

## Special School Board Meeting

Tuesday, August 31, 2021 5:00 PM

FHS Cafeteria and Via Zoom, 1515 11th Street, International Falls, Minnesota 56649

**MEETING LOCATION: FHS CAFETERIA AND VIA ZOOM.**  
**\* Refer to the FHS Meeting Location Note, Zoom information and Open Forum Section for meeting information**

**FHS MEETING LOCATION NOTE:** This meeting will be held in-person in the Falls High School Cafeteria with occupancy limited to 240 people pursuant to City Fire Code regulations. Overflow seating to view the meeting via Zoom for another 75 people will be available in the Choir Room of the Falls High School. Based on board action at the August 3, 2021 School Board meeting, Board members and visitors are required to wear masks (available at the door), unless the individual cannot wear a mask due to a medical or religious exemption. Individuals who cannot wear a mask due to a medical or religious exemption will be asked to remain at least 3 feet socially distanced from other individuals in respect of their rights. To the extent social distancing must be implemented to accommodate those with medical or religious exemptions, the number of individuals allowed entrance to the cafeteria or choir room may be reduced. Individuals without an exemption who do not wear a mask/face shield or who do not have a stated exemption and refuse to socially distance will not be allowed entrance or will be asked to leave the building.

***Special meeting to consider health and safety measures for the 2021-2022 school year (Masking, athletics, safety protocol, student and staff safety, etc).***

This meeting also will be presented live and streamed via Zoom. Members of the public who wish to view this meeting may monitor it from a remote location by accessing Zoom the link:

Members wishing to speak via zoom during open forum should register prior to the board meeting and indicate that they will be attending via zoom. See Open Form section for information.

**Please click the link below to join the webinar:**  
**<https://isd361.zoom.us/j/85164137251?pwd=Tmp2WlYwZjlWaHh1MVB5ajRoK3FIZz09>**  
**Passcode: 172878**  
**Telephone: +1 929 205 6099**  
**Webinar ID: 851 6413 7251**

**CALL TO ORDER**

1. Roll Call:

- \_\_\_ Toni Korpi
- \_\_\_ Emily McGonigle
- \_\_\_ Bruce Raboin
- \_\_\_ Ted Saxton
- \_\_\_ Roxanne Skogstad-Ditsch                      \_\_\_ JoAnn Smith
- \_\_\_ Jennifer Windels
- \_\_\_ Kevin Grover

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Agenda

1. Approve agenda as presented. Motion by \_\_, second by \_\_. Motion carried / failed.

Open Forum

**Open Forum Limited to the Agenda Item of the School Board's Consideration of Resolutions on Health and Safety Measures For The 2021-2022 School Year.**

The Open Form will be conducted in accordance with School Board Policy 206, a copy of which may be found on the School District's website at [www.isd361.org](http://www.isd361.org). The School Board will strive to give all school community members the opportunity to be heard and to have their opinions and information considered, within the limits of the law and School Board Policy 206 and subject to reasonable time, place, and manner restrictions.

The following procedures will be applied to the Open Forum:

A. A maximum of 35 speakers will be permitted to speak during the Open Forum to allow each speaker a maximum of 3 minutes to speak. Members of the public who wish to submit their name to be placed on the list of speakers prior to August 31, may email that request or call and leave a message with Superintendent Kevin Grover at [kgrover@isd361.org](mailto:kgrover@isd361.org) or 218-283-2571 and press 3 for district offices and select superintendent.

Individuals seeking to speak will be placed on the list in the order in which the email/phone message is received. To the extent speaker slots remain, members of the public who wish to address the School Board on the agenda item during the Open Forum may personally place their names on a list that will be available at the podium in the cafeteria of the High School beginning at 4:30 on August 31, 2021. Additional names shall be allowed to be submitted on a wait list, in the order received, should any of the initial speakers fail to be in attendance in-person or online at the time of the Public Forum or if additional time remains after the maximum number

of allotted speakers concludes.

