

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees  
Whitefish School District No. 44 and High School  
District Board Room  
August 10, 2021



**Members Present:**

Chairperson Clarke  
Vice-Chair Schellinger  
Trustees Bennetts  
Trustee Boksich  
Trustee Hanson  
Trustee Lengacher  
Trustee Polumbus

**Others present:**

Superintendent Means  
WMS Principal Branstetter  
Director of Business Shea  
Director of Technology Phillips  
WHS Principal Drown  
Muldown Principal Nasello  
Consultant Schottle

**1. OPENING ITEMS:**

**Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance**

Chair Clarke called the on-site and virtual meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Revision of the Agenda**

There was none.

**Public Comment**

Mr. Craig Workman thanked all for their hard work. Mr. Workman sent out a letter to Superintendent Means asking him to consider students and staff having their own choice when it comes to wearing masks.

Mr. and Mrs. Brian George support masks being optional.

**Approval of minutes**

Trustee Boksich moved to approve July 2021 minutes. Trustee Bennetts seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**Student Trustee Report**

Student Trustee Dicks was not present.

**WEA/WCEA Update**

No report.

## 2. **DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

### **Discussion Item: Enrollment and Facilities Advisory Committee Update**

Consultant Schottle reviewed current and projected enrollment numbers and facility capacities. A 2% enrollment growth is considered normal. The District has been experiencing enrollment fluctuations both up and down of well over 2% due to the Covid pandemic, and such fluctuations make facilities planning challenging. Although all District's buildings are in a very good condition it is important to look ahead. The High School, designed for a capacity of 600 students, has a current enrollment of 596 and will be the priority when it comes to facilities expansion.

### **Action Item: Policy Updates and New Policy**

Superintendent Means presented for the Board's approval the following new policies and policy updates:

- #1111 School Board Elections
- #1230 Clerk
- #1310 District Policy and Procedures
- #2100 School Year Calendar and Day
- #2120 Curriculum Development, Content and Assessment
- #2135 Human Sexuality Instruction
- #2410 High School Graduation
- #2422 Proficiency
- #3110 Entrance, Placement, and Transfer
- #3130 Children of Military Families
- #3210 Equal Educational Opportunity
- #3300 Suspension and Expulsion – Corrective Actions and Punishment
- #3310 Student Discipline
- #3416 Administration of Medication
- #4015 Conduct on School Property
- #4316 Accommodating Individuals with Disabilities
- #4700 Family Engagement
- #5010 Equal Employment Opportunity and Non-Discrimination
- #5140 Classified Employment and Assignment
- #5220 Prohibition on Aiding and Abetting Sexual Abuse
- #5226 Tobacco, Alcohol, and Drug-Free Workplace
- #5325 Breastfeeding in the Workplace
- #7260 Revenues and Investments
- #7322 Procurement of Supplies, Materials, Equipment and Services Using Federal Funds
- #7425 Extra- and Co-Curricular Funds
- #7430 Financial Reporting and Audits
- #7500 Property Records
- #8110 Bus Routes and Schedules

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- #8130 Outdoor Air Quality
- #8131 Indoor Air Quality
- #8210 Procurement of School Food
- #8411 Water Supply and Wastewater
- #8500 Contracts with Third Parties Affecting Student Records

**Public comment:**

There was none.

Trustee Schellinger made a motion to accept policy updates and new policies as presented. Trustee Hanson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**Action Item: 2021-22 Final Budget**

Director of Business Shea made a recommendation for the Board to approve the final version of the budget for the 2021-22 school year.

Elementary funds		
101	General	\$ 9,945,659
110	Transportation	\$ 754,363
113	Tuition	\$ 861,567
114	Retirement	\$ 1,571,800
117	Adult Education	\$ 84,120
128	Technology	\$ 329,897
129	Flexibility	\$ 51,405
150	Debt Service	\$ 2,614,165
161	Building Reserve	<u>\$ 156,550</u>
Total Budget		<u>\$ 16,369,526</u>
High School funds		
201	General	\$ 5,229,358
210	Transportation	\$ 284,932
213	Tuition	\$ 307,350
214	Retirement	\$ 763,000
228	Technology	\$ 158,460
229	Flexibility	\$ 19,025
250	Debt Service	\$ 901,625
261	Building Reserve	<u>\$ 75,050</u>
Total Budget		<u>\$ 7,738,800</u>
<b>Total District Budget</b>		<b><u>\$ 24,108,326</u></b>

**Public Comment:**

There was none.

