

ABSENT: None
LATE: None

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

President Febvre called the regular business meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

Board members welcomed Superintendent Kingsley to the District.

2.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Febvre led the Board of Education and staff members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

There were no changes to the agenda.

4.0 SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Superintendent Kingsley shared an update and report.

5.0 COMMUNITY COMMENT

Vanessa Morton cited masking statistics and said PSD is harming students by forced mask wearing.

Griffin Cole

Motion passed 6-0

8.0 INFORMATIONAL REPORTS/DISCUSSION ITEMS

8.1 Larimer County Department of Health and Environment COVID-19 Update

Larimer County Department of Health and Environment Public Health Director Tom Gonzales and Dr. Jared Olson provided an update on COVID-19 in the community.

Board discussion included:

- Masking is a temporary solution toward an end goal of vaccination and herd immunity.
- Immune compromised youth are at severe risk for COVID.
- Delta variant is more contagious than the original Alpha variant.
- Long COVID means symptoms persisting past 5 weeks that cause a variety of issues.
- Masking protects vulnerable individuals.
- In-person learning is the #1 priority for the district and community.
- Local Public Health officials are mandated to address outbreaks.
- Removing most quarantine is designed to keep kids in schools with minimum disruption.
- Appreciation was expressed to Tom Gonzales and Dr. Olson for continued education and support.
- Definition of epidemiologist was requested.
- Questions were raised about effectiveness of various masks.
- Masks reduce spread significantly.
- Community education regarding the complexity of the virus is important.
- Decisions may not be popular but are important to protect students and staff.
- Clear and concise presentation of the data was appreciated.

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9.0 ACTION ITEMS

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