

Loyalsock Township School District

Special Meeting of School Directors

August 26, 2021

7:15 p.m.

***LTHS/LTMS Auditorium
1801 Loyalsock Drive
Williamsport, PA 17701***

MINUTES

- 1. Call to Order – President**
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 3. Administrative Report/Executive Session Purpose – Mr. Christopher Kenyon, Solicitor**
6:32-7:10 p.m. – Safety (Absent-Moore, Komarnicki)
- 4. Roll Call – Mr. M. Daniel Egly, Board Secretary**

MEMBER

x Charles W. Edmonds, Ed.D., Treasurer
x Hal C. Gee, Jr.
x Christina L. Kiessling (arrival 6:48 p.m.)
x Valerie N. Komarnicki (remote)
x Robert D. Leidhecker
ab Marissa F. Moore
Absent- Moore (Personal)

MEMBER

x Carolyn R. Strickland, Ph.D., President
x Melvin E. Wentzel, Vice President
x Michael J. Zicolello
x *Christopher Kenyon, Solicitor
x *Gerald L. McLaughlin, Superintendent
x *M. Daniel Egly, Business Mgr./Bd.Secretary
*(Non-Voting Member)

OTHERS

x Matthew Reitz, Loyalsock Township High School Principal
x Marc Walter, Loyalsock Township High School Assistant Principal
x Ashley Sekel, Middle School Principal
ab Matthew Johnson, K-2 Elementary Principal
ab Preston Shellenberger, 3-5 Elementary School Principal
x Eric Gee, Director of Technology
x Suzanne Foresman, Supervisor of Curriculum & Instruction
ab Lisa Fisher, Supervisor of Special Education
x Pat Crossley, *Williamsport Sun-Gazette*

- 5. A. Recognition of Guests or Scheduled Speakers/Public Comments**

B. Public Comments Relative to Agenda Items

- Natasha Alligood-Percoco – Covid Masks
- David Bjorkman – Health & Safety Plan
- Chawn Gehr – Health & Safety Plan
- Jamie VanZile – Masks
- Jessica Walsh – Health & Safety Plan
- Barbara Byrne – Masks
- Mike Byrne – Masks
- Elizabeth Moorhouse – Masks
- Lindsay Ulmer – Safety
- Richard Houser – Masks
- Lauren Baumann Frisco – Universal Mask Mandate
- Jeff Breon – Universal Masks
- Sharon Belvin – Health & Safety Plan
- Janice Schifferele – Mask Mandate
- Regina Collins – Health & Safety Plan
- Rebecca Brocious – Mask
- Dustin Gehr – Health & Safety Plan
- Joseph Baker – Mask Mandate
- Catherine Burns – Masks
- *Mike & Susan House – Masks

6. Discussion – Health & Safety Plan for 2021-2022 School Year

Melvin Wentzel provided a statement. - *As per the most current CDC health guidelines, pertaining to the wearing of masks in schools, I support that concept and even a mandate. With regard to buses, I support all students and drivers wearing masks properly. Regarding vaccinations, I stand by my previous comments that all staff, students and teachers over the age of twelve be fully vaccinated prior to attending the Loyalsock Township School District schools. Students under the age of twelve shall wear masks while in the Loyalsock Township School District schools.*

A. Modify Agenda – Health & Safety Plan

Motion by Carolyn Strickland to modify the agenda to include an action item relative to the Health & Safety Plan that would require a masking mandate in accordance with CDC recommendations. Seconded by Melvin Wentzel.

ROLL CALL

Yes: Edmonds, Kiessling, Leidhecker, Strickland, Wentzel

No: Gee, Komarnicki, Zicoello

Absent: Moore

Result: Motion Carried

B. Amend Health & Safety Plan – Mask Mandate

Motion by Melvin Wentzel to amend the Health & Safety Plan to include a mask mandate.
Seconded by Carolyn Strickland.

ROLL CALL

Yes: Edmonds, Strickland, Wentzel
No: Gee, Kiessling, Komarnicki, Leidhecker, Zicoello
Absent: Moore
Result: Motion Failed

C. Modify Agenda – Health & Safety Plan

Motion by Carolyn Strickland to modify the agenda to include an action item relative to the Health & Safety Plan that would require a masking mandate in accordance with CDC recommendations that would expire on September 8, 2021; at that time, the previously July 21, 2021 approved Health & Safety Plan will be reinstated. Seconded by Melvin Wentzel.

ROLL CALL

Yes: Edmonds, Kiessling, Leidhecker, Strickland, Wentzel
No: Gee, Komarnicki, Zicoello
Absent: Moore
Result: Motion Carried

D. Amend Health & Safety Plan – Mask Mandate through September 8, 2021

Motion by Carolyn Strickland to modify the Health & Safety Plan to require masks in accordance with CDC recommendations for students and staff through September 8, 2021; at that time the previous Health & Safety Plan, approved July 21, 2021, will be reinstated.

ROLL CALL

Yes: Edmonds, Kiessling, Leidhecker, Strickland, Wentzel
No: Gee, Komarnicki, Zicoello
Absent: Moore
Result: Motion Carried

7. Public Comments

- Natasha Alligood-Percoco – Covid Masks
- David Bjorkman – Health & Safety Plan
- Chawn Gehr – Health & Safety Plan
- Jessica Walsh – Health & Safety Plan
- Lindsay Ulmer – Safety
- Richard Houser – Masks
- Joseph Baker – Mask Mandate
- Catherine Burns – Masks

- Mike & Susan House – Masks
- Janice Schifferle – Mask Mandate
- Christie Fry – Masks
- Ryan Carper – Masks
- Lilly Belvin – Masks
- Vernon Schwanger – Masks
- Georg Grassmueck – Masks
- Simone Gehr – Masks

8. Upcoming Board Meeting – September 8, 2021

9. Adjournment @ 10:15 p.m.

Motion: Edmonds
Second: Leidhecker

M. Daniel Egly