

CLARK COUNTY R-1  
SPECIAL EMERGENCY MEETING - OPEN SESSION  
August 29, 2021

The Clark County R-1 Board of Education met in an emergency session on Sunday, August 29, 2021 at 2:00 pm, in the High School Gym at 680 East Main St. in Kahoka, Missouri. Mark Plenge, Board President, called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm.

Members present: Mark Plenge, President, Craig Hunziker, Treasurer, Doug James, Charles West, Jason Acklie, Kevin Ross and Heather Webster.

Administration present: Dr. Ritchie Kracht, Superintendent, Jason Harper, Jason Church, Megan Wendling, Betsy Parrish and Katrina Nixon, Principals, Ethan Allen, Ben Taylor and John Weaver, Assistant Principals.

Guests: Rex Link, Robin Davis, Jena Oilar, Justin Gordin, Taylor McAfee, Jennifer Kauth, Shana Reed, Quinn Sammons, Cathay James, Rut Brotherton, Brad Nelson, David Snider, Lesley Yoder, Erin Gutting, Matt Gutting, Mandy Humphry, Dona Stansbery, Levi Yoder, Jana Zinnert, Jacob Armstring, Britten Gray, Vanessa Gray, Joe Davidson, Andrew Daw, Fiona Nichols, Joe Vineyard, Christie Burr, Kayla Clark, Mandy Ross, Zach and Olivia Nixon, Clint Hunziker, Nicole Harper, Bill Schutte, Gutting, Haley Davidson, Michele Duer, Preston Walton, Shawna Doty, Lora Houck, Matt Davidson, Hilary Plenge, Evelena Sutterfied, Chayanne Loebach, Becki and William Buesher, Ardith Harmon.

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Discussion concerning COVID and the SRCSP plan:

Evelena Sutterfield, Clark County Health Department, shared that there has been a significant increase of cases in the county, 166 positive cases since the end of July, with 44 of them being in the 0-20 age group. She stated that the current guidance says to mask K-12 students to avoid quarantines in schools. The Health Departments recommendation is to encourage masks for all students K-12 and follow the CDC, DESE, and DHSS guidelines. Ardith Harmon, school nurse, shared since the start of school on August 23, there have been 21 active student positive cases. The school currently has 16 students with active positive cases, 104 students quarantined for close contact, and 1 staff member quarantined for close contact.

Dr. Kracht shared a handout with board members with the DESE and Missouri DHSS COVID guidelines.

President Plenge opened the meeting up for anyone in attendance to speak. Several in attendance spoke to the board sharing their concerns and thoughts about masks, quarantines, keeping kids in school, safety and health of students and staff, mandattess, and other COVID related items.

Motion was made by Craig Hunziker, seconded by Charles West to declare all school staff as essential workers. This would keep staff from having to quarantine from work as close contacts.

Aye 7.

Nay 0.

Motion made by Kevin Ross, seconded by Heather Webster to require all students grades K-12 to wear a mask and follow the CDC, DESE, and DHDD guidelines.

Aye 5.

Nay 2.

Motion made by Charles West, seconded by Kevin Ross to allow parents who wish to transition their students to a virtual option until September 12, with the option to bring students back to regular attendance at any time.

Aye 7.

Nay 0.

Motion made by Jason Acklie, seconded by Charles West to adjourn the meeting at 4:45.

Aye 7.

Nay 0.