Trustee Hanson made a motion to accept the budget as presented and amended. Trustee Polubus seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

### 3. **REPORTS**

#### **Trustee Announcements**

Chair Clarke reported on the latest Superintendent Evaluation Committee meeting. Ms. Clarke also brought up the annual MTSBA survey and the deadline for its completion.

#### **Superintendent Announcements:**

Superintendent Means shared the following information:

- Administrators and secretaries are back after their summer break
- Football, volleyball, and golf will start soon
- Enrollment is at 1,925 as of today. The 4<sup>th</sup> grade enrollment is high at 173 and Kindergarten enrollment is low at 99.
- Covid info: there were 75 new cases in the Flathead this week; WSD is monitoring CDC and local data closely.

#### **Business Director Report**

Director of Business Shea presented the following information:

- Summary of last year's financials results
- Cash balances for all funds as of 6/30/2021 and 7/31/2021
- General Fund revenues as of 6/30/2021 and 7/31/2021
- Budget-to-actual expense report for Elementary and High School general fund as of 6/30/2021 and 7/31/2021

### 4. **CONSENT AGENDA:**

#### **Action Item: Accounts Payable and Payroll**

Presented for the Board's approval were payments issued between July 1 and July 31, 2021, in the total amount of \$1,341,315.67:

- Vendor checks #54853 to #54985 and Payroll checks #117832 to #117842 totaling \$1,019,007.22
- Payroll direct deposits totaling \$322,308.45

#### **Action Item: Out-of-District Students**

Superintendent Means made a recommendation for the Board to enroll the following out of District students:

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Student Last Name	Student First Name	Student Last Name	Student First Name	Student Last Name	Student First Name
Arakaki	Faith	Heimerl	Riley	Remley	Hazel
Arakaki	Harmony	Hill	Zachary	Riotto	Isabella
Austin	Colin	Hill	Zachary	Riotto	Katalina
Berry	Abigail Scout	Johnson	Ayslin	Rocksund	Liv
Berry	Cody Oak	Johnson	Syrcie	Roy	Cheyenne
Bickford	Quinn	Joy	Aiden	Self	Ross
Bogut	Brendan	Joy	Benjamin	Sharpnack	Colin
Bogut	Jordan	Koopal	Case	Sharpnack	Elyse
Bogut	Megyn	Lamantia	Izzabela	Slossen	Landon
Broughton	James	Lamantia	Mia	Slossen	Theren
Coletti	Montana	Lamantia	Sebastian	Smith	Mariah
Corum	Dahlia	Lamantia	Zachery	Snipes	Elsie
Corum	Isabel	Larimore	Koru	Snipes	Remi
Coulter	Joseph	Larimore	Sego	Stebbins	John
Crane	Kaylee	Lavina	Jayden	Sysa	Ivan
Cromie	Kaia	Lavina	Jaykob	Sysa	Liliya
Cromie	Maren	Lavina	Mykel	Sysa	Nikolay
Dalimata	Aela	MacKenzie	Hayden	Sysa	Sophia
Dalimata	Sydney	Markowitz	Ashleigh	Taynor	Teighan
Danenberg	Tillman	McGrady-Curran	Alice	Vasquez	Judah
Dorvall	Jackson	Morris	Hudson	Vesely	Harper
Dorvall	McKinley	Neufeld	Adalai	Wallace	Cullen
Dorvall	Taylor	Neufeld	Eben	Walton	Jackson
Dugan	Colton	Neufeld	Opal	Watson	Isabelle
Dugan	Triston	Nissen	Grayson	Weese	Kellan
Ellsworth	Adalynn	Nissen	Samuel	Weese	Kenleigh
Feightner	Lia Lyn	Orme	Avery	West	Dallon
Fischer	Adlynn	Orme	Tait	Wilson	Aaliyah
Fischer	Cyler	O'Rourke	Evan	Wilson	Aariyahanna
Fischer	Jade	Osler	Wyatt	Yaeck	Aspen
Fix	Jason	Owen	Kimberly		
Fix	Justice	Peacock	Landon		
Follett	Olivia	Phillips	Stella		
Gibson	Kiah	Pier	Gavin		
Gould	Landon	Pino	Audrina		
Gould	Sylvia	Pino III	Joseph		
Grinbergs	Laila	Pitts	Jett		
Heimerl	Emmery	Rembaugh	Graysen		

