

**Minutes of the Meeting of the
Wyoming City School District Board of Education
Monday, July 26, 2021
Wyoming Middle School**

I. Call to Order

Mrs. Zoller called the meeting to order at 7:09 p.m.

II. 75-21 Roll Call

The roll was called and the following members were present:

Mrs. Broderick, Mr. Buckner, Mr. Thomas, Mrs. Yee and Mrs. Zoller

Also in attendance Tim Weber, Ronda Johnson, Ashley Whitely, and Suzy Henke.

III. Pledge of Allegiance

Mrs. Zoller led the Pledge of Allegiance

IV. Recognition of the Public

Sara Kleinschmid shared COVID statistics and AAP and ODH recommendations in support of masking.

Sam Lind urged the Board to follow the ODH recommendations as recommendations only and not mandate masking, allowing parent autonomy.

Libby Spera discussed Critical Race Theory (CRT) as explained by the American Bar Association and stated that age-appropriate conversations regarding race are important.

April Thurkill discussed the efficacy of cloth masks and shared CDC data and research in support of optional masking as a personal decision.

Michael Evans discussed research stating that the pandemic negatively impacted academics, specifically noting math and reading, and adding that not only did students have learning loss but also social/emotional impacts, urging the district to adopt policies that support consistent, in-person learning.

Beth Driehaus discussed CRT, calling it a red herring, and the importance of studying history because it puts current events into context and our goal is to cultivate critical thinkers.

Tess Harper spoke in support of the District's equity/inclusion efforts aiming for all people to feel included and eliminate intolerance and racism.

Tom Tobias spoke in support of the District's equity/inclusion efforts and supported the message of the previous two speakers.

Victoria Goldstein shared ORC 3313.601 and stated that masking mandates violate bodily autonomy because her body is a temple.

Casandra Strudwick shared her professional experience as a supply chain engineer and stated that as we prepare for the fourth wave of COVID, we need to wear masks indoors to allow students to have in-person learning and enjoy interacting with other students while minimizing risk.

Pat Lehman shared the importance of a balanced view of history, noting that to be a good citizen you must understand history.

Allison Neff shared child hospitalization statistics and issued caution about not wearing masks in schools due to the 50x more contagious Delta variant of COVID-19. She also reinforced AAP recommendations for masking in classrooms and stated that masks make school inviting for all children.

Rebecca Johnson shared that CRT is telling the truth and she is pleased with the Board's efforts on diversity, equity and inclusion.

David Ambrose thanked Mr. Meis for his service to the Board of Education and welcomed Mr. Buckner. He also thanked the Board for their six years of work on diversity, equity and inclusion, stating that it takes courage to do this work.

Bryan Goldstein shared data from several sources comparing health data from June and July of 2019 to June and July of 2020, urging the Board to allow for the optional wearing of masks as it should be a family decision.

David Smith urged the Board that mask-wearing should be optional as it should be an individual decision, stating that science does not support mask-wearing and masks negatively impact the learning experience.

Sandra Anderson shared data regarding children who tested positive but were asymptomatic and agreed with the physicians who spoke in support of requiring masking in schools.

Megan Anderson shared her personal experience with pulmonary restrictions, highlighting that some students have invisible disabilities and universal mask wearing supports those students.

Chandra Napora stated that she was impressed with how the Board handled the 20-21 school year, responding to the pandemic based on science. She supported the science and supports continuing practices from last year that will keep students safe and in school.

Micah Ovadia shared data discouraging masks due to the spread of aerosol particles and demonstrated by vaping then putting a mask on.

Abby Jahnigen spoke in support of masks being optional, stating that families should make the decision they feel is best for their own children.

Matthew Tubb highlighted his experience as a physician in the community and urged the Board to follow the science stating that masks work. He supports requiring students to wear masks since primary students are currently unable to be vaccinated and remote learning is detrimental. He stated that mask-wearing will keep students in school.