B. If a group or organization wishes to address the school board on a topic, the school board reserves the right to require designation of a representative or spokesperson to speak on behalf of the group or organization to allow as many speakers of differing views to be heard.

C. Approximately 120 minutes, total, will be allotted for the Open Forum session, if needed, based upon the number of individuals seeking to speak.

D. Individuals whose names are on the speaker list will be given 1st opportunity in the event that the district has more than the number of speakers for the allotted timeframe of open forum.

E. The School Board Chair will recognize one speaker at a time. Speakers will be asked to state their name and be invited to speak, in recognition of the time allotted. The School Board reserves the right to terminate an individual's privilege to address the School Board if the person addresses a topic other than the agenda item, engages in personal attacks, verbal threats or other disruptive behavior, or is otherwise in violation of state or federal law, Policy 206, or the rights to privacy of any individual.

F. Only those speakers recognized by the chair will be allowed to speak. Comments by others are out of order. Individuals who interfere with or interrupt speakers, the School Board, or the proceedings will be directed to leave.

G. To allow an additional opportunity for public comment, any school community member may submit his/her comments in writing to the School Board, whether or not in attendance or seeking to speak at the Public Forum. Community members should submit comments to School Board members via email to Superintendent Grover at [kgrover@isd361.org](mailto:kgrover@isd361.org) or deliver them in person at the District Office, 1515 11th Street no later than noon of the day of the special meeting, August 31, 2021. Written comments received after that date/time will not be considered by the School Board prior to the special meeting.

H. The School Board reserves the right to impose such other limitations and restrictions as necessary in order to provide an orderly, efficient, and fair opportunity for those present

to be heard.

I. Any questions regarding the process for participating in the Open Forum should be directed to the Superintendent's office at kgrover@isd361.org or 218-283-2571 and press 3 for district offices, then select superintendent.

#### Discussion

1. Discussion by School Board with regard to possible adoption of one of the below resolutions for 2021-2022 opening of School, safe learning plan, survey results, and other matters pertaining to the start of the upcoming school year

#### Action Items

1. Adopt Health and Safety Measures Resolution for the 2021-2022 School Year - Version \_\_\_\_.  
Motion by \_\_, second by \_\_. Motion carried / failed.
  - a. **Version A:** Resolution to make masking strongly recommended (optional) for all students PreK - grade 12 along with visitors while in the district buildings effective immediately.
  - b. **Version B:** Resolution to make masking required indoors for students in Prek - grade 5 and staff/visitors working indoors with these students. Masking would be required indoors for 6th grade students and staff/visitors while working with this age group. Masking would be highly recommended (optional) for students in grade 7-12 or staff/visitors working with these age levels effective immediately.
  - c. **Version C:** Resolution to require universal masking of all students (Prek - grade 12), staff and visitors in district buildings (other than those with a medical or religious exemption) effective immediately.

#### Adjournment

## Resolution

### Health and Safety Measures for the 2021-2022 School Year – Version A

**WHEREAS**, Minnesota Statutes Section 123B.09 vests the care, management, and control of independent districts in the school board; and

**WHEREAS**, the Superintendent of Independent School 361 [hereinafter the “Superintendent”] is responsible for the management of the schools, the administration of all School District policies, and is directly accountable to the School Board; and

**WHEREAS**, when responsibilities are not specifically prescribed nor School District policy applicable, the Superintendent shall use personal and professional judgment, subject to review by the School Board, pursuant to School District Policy 302, *Superintendent*; and

**WHEREAS**, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”) and the Minnesota Department of Health (“MDH”) have determined that the COVID-19 pandemic is currently ongoing and may remain ongoing for an unknown time; and