**Action Item: Personnel: Hires**

Superintendent Means made a recommendation for the Board to hire:

- Emily Bonenfant- Farm to School Educator
- Amber Bunker- School Nurse- One year position
- Megan Burns- Elementary Teacher
- Lisa Davis- WHS Paraeducator
- Amara McDaniel- ESSER Temporary Intervention/Remote Teacher
- Ashlyn Stenerson- Elementary Teacher

**Action Item: Approval of Consent Agenda**

Trustee Schellinger moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Chair Clarke seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**ADJOURN**

Trustee Polumbus moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:43 p.m. Trustee Boksich seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

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Chairperson of the Board – Katie Clarke

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Attest: Clerk to the Board - Lucie Shea

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Members Present: Chairperson Clarke, Vice-Chair Schellinger, Trustees Bennetts, Boksich, Hanson, Lengacher, and Polumbus.

Others Present: Superintendent Means; Director of Business Shea; Principals Branstetter, Drown, and Nasello.

## **1. OPENING ITEM**

### **Call to Order**

Chairperson Clarke called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

### **Revision of the Agenda**

There was none.

### **Public Comment**

There was no public comment regarding any topic not on the agenda.

## **2. Discussion/Action Items**

### **Action Item: Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan/COVID Guidelines and Procedures Update**

Mr. Means presented for the Board's review, discussion and possible action the Safe Return to In-Person Learning and Continuity of Services Plan along with the Whitefish School District Guidelines and the WSD Guidelines and Procedures. Mr. Means stated that the Administration is recommending some changes to the Guidelines and Procedures Document, and that the changes are indicated in yellow in the COVID-19 Guidelines and Procedures Document.

Mr. Means reviewed the Covid-19 layered strategies including but not limited to:

- Students and staff asked to stay home if feeling ill
- Physical Distancing
- Good hand hygiene
- Daily cleaning
- Vaccinations an option for staff and students 12 ages and up
- High quality ventilation in all buildings

The District is currently in Phase III of WSD Guidelines. Administration recognizes that there are many options for the school board to consider regarding face coverings prior to the start of the school year. The options range from optional to required for all students, staff, and visitors. Mr. Means presented the following options for face coverings as recommended by Administration for discussion and possible action by the school board for the start of the school year, to be reviewed as needed, based on the latest data, guidance, and recommendations:

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A. Face coverings recommended for K-12 students, staff, and visitors while indoors.  
(When the county is in substantial or high transmission as defined by the CDC and/or as determined by the school board)

or

B. Face coverings required for students, staff, and visitors in grade K-6 and recommended for students, staff, and visitors for grades 7-12 while indoors.  
(When the county is in substantial or high transmission as defined by CDC and/or as determined by the school board. Can also be modified when all students under 12 have had the opportunity to be fully vaccinated.)

Mr. Means also reviewed the four attachments included in the meeting agenda:

1. 7-13-21 Safe Return to In-Person Learning and Continuity of Services Plan (Covid-19 Summary)
2. WSD Covid Guidelines
3. 7\_31\_21 WSD Covid-19 Guidelines and Procedures
4. 2021aug12 Covid-19 Information

Mr. Means then reviewed the results of a survey regarding face coverings and input received from stakeholders:

WEA Survey (80% of members)

\_\_\_\_\_ 51.72% Optional  
12.64% Strongly recommended  
10.35% Masks required for K-6 or K-8 and recommended for others  
25.29% Masks required for all  
Summary: Approximately 65% for optional/recommended and 35% for some level of requirement

WCEA Survey (24 respondents)

50% Optional  
9.1% Masks strongly recommended  
12.7% Masks required for K-6 (0% masks required for K-8)  
27.3% Masks required for all  
Summary: Approximately 59% for optional/recommended and 41% for some level of requirement.

