

# **BATH COMMUNITY SCHOOLS**

## **Board of Education – Regular Meeting**

Competition Gym  
Bath High School

Monday, September 27, 2021  
6:30 p.m.

### **MINUTES**

#### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by President Ann Chaffee 6:30 p.m.

#### **II. ROLL CALL**

Members present: Mr. Sam Bachelor Ms. Ann Chaffee, Ms. Stephanie Halfmann,  
Ms. Nancy Hawkins, Mr. Ken Krapohl, Ms. Jennifer Smith, and Mr. Dean Sweet, Jr.

Members absent: None

#### **Declare quorum**

Staff present: Mr. Paul Hartsig, Mr. Matt Dodson, Ms. Lorenda Jonas, Ms. Jeannine Brown,  
Mr. Doug Murphy, Ms. Caroline Cook, Mr. Jon Pechette, and Ms. Shannon  
Proctor, Mr. Jerod Koen, Mr. Steve Spinner.

#### **III. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

**“Motion to approve agenda of the Regular Board of Education meeting being held on today’s date, Monday, September 27, 2021, as presented.”**

Moved by Krapohl, Seconded by Sweet. Vote: 7-0. Motion Passed.

#### **IV. SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

##### **a. Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2021 Audit Report**

Maner Costerisan gave a brief overview of the Audit Report for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2021.

b. Superintendent's Report

Mr. Hartsig shared what data was being looked at to make the informed decision to require a mask mandate. As of the Board meeting the CDC had Clinton County as high risk. The intention of the mask mandate is to keep students in person and to slow down the spread of COVID. He shared that by requiring masks this allowed us to follow the guidelines the health department has rolled out and gives the option of testing instead of quarantining and allows for less absences. This will be reevaluated bi-weekly. He also shared the success of the outdoor homecoming and thanked all responsible parties for thinking outside of the box and making a memorable homecoming dance.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Darren Buck shared he is not a fan of the mask mandate, but does understand why the district has it in place. He inquired how the district is enforcing that masks are being used/ worn to the intent of their manufactures. Mr. Edward Freeman shared that he feels masks should be the parents' choice and wanted to know what the percentages needed to be to end the mask mandate. Mr. Ken Jensen shared that he is in support of the mask mandate. He worries more about the student's mental health if we have to go back to virtual education. Ms. Paula Stott shared she is thankful that the masks are required. She shared she is concerned our district funding may be affected if students are out quarantining and we don't have enough students for days to count. She also shared that she worries about the unknown long term effects that we are not aware of but could affect our students. She hopes that mental health will still be a priority once we have made it through the pandemic. Ms. Sara Kuykendall shared she works at a local hospital and they have been advised the pediatric cases of COVID are on the rise. She is worried about the students that are not eligible for the vaccine yet.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

*The following items may be approved with one motion unless a Board member requests that an item or items be removed for separate action.*

- a. Minutes of Regular Meeting August 23, 2021
- b. General Fund bills payable in the amount of \$433,908.33
- c. General Fund EFT transfers in the amount of \$285,498.96
- d. Building & Site bills payable in the amount of \$47,954.71

**“Motion to adopt the consent agenda as presented.”**

Moved by Sweet, Seconded by Krapohl. Vote: 7-0. Motion Passed.

VII. REPORTS

a. Board of Education

i. Board Correspondence

Received 3 emails regarding the mask mandate from Mr. Larry Fewins-Bliss, Ms. Carolyn Hoard and Mr. Adam Koenigskecht.

ii. Building and Grounds Committee

Mr. Bachelor shared that they discussed the swing arm cameras that are being attached to the busses, Mr. Daren Buck came requesting that the fields be maintained throughout the summer for the younger leagues.

iii. Extra-Curricular Committee

Ms. Hawkins shared that they discussed communication issues between coaches and parents & how Huddle posts.

iv. Finance Committee

Mr. Sweet shared they had reviewed the audit report.

v. Personnel Committee

Ms. Chaffee shared they discussed para, food service and technology positions. They made a recommendation to cancel the Europe trip so families could receive the majority of their money back. Ms. Chaffee also briefly reviewed the homecoming plans.

vi. Policy Committee

Did Not Meet.

VIII. Action Items

a. Personnel

Approve that the first 5 days of leave time is covered by district for staff that are required to quarantine. Any time after the five days would come out of their sick bank. Last year Federal requirements allowed us to waive all quarantine time for staff but that regulation has expired.

**“Motion to approve the first 5 days leave time is covered by district for staff that are required to quarantine., as presented.”**

Moved by Sweet, Seconded by Bachelor AYE: Bachelor, Halfmann, Hawkins, Krapohl, Smith, Sweet, Chaffee. ABSENT: None. NAY: None Vote: 7-0 Motion passed.

IX. COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

None

X. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

Ms. Hawkins expressed that it is prudent and reasonable to readdress the mask mandate every two weeks.

Ms. Halfmann shared that she had heard positive comments about homecoming, she wanted to thank those responsible for making it happen.

Mr. Krapohl shared information regarding the COVID grant that CCRESA received, that will help with contact tracing. He also thanked the community members that took the time to come out and share their opinions. He explained that the Board and Mr. Hartsig look at the data and then look at what benefits the students, employees and the community. The boards number one priority is the well-being of the children and is not a political decision. He also shared that Mrs. Nunn's passing was a huge loss and she will be missed by many in our community.

Ms. Smith shared that our board has mixed opinions on mask mandates, but ultimately at this time masks are the choice to keep the kids in school right now. She also shared that her daughter had a wonderful time at homecoming. She was appreciative that for a night the teens could be teens and didn't feel like COVID loomed over them. Ms. Smith finished with thanking Mr. Hartsig for breaking all the information down for the school board and making a plan that works.

Mr. Bachelor thanked Mr. Krapohl for addressing how the school board & superintendent determined it was time to have a mask mandate. He shared that Mr. Hartsig is in weekly health department meetings and that since only about 30% were choosing to wear masks they felt this was the best option to keep the kids safe.

Ms. Chaffee expressed that she is a firm believer that it is not a school boards job to tell a parent how to raise their children, she hopes to see the kids out of masks soon. That being said it is the boards responsibility to protect the students and staff.

Mr. Sweet thanked Caroline Cook and Jon Pechette for a clean audit.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

**“Motion to adjourn at 7:26 p.m.”**

Moved by Sweet, Seconded by Bachelor. AYE: Halfmann, Hawkins, Krapohl, Smith, Sweet, Bachelor, Chaffee. ABSENT: None. NAY: None Vote: 7-0 Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

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Stephanie Halfmann, Secretary

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Shannon Proctor, Recording Secretary