Ashley Tubb shared that research states that kids need to be in school and since not all students can be vaccinated, CDC recommendations for layers of protection should be used including distancing when possible and following the recommendation that masks work best when worn by both parties.

Katie Ihnen thanked the Board for their tremendous work and highlighted AAP guidance recommending masks in schools. She also thanked the District for teaching history.

Randi Kaplan advocated for masks to be optional for the 21-22 school year and noted that the AAP is funded by companies that produce vaccines.

Brian Kaplan shared that he thought the 20-21 school year was a disaster and believes that masks should be optional.

David Burstein shared that he moved to Wyoming because of the schools and loved the community and that Wyoming is a community that cares about students and we all want students to be safe. He noted that the way we treat each other is the way we learn.

V. **Discussion: 2021-2022 Return to School Plan**

Mr. Weber shared an update with the Board on the 2021-2022 school start plan, focusing on the following foundations: in-person learning as safely as possible, using various data sources to inform decisions on protocols, being flexible to accommodate pandemic shifts, continued implementation of various mitigation measures (hand hygiene, social distancing, monitoring building ventilation, etc.), and weekly review of health guidance, COVID data and student needs. He reviewed COVID-19 cases per 100,000 for both Ohio and Hamilton County as of July 25, 2021 and also vaccination data for Hamilton County (49.3%) and Wyoming staff (approximately 80%). Updated CDC guidance, ODH guidance, and current legislation were also reviewed. Mr. Weber finished with the highlights of the 2021-2022 school plan including return to in-person learning, using face coverings as directed by public health authorities, maximizing physical distancing to the greatest extent possible, continue hand hygiene practices, cleaning of facilities, monitoring ventilation, contact tracing and/or quarantine as required, communication of COVID-19 cases. Next steps included reviewing continued guidance from ODH and HCPH, monitor COVID-19 transmission data, monitor legislative changes that impact school planning, and determine any plan changes – specifically for masking and quarantine – the week of August 2nd.

Mr. Buckner asked what information from the science advisory team would change the plan and Mr. Weber responded that the team is looking at trends of multiple data points with favorable shifts impacting the plan. Mrs. Zoller noted that other districts have announced masking decisions and Mr. Weber agreed that some districts made earlier decisions but may need to shift. Mrs. Broderick noted that the Delta variant of COVID-19 is changing rapidly and the science advisory team should be asked about the impact of the variant on the level of spread in the community. Mrs. Broderick also asked if current legislation would allow for one building to be mask-optional based on vaccination availability while other buildings would be required to wear masks and the answer is unclear at this time. Mr. Thomas asked about vaccination rates at WHS and Mr. Weber responded that approximately 60% of students in grade 12, 50% of students in grade 11, and 40% of students in grade 10 were vaccinated at the last review of data. Mr. Buckner asked about HCPH requirements for quarantine, if students were not masked, and how that would impact our students without a remote learning plan. Mr. Weber shared that we are still waiting on final quarantine guidance.

VI. **Special Presentation: Grant Hoffman, City of Wyoming Economic Development Commission**

Mr. Hoffman, Wyoming City Schools' representative to the City of Wyoming Economic Development Commission, presented an economic development report including information about a proposed use for 432 Springfield Pike, projects at Village Green and Crescent Park and information related to housing infill.

VII. **Board Committee Reports**

Finance Committee – No report.

Citizens Advisory Committee – Mrs. Yee reported that applications are being accepted for 2021-22 CAC members and the deadline is August 1st.

VIII. **Board Committee Liaison Reports**

Business Advisory Committee – No report.

Community Engagement – No report.

Equity, Inclusion and Anti-Racism Committee – Mr. Weber reviewed the work of the committee which is to create a culture of belonging for all students that honors diversity and values student voice. Mrs. Broderick welcomed Mr. Buckner to the committee.

Facilities Committee – Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 29th.

Planning and Goal Setting – Mr. Weber reviewed the four goal areas: teaching and learning, climate and culture, communication and financial stewardship.

Policy Review Committee – No report.

