

Hermon School Committee
Agenda – Emergency Meeting
Monday, August 23, 2021 – 5:00 p.m.
Hermon High School Library
Providing Leadership to Enhance the Aspirations of our Children

x__ Jesse Keith, Chair
x__ Scott Hatch, Vice Chair
x__ Deborah Langille
x__ Stephanie Oiler
x__ Kristen Shorey

A__ Debbie CoWallis, RSU 87 Representative

Item I: Call to Order

Item II: Agenda Adjustments (Move public comments to item IIA)

Item III. Old Business

A. Reopening Plans

The superintendent presented the most recent information from the Maine CDC and Maine DOE regarding COVID-19. He explained how quickly things were moving from the end of the school year to the current increases in cases, the growing expectation from the Maine DOE to use universal masking, the suggestion from the state of possible loss of funding, This included the updated Standard Operating Procedures from the MCDC highlighting the Isolation and Quarantine rules (letter F, 1-4) to include vaccinated exceptions, universal masks exceptions, pool testing exceptions, and close contact definition. The superintendent's letter to the community regarding requirements for masking and the start of the school year was read. Mr. Chasse expressed that with about 200 employees returning to work that week the emergency meeting was needed to better prepare all staff for the start of the school year.

The board discussed the SOP, masking, and other COVID-related items.

Motion to give the superintendent authority as needed to respond to local COVID-19 conditions.

Motion Deb Langille Seconded Scott Hatch Y 3 N 0 A 2

B. Superintendent Report

The superintendent referred to the community return to school letter read in section A as his report. He also added that the challenges presented by COVID, complimented the administrative teams work, mentioned the increases in nursing staff, HSD vaccination clinics, and the overall efforts of the faculty and staff to adjust during the pandemic.

Item IV: Public Comments* (Moved to Item IIA)

Public comments were received regarding the use of masks in school.

Item V: Adjournment

Move to adjourn the meeting

Motion _____ Seconded _____ Y _____ N _____ A _____

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Chasse
Superintendent of Schools

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