**WHEREAS**, the Minnesota Department of Education (“MDE”) has issued and may continue to issue written guidance for Minnesota schools on educational issues related to COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, the MDH has issued and may continue to issue written guidance for Minnesota schools on public health issues related to COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, the Superintendent and the administration of the School District have conferred with the School Board regarding COVID-19 health and safety measures, the current CDC, MDE, and MDH requirements for each, and other relevant information; and

**WHEREAS**, based upon the collective consideration of these factors, the School Board is strongly recommending that masks be worn by all students, staff, and visitors ages 2 and older within district buildings (effective immediately) which includes extracurricular activities with the exception of when a student is actively involved in swimming or showering.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the School Board of Independent School District No. 361 as follows:

Section 1: The Superintendent is hereby directed to implement the following health and safety measures to open the 2021-2022 school year: All staff, students, and visitors within Independent School District 361 buildings, regardless of vaccination status, are strongly recommended to wear a mask, follow the strategies of physical distancing when possible, handwashing and respiratory etiquette, cleaning and disinfection, screening/testing, and staying home when sick as defined in the [“CDC Guidance for COVID-19 Prevention in K-12 Schools.”](#)

Section 2: The Superintendent is hereby authorized, after consultation with the School Board Chair and notification to the School Board, to select and implement different health and safety measures for the School District or any specific school buildings without School Board action if the Superintendent reasonably believes that prompt implementation of different health and safety measures is necessary, and that constraints of time and public health considerations render it

impractical to hold a School Board meeting to approve the implementation. The health and safety measures selected and implemented by the Superintendent shall continue in effect unless and until the School Board, in consultation with the Superintendent and appropriate school district staff and public health officials, deems it in the best interest of the School District and its students to implement different health and safety measures.

Section 3: The Superintendent will provide regular updates to the School Board regarding the School District's efforts to implement COVID-19 related educational and public health guidance issued by the MDE and the MDH, respectively.

Adopted this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021.

Roll Call Vote

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School Board Chair

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School Board Clerk

## Resolution

### Health and Safety Measures for the 2021-2022 School Year – Version B

**WHEREAS**, Minnesota Statutes Section 123B.09 vests the care, management, and control of independent districts in the school board; and

**WHEREAS**, the Superintendent of Independent School 361 [hereinafter the “Superintendent”] is responsible for the management of the schools, the administration of all School District policies, and is directly accountable to the School Board; and

**WHEREAS**, when responsibilities are not specifically prescribed nor School District policy applicable, the Superintendent shall use personal and professional judgment, subject to review by the School Board, pursuant to School District Policy 302, *Superintendent*; and

**WHEREAS**, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”) and the Minnesota Department of Health (“MDH”) have determined that the COVID-19 pandemic is currently ongoing and may remain ongoing for an unknown time; and

**WHEREAS**, the Minnesota Department of Education (“MDE”) has issued and may continue to issue written guidance for Minnesota schools on educational issues related to COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, the MDH has issued and may continue to issue written guidance for Minnesota schools on public health issues related to COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, the Superintendent and the administration of the School District have conferred with the School Board regarding COVID-19 health and safety measures, the current CDC, MDE, and MDH requirements for each, and other relevant information; and

**WHEREAS**, based upon the collective consideration of these factors, the School Board is requiring universal masking while in district buildings for students in Prek – grade 5 and staff/visitors working with these students. Masking would be required in district buildings for 6<sup>th</sup> grade students and staff while working with this age group. Masking would be strongly recommended (optional) while in district buildings for students in grade 7-12 or staff/visitors working with these age levels effective immediately.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the School Board of Independent School District No. 361 as follows:

Section 1: The Superintendent is hereby directed to implement the following health and safety measures to open the 2021-2022 school year: requiring universal masking while in district buildings for students in Prek – grade 5 and staff/visitors working with these students, masking would be required in district buildings for 6<sup>th</sup> grade students and staff while working with this age group, masking would be strongly recommended (optional) while in district buildings for students in grade 7-12 or staff/visitors working with these age levels effective immediately, follow the strategies of physical distancing when possible, handwashing and respiratory etiquette, cleaning and disinfection, screening/testing, and staying home when sick as defined in the “[CDC Guidance for COVID-19 Prevention in K-12 Schools.](#)”

