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CCSD SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

Friday

1/14/2022

High School Auditorium

School Board Meeting 5:30 PM

https://craigschools.zoom.us/j/7289917333?pwd=WkNaWGd4S1IPV0JIWEJITmx3VXd0Zz09

Zoom URL

- 1. Call to Order The meeting was called to order at 5:30.
- 2. Flag Salute A salute to the flag was given.
- 3. Roll Call

Board Members

In Person

Scott Brookshire	Jeremy Crews
Marla Dillman – zoom	Daniel Nelson
Tristan Douville – absent excused	Johanna Nelson
Sam Bass – zoom	Julie McDonald
Trish Conatser	Tim O'Connor
Joel Steenstra	Arletha Melton
	Katie Agnitch
	Pat Rogan

Via Zoom

Colin Rice Grace Beckman Rachel Balcom Kristi Kuhnert Chad Schwegel Kimberly Rice Jean Rogan Melissa Peavey Allison (Wehymiller?) Christy House Vanessa James Sam Bass Ashlynn Smith Mike Nelson Betty Hall Leanne Steenstra Amanda Vickers Hollis Yenna Tobias Frieb Sandra Marker Mollie Harings Tim Bloodgood Ben Moots Christina Woodward

Our students will be lifelong learners who will be resilient, compassionate, self-sufficient members of society. CCSD will provide an environment that empowers every student, every day to transfer their learning to life.

Via Zoom continued

Karen Packer Deanna Claus Susan (Callendar?) Kellie Ebbighausen Maren Chaffee Amanda Sammons Troy Thain 907su (?) Misty (Fitzpatrick?) Emily Harding Richard Marvin III Barbara Schneider Stacia Schwanke JR (?) Melissa Schwegel

Carrie Durgan

4. Agenda Approval.

M/S Steenstra/Conatser Scott Brookshire: We have a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Voice Vote: All in favor Motion Carries: Unanimous

5. Public Comments

Katie Agnitch – Wants to go back to school. Realizes illness is a bad thing but covid has been around for a while. However, the effects of not having teachers and students at school is worse than covid. They look forward to the relationships of being there. Homeschool is tough to participate in with all the zooms and the different levels. Teachers are second parents. Kids depend on these teachers.

Grace Beckman – on zoom. Reads her letter she submitted to the board. Letter brings recognition to the students with disabilities and speaks on the difficulties the mask could possibility bring to them. And that some people should not wear a mask.

Pat Rogan – Covid pandemic rate of survival is very high. The shots are working. Masks cause us to re-breath our air which is unhealthy. The kids need to be at school. Mass isolation and quarantine doesn't work. Let the sick stay home and let the rest go to school.

Deanna Claus – on zoom. I want to be back at school in person. However, there is a lot of sickness right now. If we want to be back in person we need to work together. The plan in front of the board has some great ideas. However, as it is written today there are some concerns. Omnicron spreads very quickly and tracking is very difficult. Suggestion is for full mask on Monday. Meanwhile, the committee can work on a better plan.

Arletha Melton – Children need to be at school. Children that suffer from mental health issues need to be at school. Businesses are open even with cases around. Why are we not in school? We need to amend the plan to be like the CDC guidelines. They shop and get coffee and check the mail. The teachers work but the kids are sent home. Why? Homeschooling doesn't work for everyone. I have to work. The kids enjoy school.

Colin Rice – Senior at the high school. Heard talk of universal mask mandate. Large majority of students are not for masking. Should be mask choice not mandated but any leadership. Forcing masking and lockdowns are not helping and are damaging mental health.

Julie McDonald – First thank you despite what I am about to say. Families aren't staying home together anymore. It isn't 2020 anymore. Kids are put somewhere to stay together while parents work. If someone is sick or a close contact, then mask. School shutdowns cause multi-faceted issues. Mental health and suicide rates are higher now because of shutdowns and isolation. Suggestion of IEP classes continue to operate. Speech therapy is a joke with a mask.

Rachael Yenna – Cloth masks don't work was said by Fauci. Numbers are not being reported correctly. 1918 flu is worth researching. 500 million people died. Children don't wear masks correctly. Masks won't solve this issue. If you want to wear a mask, wear a mask.

Jeremy Crews – This doesn't just affect our children it affects the future. We need to pray about the decision. It is bigger than we understand and that we have a choice. We have freedoms. This isn't about some virus. This is about money. This is about oppression on a government level. We can't keep putting these kids in these positions. Abuse at home or mental stability being affected. There isn't enough discipline at school to make them wear a mask every day.

