

MUNCY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL PUBLIC MEETING

September 13, 2021

7:00 P.M.

The Muncy School District Board of Directors held their regular monthly public meeting in the Muncy Jr./Sr. High School Auditorium, Muncy, Pennsylvania 17756.

Members of the board present: President Mr. Scott Johnson, Vice President Mr. Kim Walker, Mr. Joseph Earnest, Mr. David Edkin, Mr. David Frederick, Mr. Steven Hill, Ms. Lisa Sleboda, Mr. Corey Walko and Mrs. Sarah Woodward.

Members of the administration present: Superintendent Dr. Craig Skaluba, Assistant to the Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction Dr. Kimberly Hamilton, Business Administrator Mr. Andrew Seese, High School Principal Mr. Timothy Welliver, Elementary Principal Mr. Steven Haddon, Special Education Coordinator Mrs. April Farrell, and Technical Support Specialist Chris Frey.

President Johnson called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited. There were seventy-five Zoom and ninety-six in person participants.

INFORMATION AND VISITORS' PRESENTATIONS

The public was invited to address the Board at this time in accordance with Muncy School District's established public input procedures. The Chair entertain any requests for listed agenda item changes and submission of abstention memorandums to the Board Secretary.

REVIEW OF FACE COVERING ORDER

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was an opening Statement from Board President and a review of public input procedures. There was public input by twenty-three individuals physically attending the meeting, three individuals virtually participating in the meeting and no individual comments submitting via email.

Public Input from Individuals Physically Attending the Meeting:

- Dr. Barberio – Comments regarding masking mandate and mitigation measures needed.
- Mr. Cooney – Comments regarding masking mandate and parental choice.
- Mrs. Ruth-Swart – Comments regarding masking mandate and local control.
- Mr. Chappell - Comments regarding masking mandate and parental choice.
- Mr. Fry – Comments not in favor of masking mandate.
- Mr. Stark - Comments regarding masking mandate and parental choice.
- Mrs. Dostick - Comments regarding masking ineffectiveness and parental choice.
- Mrs. Harer - Comments regarding masking mandate and parental choice.
- Mr. Snyder - Comments regarding masking mandate and the right to choose.
- Dr. Bernardi – Comments regarding the requirement to follow masking mandate.
- Mr. Teffeteller - Comments regarding masking mandate and parental choice.
- Mrs. McCarty - Comments regarding masking mandate and parental choice.

Public Input from Individuals Physically Attending the Meeting (continued):

- Mrs. Howard - Comments regarding masking mandate and parental choice.
- Mrs. LaRose - Comments regarding masking mandate and importance to mask.
- Mrs. McEhrath - Comments regarding masking mandate and parental choice.
- Mr. Zacher - Comments regarding masking mandate and parental choice.
- Mrs. Heller - Comments regarding masking mandate and parental choice.
- Mr. Shaheen - Comments regarding masking mandate and parental choice.
- Mrs. Moyer - Comments regarding masking mandate and parental choice.
- Mr. Shipman - Comments regarding masking mandate and parental choice.
- Mr. Gravelle - Comments regarding masking mandate and parental choice.
- Student – Comments regarding difficulty learning while masked.
- Mrs. Wallis - Comments regarding masking mandate and parental choice.

Public Input from Individuals Virtually Participating in the Meeting

- Mr. Peachey - Comments regarding masking mandate and parental choice.
- Mrs. Jones - Comments regarding masking mandate and parental choice.
- Mr. Weikle - Comments regarding masking mandate and parental choice.

BOARD DISCUSSION

Individual Board Member Statements by Roll Call Order (Optional)

- Mr. Joseph Earnest – No comments.
- Mr. David Edkin – Google effectiveness of masks, inconsistent evidence, government overreach and attacking parent rights.
- Mr. David Frederick – Advocated for masking up until tonight, parental rights proved important tonight.
- Mr. Steven Hill – For parental choice regarding masking mandate.
- Mr. Scott Johnson – Asked solicitor multiple questions regarding liability/immunity of the School Board in making decision regarding masking mandate and parental choice. Gave opinion that order does not require documentation.
- Ms. Lisa Sleboda – Supports following order to stay legally compliant and avoid multiple consequences. Not following order removes immunity.
- Mr. Kim Walker – Prefers respect for anyone choosing to speak, supports parental rights.
- Mr. Corey Walko – Has seen impact of masking on own children and supports parental choice.
- Mrs. Sarah Woodward – Provided information pertaining to “warning letter” from PDE on consequences of going against the order. Supports following the order.
- Dr. Craig Skaluba – In response to questions related to compliance, it is clear school districts who openly defy the order are considered non-compliant. In my opinion, it appears that failing to require a medical certification will be also considered non-compliant. I recommend we continue with the procedures that have been established.

BOARD DISCUSSION (continued)

There was an open board discussion related to the district's implementation of order and the district's Health and Safety Plan.

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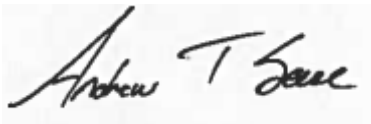
Mr. Johnson made a recommendation to add a motion to agenda related to allowing parents signature on masking exemption form. Mr. Walker moved to approve this motion. Mr. Earnest seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Johnson made a motion to allow Muncy School District's K-12 Student Mask Medical Limitation/Exemption form that states *"All students who are medically, cognitively, and emotionally able must wear face coverings to ride on a district bus/vehicle, attend school on site and participate in before and after school programs and activities. Students are allowed limitations or exemptions to this requirement only when wearing a face covering would either cause a medical condition, or exacerbate an existing one, including respiratory issues that impeded breathing, a mental health condition or a disability"* to require only parent/guardian signature. This form will also be available for use by employees and visitors. Mr. Edkin seconded the motion and it passed with six yes votes and three no votes. Mr. Frederick, Ms. Sleboda and Mrs. Woodward voted no.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mr. Walker moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 p.m. Mr. Edkin seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Andrew T Seese". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above the printed name of the signatory.

Andrew Seese, Board Secretary

