

The Blanchester Board of Education met in special session on Monday, May 3, 2021 in the Middle School Cafeteria.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm by President Kyle Wilson.

ROLL CALL

Kathy Gephart	Present
Jeremy Kaehler	Present
John Panetta	Present
Mike Williams	Present
Kyle Wilson	Present

Superintendent Dean D. Lynch and Treasurer Megan Thompson were in attendance along with the following who signed the register:

Kurt Ballinger	Jen Kaehler	David Wood
Michelle Elston	Jenny Hartman	Shelley Pembleton
Troy Ballinger	Lizzy Hartman	DaShannon Lovin
Michael England	John Hamilton	John Lovin
Brandy McCollister	Andy Hamm	Bella Cook
Jamey Grogg	David Wood	Christian Woody

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ADOPTION OF MEETING AGENDA

Mr. Panetta made a motion, seconded by Mr. Williams that the meeting agenda be adopted.

The following vote resulted:

YEAS: Panetta, Williams, Gephart, Kaehler, Wilson

Mr. Wilson declared the motion passed.

WELCOME

Mr. Wilson welcomed everyone.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr. Andy Hamm addressed the board with a question, what exactly is the policy. Mr. Kurt Ballinger spoke stating has concerns while there is still a state mandate. He also expressed concerns if there would be any financial concerns or litigation. Mrs. Michelle Elston stated that she is one to follow the rules and guidelines. She doesn't like masks and wishes they were gone but she wears them because people who are way smarter than her has proven statistically that the masks protects others. She concluded by I just don't understand why we're doing this. Mr. Lovin spoke up and said he felt this would shed a bad light on the district. Some feel things could change over the summer and that the board was acting too quickly to remove the mandates.

BUSINESS OF THE BOARD

Mr. Panetta made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kaehler that the board approve the following:

RESOLUTION NO. 18-2021 revision of board policy EBEA- Use of Face Coverings.

Use of Face Coverings

Recognizing the use of face coverings (masks) as one of many possible measures that may reduce the spread of COVID-19, the Board directs the Superintendent to work with the local health department to develop procedures, considering the guidance provided by the Ohio Department of Health and all the other available science, regarding different safeguards to minimize the potential spread of COVID-19.

Effective immediately, (May 3, 2021), at no time may the superintendent, administrators, staff, volunteers or parents enforce or prohibit the use of a face covering for any student and/or employee in the district, at outdoor activities under the control of the district and/or while using district transportation in which window(s) are open.

Recognizing that available scientific information and local needs may change, the Board authorizes the Superintendent to continue to review and adjust procedures in consultation of the Board. All procedures and any changes to procedures must be clearly communicated to all staff, volunteers, parents and students in a timely manner. Effective June 1, 2021, at no time may the superintendent, administrators, staff, volunteers or parents enforce or prohibit the use of a face covering for any student

and/or employee in the district, at activities under the control of the district and on district provided transportation.

The following vote resulted:

YEAS: Panetta, Kaehler, Williams, Wilson

NAYS: Gephart

Mr. Panetta made a motion to adjourn the meeting with a second from Mr. Williams.

The following resulted:

YEAS: Panetta, Williams, Gephart, Kaehler, and Wilson

Mr. Wilson declared the motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 6:09 p.m.

Board President

Treasurer

The Blanchester Board of Education met in special session on Saturday, August 29, 2020 in the Blanchester Central Office.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by President Kyle Wilson.

ROLL CALL

Kathy Gephart	Present
Jeremy Kaehler	Present
John Panetta	Present
Mike Williams	Present

Kyle Wilson

Present

Superintendent Dean D. Lynch and Treasurer Megan Thompson were in attendance.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ADOPTION OF MEETING AGENDA

Mr. Panetta made a motion seconded by Mr. Williams that the agenda be adopted. The following vote resulted:

YEAS: Panetta, Williams, Gephart, Kaehler, and Wilson

Mr. Wilson declared the motion passed

BUSINESS OF THE BOARD

RESOLUTION NO. 21-12 Policy EBEA Use of face coverings

EXECUTIVE SESSION

For the purpose of considering the appointment, employment, compensation, of a public employee or official and prepare for negotiations or bargaining sessions with public employees concerning their compensation or other terms and conditions of their employment.

Executive Session went from 7:42-8:48 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Board President

Treasurer