Student Achievement – Dr. Whitely shared that that 20-21 report cards will be released by ODE in October but they will not have grades assigned and there will be no performance index rankings due to the pandemic. Dr. Whitely also shared that the State has adopted changes for the report card that will be reflected on the 21-22 report card.

IX. 76-21 Board of Education Report

- A. Board Committee - Finance Committee appointment: Mrs. Zoller will replace Mr. Meis.
- B. OSBA Business Meeting Alternate – November 8, 2021: Mrs. Broderick will replace Mr. Meis.
- C. 2021-22 Resolution to Not Provide Career-Technical Education for 7th and 8th grade students
- D. Approve Board of Education Report.

Mr. Thomas made a motion to approve the Board of Education Report.
Mrs. Yee seconded the motion.

Yea – Buckner, Thomas, Yee, Zoller, Broderick
Nay – None
Motion carried.

X. 77-21 Treasurer’s Report

- A. Approve the minutes for the following Board Meetings:

June 28, 2021 Regular Meeting
July 8, 2021 Special Meeting
June 1, 2021 Special Meeting

- B. Approve the Statement of Revenues and Expenditures for the month ending June 30, 2021.

- C. Return of Advances

FY 22 Return of Advances				6/28/2021 Advance		July 28, 2021
FROM	TO		BOE Approval	June 30, 2021	Return Advance	BOE Approval
			NOT TO EXCEED	Advance	To General Fund	
General Fund	ESSER I	507-9021	\$12,842.14	\$0.00	\$0.00	
General Fund	ESSER II	507-9022	\$13,453.61	\$13,453.61	\$13,453.61	
General Fund	IDEA - Part B	516-9021	\$130,994.18	\$40,471.38	\$40,471.38	
General Fund	Title I	572-9021	\$146,886.42	\$2,732.19	\$2,732.19	
			\$303,976.35	\$56,657.18	\$56,657.18	

D. Approve Insurance Policy with Liberty Mutual - \$123,640
Commercial Auto, General Liability, School Leaders Errors/Omissions, Property Commercial Crime and Umbrella

E. Donations

- \$75,756.00** **Wyoming School Foundation**
Designated Gift from Donor
Wyoming Athletics for upgrading track replacement
- \$4,500.00** **Wyoming School Foundation**
JD Edwards Memorial Safety Net Fund (\$899.12)
Fund a Need Fund (\$3600.88)
Funding for speaker, materials and lending resource library for student anxiety and worry
- \$8,500.00** **Wyoming PSA**
Wyoming City School District
- \$4,666.02** **Wyoming PSA**
Wyoming Primary Schools
- \$4,712.53** **Wyoming PSA**
Wyoming Middle School
- \$9,016.21** **Wyoming PSA**
Wyoming High School

F. Approve Treasurer’s Report

Mrs. Yee made a motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report.
Mr. Buckner seconded the motion.

Yea – Thomas, Yee, Zoller, Broderick, Buckner
Nay – None
Motion carried.

XI. 78-21 Superintendent’s Report

A. Personnel

1. 2021-2022 New Personnel

Allen, Erin	Primary/MS Art Teacher	MA+12/Step 8
Behrensmeyer, Matthew	MS Latin Teacher (2 Bells)	MA+36/Step 9
Cooperrider, Cloe	1-Year Grade 1 Teacher	BA/Step 2
Heldman, Melanie	HS Science 1-Year Long-Term Substitute	BA/Step 0
Wolber, Olivia	1-Year Kindergarten	MA/Step 3
2. 2021-2022 Personnel Change

Lippiatt, Rebekah - Clinic Aide		from 4.5 to 5.0 hours per day
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3. 2021-2022 Non-Athletic Supplemental Contract Corrections

Rescind Ackerman, Jennifer	Dept. Chair Art (K-12)	3.00%
Approve Williamson, Jessica	Dept. Chair Art (K-12)	3.00%
Rescind Williams, Mollie	MS Art Club	1.50%

