents and that we can provide masks

Motion: Mr. Tristan Wright asked for a motion to start requiring masks on buses during "Moderate Transmission" and require parents to sign waivers. Mr. Howie Jorajuria made the motion to approve. Mrs. Ann Taylor seconded.

There was no discussion. Motion carries.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Mr. Tristan Wright asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. Ann Taylor made the motion to adjourn. Mrs. Gina Richmond. The meeting was adjourned at 5:34 pm.

A copy of the agenda background material provided to the Governing Board members (with the exception of material relating to possible executive sessions) is available for public inspection at the District Office, 5151 South Avenue 39E, Roll, Arizona.

Dated this 5th day of August, 2021
Delia Salcido, Governing Board Secretary

Designated Board Member

Date

Delia Salcido, Board Secretary

Date