

GREEN CITY R-1 SCHOOLS
MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION
OPEN SESSION
September 20, 2021

Kind of Meeting: Special
Place of Meeting: Business Room
Date: September 20, 2021
Time: 5:30 p.m.

Members present: Kellen Hatcher, President; Jason Salas, Vice-President; Janelle Hepler, Treasurer; Bridget Lee, Secretary; Ryan Barnes, Member; Thomas Christen, Member; JT Thomas, Member; Tennille Banner, Superintendent; Jamie Tipton, High School Principal; and Jamie Halley, Elementary Principal;

Absent:

Guests: Deborah Taylor, Mackenzie Homann

Janelle Hepler entered at 5:36 p.m.

Call to Order

President Kellen Hatcher called the Board meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Bridget Hepler motioned to approve the agenda. The motion was second by Thomas Christen. The motion carried with a vote of 6-0.

COVID Safety Protocols

Discussion with Sullivan County Health Department Administrator and Region B Planner

The Board of Education met with Deborah Taylor, Sullivan County Health Department Administrator and Mackenzie Homann, Region B Emergency Planner to discuss various aspects related to Covid-19. The board asked a variety of questions related to mitigation strategies and quarantining protocols.

The board requested that the Sullivan County Health Department allow individuals to stop quarantine after day 7 after receiving a negative test result (test must occur on day 5 or later), as allowed by the CDC.

Deborah Taylor and Mackenzie Homann left the meeting at 6:58 p.m.

Review/Revise Safe Return to In-Person Instruction & Continuity of Services Plan

The Board reviewed the current mitigation strategies that were listed in the SRPCS plan.

Thomas Christen moved, second by Janelle Hepler, to approve the purchase of HEPA air filtration systems for classroom and MERV-13 filters for the HVAC system. The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

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Discuss/Approve action plan for any additional decisions related to COVID Safety Protocols

The board discussed various strategies to reduce student-quarantine time. The board also reviewed suggestions provided by the elementary and high school staff regarding various mitigation strategies.

The board created an action plan that would allow students to return to the school setting while quarantined. This plan will be shared with school families and staff members for review and feedback. The board will meet again on Tuesday, Sept. 28, 2021 to review the feedback from families and staff and make any necessary changes to the plan with the goal to able to approve the plan at that time.

Janelle Hepler moved, second by JT Thomas, to allow students to be transported to extra-curricular events by their parent in an effort to reduce close contacts on the bus. The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

Thomas Christen moved, second by Ryan Barnes, to allow a student or staff member who has a negative Covid test, performed by an authorized provider, on day 5, 6, or 7 of their quarantine (due to close contact), to be allowed to return to school, without restrictions, on day 8 or later, as allowed by CDC guidance. The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

Ryan Barnes motioned to adjourn at 9:01 p.m. Motion was second by Janelle Hepler. The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

President, Board of Education

Secretary, Board of Education