

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
August 17, 2021

A special meeting of the Fairmont Area Schools Board of Education was held on Tuesday, August 17, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. on the Wm. Budd Room at Fairmont Elementary. Members in attendance were Rufus Rodriguez, Nicole Green, Mari Myren, and Julie Laue. Absent: Dan Brookens and Mike Edman.

A resolution was introduced by Julie Laue, seconded by Nicole Green and adopted on a unanimous roll call vote to direct the superintendent to implement health and safety measures to open the 2021-2022 school year as defined in the resolution. Mask wearing will not be required, regardless of vaccination status, but it is recommended that staff, students, and visitors within the school building regardless of vaccination status, continue to follow the CDC Guidance for COVID-19 Prevention in K-12 Schools. The resolution also provided the superintendent with authorization to implement different health and safety measures deemed necessary following consultation with the School Board Chair and notification to the full Board. Such implementations will not require school board action. The superintendent was directed to provide regular updates to the Board regarding efforts to implement COVID-19 guidance issued by the MDE and MDH.

It was noted that outside visitors who assist in the schools on a regular basis will be allowed to enter the building under the same health & safety measures afforded staff members. Impromptu visits to buildings by parents and community members are discouraged unless prior arrangements have been made with a teacher or administrator.

In closing, Dr. Rodriguez, board president, strongly encouraged people to make the choice to continue mask wearing, whether or not they are vaccinated.

Superintendent Traetow reminded everyone that this is a fluid situation and will be analyzed on a regular basis to determine whether a change in safety measures is needed.

A motion was offered by Mari Myren, seconded by Nicole Green and carried to approve adjourning the school board meeting at 5:07 p.m.

Mari Myren, Clerk