Survey of staff not part of an association or those who did not have the opportunity to complete the survey (106 responses):

The numbers below represent people who supported each option; respondents could select more than one option to support:

64 Optional  
24 Recommended  
19 K-6 Required and recommended for others  
19 Required for all

Replacement - WSD Family Survey (832 Responses)



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The numbers below represent people who supported each option; respondents could select more than one option to support:

479 Optional  
79 Recommended  
128 K-6 Required and recommended for others  
270 Required for all

Input from Logan Health Representatives:

Those who provided input recommended masks for all but recognized the challenges associated with such a requirement in the current environment; a layered approach was recommended.

Input from Whitefish Physician Consultants

Those who provided input supported a mask requirement for all at this time.

Input from the Flathead City-County Health Department (FCCHD)

The FCCHD Officer provided no recommendation regarding face coverings at this time but expressed his support for a layered approach to mitigation.

Input from WSD Covid Advisory Task Force

0 Optional  
14 Recommended  
14 K-6 Required and recommended for others  
5 Required for all

Input from Administration

0 Optional  
10 Recommended  
8 K-6 Required and recommended for others  
0 Required for all

In addition, Mr. Means reviewed the documents included in the attachment titled *2021aug12 Covid19 Information*. Included in the attachment were letters and guidance documents received from Logan Health, the Governor and Superintendent of Public Instruction, Montana Chapter of American Academy of Pediatrics, and CDC.

Mr. Means also shared information about high numbers of positive Covid cases in Flathead County at this time and the fact that the CDC considers Flathead County a high transmission area.

Public comment:

1. Ms. Katie Sako stated that she supports everyone wearing masks inside regardless of vaccination status. She would like to see the remote option for education.
2. Ms. Jenny Patalo, residing on Labrie Drive in Whitefish, stated that the American Medical Journal

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says that children inhale higher levels of CO<sub>2</sub> when wearing masks. Masks could be harmful to children because their brain is affected by the lack of oxygen. Ms. Patalo does not believe in the benefits of wearing masks.

3. Ms. Avery Sonnenberg, residing on Aspen Grove Drive in Whitefish, believes that the Delta variant is not the same variant as the last year's strain; Delta is more infectious. Ms. Sonnenberg supports wearing masks, remote learning, and social distancing. The Board has the responsibility to protect the community.
4. Ms. Megan Pepe, teacher and teacher union president residing on Whitefish Trail in Whitefish, asked the Board to consider the teacher survey results.
5. Mr. Jon Amick, physician at North Valley Hospital and parent, stated the Delta variant is dangerous, makes people more sick, and affects people of all age groups not just the elderly. Vaccines work. Mr. Amick recommends the Board mandate the wearing of masks for all.
6. Mr. Craig Workman, residing on Little Mountain Lane in Whitefish, urges the Board not to require to wear masks. His wife and he are behind the optional wearing of masks. There are numerous studies that do not support masking. Ms. Workman supports a mask-free approach for students and staff.
7. Ms. Kristen Sramek, residing on North Valley Drive in Whitefish, supports requiring masks for all students, teachers, and staff. The community transmission of Delta is very high; Delta represents 80% of all new cases in Flathead.
8. Ms. April Fennelly, residing in Whitefish, believes it should be the parents' decision for children to wear a mask.
9. Mr. Paul Archie, residing on Darlene Rd in Columbia Falls, supports a mask mandate. The terms "optional" and "recommended" are the same thing. He is in agreement with doctors who have spoken prior.
10. Mr. Schuyler Johnson, residing on Armory Rd in Whitefish, stated that the majority of all medical groups recommend masking now. 300 kids were hospitalized in Florida this week. Delta is very dangerous, as the two doctors and the PhD said prior. It is irresponsible to let kids come back to school without wearing masks.
11. Mr. Chris Sager, residing on Sommers Lane in Whitefish, supports a mask mandate. He believes that a 90% survivability rate of children is too low, we cannot have a single death from Covid.
12. Ms. Amanda Holliday, residing on Park Ave in Whitefish, asked the Board to listen to the medical providers; she supports masks for everyone.

