

SOUTH WASCO COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT #1

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**Special Session Board Meeting
High School Front Lawn**

**Wednesday, Aug. 18, 2021
6:00 p.m.**

SPECIAL SESSION BOARD MEETING MINUTES

ATTENDANCE

Board Members: Chairperson Josh Thompson, Kevin Duling, Tamarra Ferguson, Melissa Huntley, Paul Koerschgen, Rob Miles, Joan Stark.

Administration: Superintendent Ryan Wraught, Principal Mark Endsley, Business Manager Aimee Hovis.

SWCSD Staff: Robin Austin, Jon Boggs, Kevin Duree, Jim Hull, Sandra Knight, Josh Kurtz, Yancy Wells,

Others: Mary Beechler, Alex Carr, Virginia Cortez, Tobi Delco, Steve Ferrell, Doug Huntley, Carol Mitchell, Elizabeth Unit.

1. CALL TO ORDER at 6:00 p.m.
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO AGENDA BY BOARD MEMBERS
4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion: Joan Stark moved to approve the agenda.

Second: Tamarra Ferguson

Motion passed unanimously.

5. BOARD DISCUSSION

A. Framework for 2021-22 School Year Recommendations

The board discussed options for the district to provide options for on-line distance learning, in person learning without masks and in person learning with masks. The framework recommended that teachers that are in the classroom do not manage online learners but to have an online coordinator and programs that support distance learning for K-12. Families that would like their students to wear a mask will be taught inside in the classroom. Families that do not want their students to wear a mask will be accommodated with outside instruction with the aid of a teaching assistant. Instruction will be simulcast to either the classroom or outside, based on the number of students in each learning environment. It is recommended that the teacher teach in the learning environment that has the most students. Outside learning with canopies will be done for the first few months of the school year and will allow the district additional time to plan for the rest of the year, with the potential for COVID cases to decrease in the county and for guidance to change. It was also recommended that the start date of the school year be moved to the day after Labor Day to allow staff to prepare for the new framework.

B. Statewide Mask Mandate Update

Supt. Ryan Wraught gave the school board an update on the statewide mask mandate. He also shared the survey that was posted on the school website for staff, community members, parents, and students to take regarding masks, registration for school, and feedback. Superintendent Wraught also gave legal liability updates to the school board as well as reviewed OSHA/OHA/ODE/TSPC fines and penalties.

6. COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE ABOUT AGENDA/NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Members of the online and in person audience asked various questions about the framework and logistics of the plan.

7. BOARD ACTION ITEMS)

A. Framework for 2021-22 School Year

Motion: Joan Stark motioned to move the start date of the school year to September 7, 2021.

Second: Kevin Duling

Motion passed unanimously.

B. Investigate Legal Partnership

A brief discussion and understanding that the district would like to be included with the small school district group who are investigating any potential legal argument districts may have for local control of the mask mandate. It was also noted that the district only wants to be part of the investigative aspect and would want to return and review any next steps before agreeing to moving forward.

Motion: Tamarra Ferguson moved to have South Wasco County School District #1 investigate and join in legal partnerships with other school districts around the state.

Second: Melissa Huntley

Motion passed, 5 yes and 1 no.

9. ADJOURNMENT OF REGULAR MEETING

South Wasco County School District is an equal opportunity employer.
Current personnel policies are available for review in the District office.