

Blackstone-Millville Regional District School Committee
Minutes of Emergency Virtual Meeting
May 19, 2021
4:30 p.m.

Introduction of Members:

Jane C Reggio, Chairperson
Erin P. Vinacco, Vice Chairperson
Keri L. Gaudette, District Treasurer
Tara L. Larkin, District Secretary
Amanda D. Guilmain, Member
Sarah Williams, Member

Superintendent Jason DeFalco, EdD was also in attendance along with Lead Nurse Karen Young.

They are meeting tonight to vote on and discuss the Covid guidelines set by Governor Baker of Massachusetts.

Dr. DeFalco stated that he met with the Commissioner of Education at 3:00 p.m. today.

Dr. DeFalco on Graduation - We can have a normal graduation outdoors where attendees and staff do not need to wear a mask or distance from those not in your household. They are asking those not fully vaccinated to wear a mask. No special cleaning needs to be done and there is no limit to the number of tickets per graduate.

Mrs. Young stated there will be a vaccine clinic at the BMR High School on Monday, May 24th and at the FWH Middle School on Tuesday, June 1st. There are currently 60 students signed up to receive the vaccine at the High School. Mrs. Young is waiting for the link from the collaborative putting on the clinic for information on the middle school. They may be going to Uxbridge for the 2nd shot. That will be made clear later on. They will be given their 2nd appointment on the day of the first vaccination.

Dr. DeFalco stated that seniors will be notified tomorrow after we update all information regarding trying a senior send off parade in the district. He is currently working with the chief on this.

Mrs. Young - Classroom procedures- sharing of items is allowed and items only need to be cleaned once a day or when physically soiled.

A bullet was removed for science courses and lab work regarding regular sharing of equipment.

Covid Exposure positive test - because transmission is reduced outdoors only quarantine if necessary.

Unless someone is having the same close contact with a positive individual that would be the only time they would need to quarantine.

Dr. DeFalco stated they are working on eliminating any quarantine or contact tracing for recess.

Safe covering - Face masks removed on school grounds and added masks are not required outdoors during recess, physical education class, youth sports and outdoor learning environments for students. Adults will continue to wear masks outdoors.

Motion: It was moved by Mrs. Larkin, seconded by Mrs. Guilmain to approve the above procedures regarding Covid regulations for graduation and outdoor activities.

Mrs. Vinacco - CDC says if you are not vaccinated you still need to wear a mask. If the kids are not vaccinated why can they be outside at recess without a mask?

Mrs. Young - CDC says the outdoor transmission is less than 10%. So being outdoors is extremely helpful in eliminating the spread.

Mrs. Reggio stated you can walk, run, bike outdoors without a mask. We are attempting to be as safe as we can be for the students and staff in our care.

All were in favor of the motion on the floor.

These changes are effective immediately.

Motion: It was moved by Mrs. Larkin, seconded by Mrs. Gaudette and unanimously voted to adjourn the emergency meeting at 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Monique F. Simard
Recording Secretary

ATTEST:


Tara L. Larkin, District Secretary