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13. Ms. Jacklyn McDonald read more than 50 studies that show masks do not prevent Covid. Mask are not good for kids' mental health; suicide rates in children are up; kids need to socialize, exercise, and be in fresh air. Decisions on masks should be up to the families.
14. Ms. Courtney Lab echoed Craig Workman's opinion. Parents are the ones who should make decisions regarding masks. Please don't mandate masks for students. There are social, developmental and mental risks from wearing a mask. There are studies that support this strongly. It should be a parental choice. All she is asking for is a choice.
15. Mr. Chris Miller, residing on Whitefish Ranch Rd in Whitefish, agrees with Courtney. Vaccines are available for children 12 and older. A number of doctors spoke here about benefits of masks but other doctors at Logan Health are against masks. More children die of flu, in car accidents, or by drowning than of Covid. The Superintendent and Administration should not have the authority to make the decision.
16. Mr. Kevin Wilmot supports masks being optional. Parents of kids being masked should not be worried. Mr. Wilmot asks the Board not to issue a mask mandate as he does not want a fear of masks.
17. Mr. Alex Niel, residing on Barefoot Trail in Whitefish, stated that no adults in the community are wearing masks and it is bullying of parents to require them to support masks. Mr. Niel asked the Board to please make masks optional.
18. Ms. Michelle ?, residing in Whitefish, urges the Board to listen to the parents who want masks to be optional. Teachers should see students' faces. Michelle asked the Board to please listen to staff and teachers who want masks to be optional.
19. Ms. Alexandra H. stated that nuances of children's faces are lost in masks. A typical mask hides the speaker's face and mouth and their voice is distorted. Alexandra asked the Board to please remember what it was like being a child. She is on the side of optional masking.
20. Ms. Lauren B. shared that her son had difficulties seeing through his glasses while wearing a mask. She urges the Board to vote for masks being optional.
21. Mr. Brian Schlauch, residing in Whitefish, supports optional mask wearing. There is a division of opinions in the medical field nationally. There are more kids suffering from depression than the number of Covid cases.
22. Ms. Jessie Kuntz, residing on Sawtooth Drive in Whitefish, stated that it is the opinion of medical professionals that should matter. The majority of those in the medical community support masking, including the CDC. Ms. Kuntz supports mandatory masking.

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23. Mr. Tyler Thope, residing on Sommers Ave in Whitefish, stated that the purpose of masking is source control. He supports a mask mandate.
24. Mr. Brian George believes that masks are 100% parents' choice. Mr. George brought up a question of Covid actually being a virus or bacteria. He asked to please give parents the choice on masking their kids.
25. Ms. Tessa ? residing on Dakota Ave in Whitefish, supports a universal mask mandate to start with and then re-evaluate later. Although she loves choices and children's smiles one loss of a child is one too many.
26. Ms. Colette S., encourages all to make masks optional. Both parents and teachers want the option.
27. Ms. Shannon Howke, residing on Reservoir Lane in Whitefish, believes that mask wearing is ultimately a medical decision. Masks will decrease quarantine numbers and will prevent school closure. We have to drive on the right side of the road and wear a seatbelt for a reason.
28. Ms. Jenn ? strongly supports mask coverings being optional. Her kids didn't breathe right while wearing masks. Optional is what she supports.
29. Mr. Bryan Raykowski supports masks being optional. Every family should do their own risk assessment.
30. Ms. Elizabeth Pitman supports a universal mask mandate to prevent spread of the virus. There is a reason why surgeons always wear masks during a surgery. Families' choices affect the whole community.
31. Mr. Jason ? is strongly against the mask mandate. The Superintendent should not have the authority to decide on masks.
32. Ms. Kelliann Blackburn, teacher, asked the Board to think about the optional or recommended option. She brought up a question of whether masked kids will sit only with other masked kids and unmasked kids only with other unmasked kids. Ms. Blackburn asked the Board to think about their decision from the teachers' standpoint.
33. Ms. Ebony Nornberg believes it is important to listen to teachers and constituents. There are people on both sides of the issue. The Trustees are voted in by the parents so the parents should have a choice in the matter.
34. Mr. Matt Smith, residing on Antelope Trail on Whitefish, shared the results of a Covid study he

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read: there were 500+ deaths out of 3 million+ cases, or less than 0.1%, in the age group from 0 to 17. The recovery rate was 99.96%. Mental issues are more of a problem than Covid for that age group.