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| | Update Ackerman, Jennifer | MS Art Club | from 1.5% to 3.00% |
| 4. | 2020-2021 Extended Days at Per Diem Rate
Bunton, Nikki | | 3 Days |
| 5. | 2021-2022 Room Set-up \$105/Day
Holliday, Jennifer | | 1 Day |
| 6. | 2021-2022 Transition Days
Jansing-Jata, Effie
Rutowski, Samantha | 2 Days/Per diem rate
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| 7. | 2021-2022 Transition Assistance
Bunton, Nikki
Knickel, Mary Ellen | 2 Days/Per diem rate
8 Hours/Hourly rate | |
| 8. | 2021-2022 Primary Library Work Day
Foerman, Tally
Howell, Cindy
Nocks, Lisa | 5.5 Hours/Hourly rate
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5.5 Hours/Hourly rate | |
| 9. | 2021-2022 HS Boot Camp
Bunton, Nikki | Up to 24 hours/Per diem rate | |
| 10. | 2021-2022 Building/RESA/Professional Development \$105/Day

Meador, Terryl
Marsh, Christin
Moehring, Becky
Roush, Julie
Smith, Laura
Woods, Erin | | 2 Days
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2 Days |
| 11. | 2020-2021 End of Year Planning/Building Needs \$105/Day
Allred, Jon
Hilgenberg, Hayley | | 5 Days
4 Days |
| 12. | 2020-2021 Pupil Services Case at Per Diem Rate
Weiland, Cleighton | | Up to 2 Days |
| 13. | 2020-2021 WSTC Camp Counselor
DeWitt, Kayley | | Up to \$250 |
| 14. | 2021-22 Unpaid Leave
Hoog, Tricia
Jordan, Lauren
Montgomery, Stacy
Woodson, Anne | October 11 - December 17, 2021
January 3 - February 2, 2022
January 20 - May 27, 2022
October 6 - November 20, 2021 | |
| 15. | 2021-22 Personnel Change
Thieryoung, Sara | August 1, 2021 - Secretary B / #2 / Step 9 / 235 days | |

B. Approve Superintendent's Report.

Mrs. Yee made a motion to approve the Superintendent's Report.

Mrs. Broderick seconded the motion.

Yea – Yee, Zoller, Broderick, Buckner, Thomas
Nay – None
Motion carried.

XII. 79-21 Superintendent's Report

A. Personnel

1. 2020-2021 Pupil Services Case at Per Diem Rate

Bitzer, Liz Up to 2 days

B. Approve Superintendent's Report.

Mr. Buckner made a motion to approve the Superintendent's Report.
Mrs. Yee seconded the motion.

Yea – Broderick, Buckner, Thomas, Yee
Abstain - Zoller
Nay – None
Motion carried.

XIII. Superintendent Update

Mr. Weber noted that the start of school is two weeks away and thanked staff for the work completed to prepare for the start of school. He shared that administrators and teachers are planning PD for the first few days and staff are excited and enthusiastic about the first day. Reflecting on the meeting tonight, Mr. Weber said he was energized by the passion of the community members who spoke.

XIV. 80-21 Executive Session

Mr. Thomas moved to have the Board of Education enter into Executive Session to consider the employment of public employees. Mr. Buckner seconded the motion.

Yea – Broderick, Buckner, Thomas, Yee, Zoller,
Nay – None
Motion carried.

The Board of Education entered Executive Session at 9:25 p.m.
The Board of Education returned from Executive Session at 10:25 p.m.
The Board of Education reconvened its regular meeting at 10:25 p.m.

XV. 81-21 Adjournment

Mrs. Broderick moved to adjourn the meeting.
Mrs. Zoller seconded the motion.

Yea – Buckner, Thomas, Yee, Zoller, Broderick
Nay – None
Motion Carried

The July 26, 2021 Board of Education Meeting was adjourned at 10:25 p.m.

Board of Education Meeting Minutes Approved by:



Jeanie Zoller, Board President



Ronda Johnson, Treasurer