Tim O'Connor - 3rd meeting we have had on this subject. The president tried to get people laid off and lose jobs over vaccines and masks and it didn't work. Get this school open.

Rick Marvin – parent of 3 children. We are handicapping our children. It is hurting their learning. I understand concern and worry. More problem staying away from learning in person. I think it is time to open up the schools and let the kids learn. How can teachers be in the school in the same rooms while the kids are out and the kids can't practice sports.

Emily Harding – Parent of 2 children and an RN affected by the vaccine mandate. Support the schools opening back up with mask choice not mask mandate. The risk of this virus is low for them. School might be their only positive environment to be at. The virus is staying with us. We have to learn to live with it without closing down.

Melissa Schwegel – zoom – agree with all the others. These kids need to go to school and be able to deal with this like everything else in life.

Chad Schwegel – zoom. Removed student last year and put her in homeschooling. Ok with schooling but lacked interaction. Put her back in this year in the hopes we wouldn't have to have a shut down again. But here we are 2 years later still dealing with it. Mask and distance if you want to ask a choice not a mandate.

6. Old Business

a. CCSD ARPA 2021-2022 Mitigation and Prevention Plan

M/S Steenstra/Conatser

Discussion – Conatser – move to amend other than what has been presented. Returning to school mask choice with no quarantine.

Conatser – Makes a motion to amend.

Recess called for 5 minutes.

Back in Session at 6:17.

Steenstra seconds.

Motion is made to amend the policy to read as follows on page 3, 8, and 9:

Page 3: CCSD Mitigation plans for athletics or special events/activities or the "five (5) day masking procedure" requiring mask wearing.

Page 8:

- If they test positive, they must stay home for five days. They may return to school as directed by their health care provider or public health, AND once they have not had a fever in 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medicine, as long as their other symptoms are improving. Upon returning to school, they must abide by "five (5) day masking procedure".
- If they test negative, they may return to school when their health care provider or public health has released them AND they have not had a fever in 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medicine and their other symptoms are improving
- If they do not test, they must stay home for five days. They may return to school when it has been five days and they have not had a fever in 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medicine and their other symptoms are improving, however, they must abide by the "five (5) day masking procedure."
- If their healthcare provider determines there is an alternative diagnosis to COVID-19 causing their symptoms, they may be allowed back in school before five (5) days and without a negative test as long as the following criteria are met:
 - Their symptoms have resolved and they have not had a fever in 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medicine, and
 - They have a note from their healthcare provider saying it is safe for them to come back to school.

No students or staff will be asked by CCSD to quarantine due to being a direct contact to a known, positive Covid case. CCSD will only address confirmed, positive Covid cases and symptoms related to Covid.

Page 9:

Five (5) day masking procedure

This procedure applies to any student or staff who tests positive for Covid-19 regardless of vaccination/boosted status or history of contracting COVID-19. This procedure also applies for students or staff who chose NOT to test. These students or staff shall stay home for 5 days before they return to school masked. Once they have returned to school, they must abide by the "five (5) day masking procedure." If students choose not to abide by the "five day masking procedure, they will be asked to stay home for the additional 5 days as mask choice does not apply during the "five (5) day masking procedure." Teachers/staff are obliged to follow the "five (5) day masking procedure" as mask choice no longer applies during the time of the mitigation plan entitled "five (5) day masking procedure."

The purpose of the "five day masking procedure" is to allow for safety and transparency within the Craig City School District while keeping the schools open and functioning. Additionally, quarantining and masking of well students and staff causes unnecessary personal, community, and family burdens. Thereby, CCSD close contact quarantining no longer applies.

While we all hope to avoid exposure to illness from COVID-19, we need to be prepared for that possibility. If you or someone you've been in contact with has been exposed to the virus, our first concern is for your health and safety and those around you. Students and staff members who are positive for COVID-19 are required to abide by staying home for five (5) days followed by the return to school five (5) day period of masking as outlined in the "five (5) day masking procedure.

Scott Brookshire: We have a motion to amend the 2021-2022 Mitigation and Prevention Plan to contain the wording above.

VOICE VOTE : 3 yea and 1 nae Motion Carries: Amended motion passes.

b. Adjournment

A motion is made to adjourn. VOICE VOTE: All in favor. Motion Carries: Unanimous.

Signature

Date

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