35. Mr. Matt Niel sees the downsides and sadness of his kids going to school in masks, and happiness when they take their masks off. The Board members are bullies and narcissists and he doesn't need anyone to read the case numbers to him. He will make the choice about his kids himself.
36. Ms. Jen ? hopes we can all come together and honor each other's choice. She supports a mask mandate. Flathead County accounts for 30% of all Covid cases in Montana. We want to keep kids in schools but with the Delta variant there's the risk of school closure. Jen urged the Board to have a data driven approach when making decisions.
37. Mr. Travis Smith stated that everyone's opinion here doesn't really matter; the surveys should be the deciding factor, and those show that masks should be optional.
38. Ms. Vonda Garcia, teacher at Muldown, is a strong proponent of optional masking. Benefits of masking do not outweigh the harm; kids not seeing each other's faces is harmful.
39. Mr. Clint ? stated there were no transmitted cases at his girls' school so masks should be optional. He assured those in attendance who believe they don't have a choice that they do have the choice to have their kids attend other educational institutions. Clint believes the best option is not to mandate masks.
40. Ms. Vita Wright is a proponent of mandatory masking. We have a social responsibility to stop the community spread.
41. Mr. Kendal Flint supports universal mandatory masking for all. Remote learning should be available. *The rest of Mr. Flint's comment was unintelligible.*

Following the public comment the Trustees engaged in a discussion regarding face coverings, the Covid guidelines and procedures, and proposed language for consideration. The items discussed included:

- Data regarding positive cases of Covid 19 in Flathead County
- Hospital admissions
- Vaccination availability
- Recommendations from the CDC and American Academy of Pediatricians, the Montana Chapter of American Academy of Pediatricians, Logan Health, OPI and Governor's Office, and recommendations from local medical consultants.
- Survey and stakeholder input
- Letters from families to the Trustees
- Public comment input from parents, community members, and health care providers.

Trustee Boksich made a motion in favor of mandatory masking for students K-6, optional masking for

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students in grades 7-12, and accepting Option B of the proposal including specifics regarding school buses and non-harassment as it pertains to mask wearing. The Superintendent has the power to make decisions regarding school closure.

Trustee Boksich amended her motion to accept the language as presented with Option B and plan to revisit the topic at the October 12, 2021 meeting or when vaccine for those under the age of 12 is locally available, whichever comes first. Trustee Bennets seconded the motion. The motion failed.

Trustee Bennets made a motion to accept the Covid guidelines and procedure document changes. The motion also included approval of the language proposed to include Option B: Face coverings required for students, staff, and visitors in grades K-6 and recommended for students, staff, and visitors in grades 7-12 while indoors. The following proposed language was also included in the motion:

- Face coverings will be required on public transportation as required by current law.
- Allegations of harassment of any person wearing or not wearing a face covering shall be promptly investigated in accordance with District policy. A student, staff member, or visitor who, after an investigation, is found to have engaged in behavior that violates District policy is subject to redirection or discipline.
- If face coverings are optional and the number of active COVID-19 cases in Flathead County increase to the point of threatening school closures, the Board of Trustees authorizes the Superintendent to implement a requirement for face coverings to be worn in identified District buildings until such time as the Board of Trustees can adopt an applicable district requirement. The superintendent shall coordinate with the county health department and Board Chair to determine whether face coverings are a necessary response to a potential or actual COVID-19 outbreak.

Trustee Boksich seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**Call to Adjourn**

Trustee Hanson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:42 p.m. Trustee Schellinger seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

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Chairperson of the Board - Katie Clarke

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Attest: Lucie Shea, Clerk to the Board

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