



March 1, 2022 ~ 8:00pm
Special Meeting of the ESM Board of Education
Virtual Meeting via GoogleMeet

III-A-4446
03/14/2022

SPECIAL MEETING

Board of Education Present: Mrs. Lori Aird, Mr. John Albanese, Mrs. Susan Cain, Mrs. Tracy Callahan, Mrs. Leah Cushing, Mrs. Kay Gallery, Mrs. Deborah Kolod, Mrs. Diane Seaman, Mr. D. Paul Waltz.

Board of Education Absent:

Administrative Personnel Present: Dr. Donna DeSiato, Supt.; Dr. Thomas Neveldine, Deputy Supt.; Mr. Douglas Mohorter, Executive Director of Employee Engagement & Accountability; Mr. Kieran O'Connor, Exec. Dir. of Planning, Development & Technology.

Other Present: Mrs. Tracy Lothridge, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer

Interested Citizens: 0

MRS. DEBORAH KOLOD, PRESIDENT, CALLED THE SPECIAL MEETING TO ORDER AT 8:00 PM AT A VIRTUAL MEETING VIA GOOGLE MEET.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS/RECOGNITIONS: None

FIFTEEN MINUTE PERIOD: *Given the virtual nature of this meeting, there will not be a Fifteen Minute Period for public comment. Please follow District [Communications Protocols](#) or contact the [ESM Board Clerk](#) for further information.*

REPORTS:

- A. Acceptance of Minutes: None
- B. President/Vice President/Board Member Reports: None
- C. Superintendent Reports:
Modification of Statewide Mask Mandate- Dr. DeSiato presented Staffing Transfers (FYI):

Name	Position	From	To	Eff
Carmelina Ballard	Teaching Assistant (Special Education)	Minoa	Fremont	2/3/2022
Kerrie Carr	Teaching Assistant (Special Education)	PGMS	Minoa	3/1/2022
Donna Peck	Teaching Assistant (Special Education)	ESE	Woodland	3/1/2022
Sultana Ali (on 1-year LOA)	Teaching Assistant (Special Education)	Woodland	ESE	3/1/2022
Vacancy (T. Keyes Resignation)	Teaching Assistant (Special Education)	Minoa	PGMS	3/1/2022

“RESOLVED BY MR. ALBANESE, SECONDED BY MR. WALTZ THAT, the Reports A – C, as recommended by the Superintendent, be approved.”

Ayes – 9, Nays – 0, Motion Carried

ACTION ITEMS:

A. Modification of Statewide Mask Mandate

“WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has required the local county department of health, State Department of Health, and State Education Department, respectively, to issue periodic health and safety requirements and guidance related to the mitigation of the spread of COVID-19 in New York’s public schools; and

WHEREAS, the requirements to date have included the appropriate use of face coverings for students, employees, and visitors to school buildings; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of New York and the Commissioner of Health have declared that face coverings are no longer mandated to be universally worn in school buildings in New York State effective March 2, 2022; and

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Education hereby resolves as follows:

1. Appropriate face coverings are no longer required but recommended as a mitigation measure to prevent the spread of COVID-19 for students, employees and visitors to the District’s school buildings, unless ordered by the County Department of Health and/or County Executive/Administrator.
2. The Board directs the Superintendent of Schools to modify the District’s reopening plan to reflect that face coverings are not mandated in school settings effective March 2, 2022. All other mitigation measures to minimize the spread of COVID-19 will remain in effect.
3. The Board shall continue to make informed decisions on COVID-19 mitigation measures upon consultation with the County Director of Health.
4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.”

“RESOLVED BY MR. WALTZ, SECONDED BY MRS. GALLERY THAT, the Action Item A, as recommended by the Superintendent, be approved.”

Ayes – 9, Nays – 0, Motion Carried

CONSENT AGENDA: None

PERSONNEL ITEMS:

A. Resignations

Antoinette Coville, Teacher Aide (3.5 hrs/day) - East Syracuse Elementary, 3/1/2022

Eleanor Rowe, Teaching Assistant (Special Edu.) - Pine Grove Middle School, Eff. 4/9/2022

Jennifer Reiss, Typist II - Pine Grove Middle School, Eff. 3/17/2022

Susan Wysocki, Personnel Aide (Non-Confidential) - District Office, Eff. 3/3/2022

B. Appointment

Non-Instructional, 8-Week Probationary Appointment

Susan Wysocki, Personnel Aide (Confidential) - District Office (Personnel Dept.) Eff. 3/3/2022

C. Amended Substitute List

“RESOLVED THAT, the enclosed amended substitute list dated 03/01/2022, be approved.”

“RESOLVED BY MR. WALTZ, SECONDED BY MR. ALBANESE THAT, Personnel Items A- C, as recommended by the Superintendent, be approved.”

Ayes –9, Nays – 0, Motion Carried

POLICY DISCUSSION: None

POLICY ACTION: None

RESOLVED BY MRS. SEAMAN, SECONDED BY MR. ALBANESE THAT, THE SPECIAL MEETING BE ADJOURNED AT 8:14 PM”

Ayes - 9, Nays - 0, Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Tracy Lothridge
Deputy Clerk

Approved _____
Filed _____



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AGENDA

I. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS/RECOGNITIONS: None

II. FIFTEEN MINUTE PERIOD: None

III. REPORTS:

A. Acceptance of Minutes: None

B. President/Vice President/Board Member Reports: None

C. Superintendent Reports:

Modification of Statewide Mask Mandate

Staffing Transfers (FYI)

IV. ACTION ITEMS:

A. Modification of Statewide Mask Mandate

CONSENT AGENDA: None

V. PERSONNEL ITEMS:

A. Resignations

B. Appointment

C. Amended Substitute List

VI. POLICY DISCUSSION: None

VII. POLICY ACTION: None