Section 2: The Superintendent is hereby authorized, after consultation with the School Board Chair and notification to the School Board, to select and implement different health and safety measures for the School District or any specific school buildings without School Board action if the Superintendent reasonably believes that prompt implementation of different health and safety measures is necessary, and that constraints of time and public health considerations render it impractical to hold a School Board meeting to approve the implementation. The health and safety measures selected and implemented by the Superintendent shall continue in effect unless and until the School Board, in consultation with the Superintendent and appropriate school district staff and public health officials, deems it in the best interest of the School District and its students to implement different health and safety measures.

Section 3: The Superintendent will provide regular updates to the School Board regarding the School District's efforts to implement COVID-19 related educational and public health guidance issued by the MDE and the MDH, respectively.

Adopted this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021.

Roll Call Vote

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School Board Chair

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School Board Clerk

## Resolution

### Health and Safety Measures for the 2021-2022 School Year – Version C

**WHEREAS**, Minnesota Statutes Section 123B.09 vests the care, management, and control of independent districts in the school board; and

**WHEREAS**, the Superintendent of Independent School 361 [hereinafter the “Superintendent”] is responsible for the management of the schools, the administration of all School District policies, and is directly accountable to the School Board; and

**WHEREAS**, when responsibilities are not specifically prescribed nor School District policy applicable, the Superintendent shall use personal and professional judgment, subject to review by the School Board, pursuant to School District Policy 302, *Superintendent*; and

**WHEREAS**, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”) and the Minnesota Department of Health (“MDH”) have determined that the COVID-19 pandemic is currently ongoing and may remain ongoing for an unknown time; and

**WHEREAS**, the Minnesota Department of Education (“MDE”) has issued and may continue to issue written guidance for Minnesota schools on educational issues related to COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, the MDH has issued and may continue to issue written guidance for Minnesota schools on public health issues related to COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, the Superintendent and the administration of the School District have conferred with the School Board regarding COVID-19 health and safety measures, the current CDC, MDE, and MDH requirements for each, and other relevant information; and

**WHEREAS**, based upon the collective consideration of these factors, the School Board is requiring that masks be worn by all students, staff, and visitors ages 2 and older within district buildings (effective immediately) which includes extracurricular activities with the exception of when a student is actively involved in swimming or showering. Masking rules will follow the 2020-21 MDE planning guidance for exceptions to masking.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the School Board of Independent School District No. 361 as follows:

Section 1: The Superintendent is hereby directed to implement the following health and safety measures to open the 2021-2022 school year: All staff, students, and visitors within Independent School District 361 buildings, regardless of vaccination status, are required to wear a mask, to follow the strategies of physical distancing when possible, handwashing and respiratory etiquette, cleaning and disinfection, screening testing, and staying home when sick as defined in the [“CDC Guidance for COVID-19 Prevention in K-12 Schools.”](#)

Section 2: The Superintendent is hereby authorized, after consultation with the School Board Chair and notification to the School Board, to select and implement different health and safety measures for the School District or any specific school buildings without School Board action if the Superintendent reasonably believes that prompt implementation of different health and safety

measures is necessary, and that constraints of time and public health considerations render it impractical to hold a School Board meeting to approve the implementation. The health and safety measures selected and implemented by the Superintendent shall continue in effect unless and until the School Board, in consultation with the Superintendent and appropriate school district staff and public health officials, deems it in the best interest of the School District and its students to implement different health and safety measures.

Section 3: The Superintendent will provide regular updates to the School Board regarding the School District's efforts to implement COVID-19 related educational and public health guidance issued by the MDE and the MDH, respectively.

Adopted this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021.

Roll Call Vote

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School Board Chair

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School Board Clerk