

The scheduled meeting of the Germantown Hills School District #69
Board of Education August 9, 2021 was called to order at 7:05 p.m.
by President, Jason Hunt

Pledge of Allegiance

Members Present:	Jason Hunt	Dan Mair
	Eric McAllister	Kate Williams
	Trish Edwards	Shelli Nafziger
	Ray Baker	Matthew Sturgell
	Jessi Hanks	Maureen Braskich
	Lori Hanson	Stacy Tellor
	Justin Krager	

No Members Absent

VISITORS, PUBLIC COMMENT or CORRESPONDENCE

Mrs. Russell spoke on vaccines, masks and approaches Morton and Metamora were taking regarding the mandate. Mrs. Nena voiced her concerns on wearing masks and what are our options for our school against this mandate. Mrs. Roos spoke on the survey that was distributed to parents and if there are other options to go against the mandate.

ACTION ITEM

Discussion:

Mr. Mair: Discussed the survey results. With the recent Governor ordered mask mandate the district plans changed due to 1. Keeping our insurance 2. Legal advice from our school attorney and 3. Exposing our board members to Class A misdemeanor charges.

Mr. Mair also discussed the new quarantining requirements and what the school can do for the students who are quarantined.

Mr. Hunt: The governor ordered this mandate after telling schools they could determine how to open the school year. The district cannot jeopardize funding but we can express our thoughts on the mandate through letters and calls. We have to abide by this legal order.

Mr. Hunt thanked Mr. Mair for all of the time and hard work that went in to developing our Back to School plan.

Mr. Krager: Was happy with the original plan and disheartened with the mandate but it is a law we must abide by. He strongly advocates the board sending a letter to the governor and to our legislators opposing the mandate.

Mrs. Edwards: Cannot justify opposing the mandate with all of the legal consequences.

Mr. McAllister: We can oppose the mandate as a school board by writing a letter as quickly as possible but with insurance and with the legal advice we have obtained, we must abide by the mandate.

Dr. Baker: Agree with some comments and disagree with other comments. We are all weary right now but we must be careful how we oppose this mandate.

Dr. Hanks: We must take these warnings very seriously. As a pediatrician she sees that evidence has proven masks to be effective and with the current data, feels masks must be worn.

Mrs. Hanson: Not willing to fight this mandate as her top priority is to keep kids safe and to keep schools open.

A motion was made by J. Krager with a second by T. Edwards to approve the 2021 – 2022 Back to School Plan.

Roll Call Vote: Yeas - E. McAllister, T. Edwards, R. Baker, J. Hanks, L. Hanson, J. Krager and J. Hunt

Motion Passed with 7 Votes

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by E. McAllister with a second by L. Hanson to approve: the July 12, 2021 Regular Session meeting minutes, the Treasurer's Report, the current Bills and Payroll, the July, 2021 Activity Journal and the hire of Jason Sinacori as full-time night custodian.

Roll Call Vote: Yeas –T. Edwards, R. Baker, J. Hanks, L. Hanson J. Krager, E. McAllister and J. Hunt
Motion passed with 7 votes

ADDITIONAL ACTION ITEMS

A motion was made by J. Krager with a second by L. Hanson to approve the 2020 – 2021 Parent/Student Handbook.

Voice Vote
Motion passed with 7 votes

A motion was made by T. Edwards with a second by J. Krager to approve the Personal Learning Initiative Policy.

Roll Call Vote: Yeas – R. Baker, J. Hanks, L. Hanson, J. Krager, E. McAllister, T. Edwards and J. Hunt
Motion passed with 7 votes

A motion was made by E. McAllister with a second by R. Baker to approve Press Plus Policy
Updates: 2:10, 2:30, 2:130, 2:220 E-7, 2:240, 5:10, 6:145, 6:160, 6:235, 6:255, 6:260, 7:280, and 8:90

Roll Call Vote: Yeas – J. Hanks, L. Hanson, J. Krager, E. McAllister, T. Edwards, R. Baker and J. Hunt
Motion passed with 7 votes

OTHER BUSINESS, REPORTS, DISCUSSION AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

PRINCIPALS REPORT

Elementary School Report

Building/Grounds:

- The building is ready and it looks great! A big thank you to Doug, Rina, and all the crew! Rina retired this summer and we can't thank her enough for her years of service to our district! We always have such a beautiful campus both inside and out and I appreciate all their hard work to get us ready for our students and families.

Curriculum/Staff:

- The faculty/staff have been in and out of the building all summer, and more recently, they have been working hard to be ready for the new school year. There is a lot of excitement in the air.

Schedules/Meeting Dates & Agendas:

- For the most part, the schedules are ready to go. For now, we are operating on a full-day schedule with special classes and lunch in the cafeteria. Before school and after-school duties, which include supervision in several areas, are also ready.
- RTI meetings, inclusion meetings, BLT meetings, among other things are beginning to fill up the busy calendar.

Boot Camp/Back-To-School Procedures:

- We will, once again, working through back-to-school procedures with our students, either in small groups or with individual video's that our school counselor, [Kelly Albrecht](#) and her crew (Mr. Scott, Mrs. Scott, and Mrs. Ward) have put together for the teachers to use in their classrooms. We will also share these videos on the school website for parents to see and use as a conversation starter with their kids.

Meet Your Teacher Night:

- This year, based on past recommendations from parents, we have decided to host a "one night-open house" for children and their parents to meet their teachers and drop off supplies before the 1st day of school. Parents have verbalized that in the past, when we had two/three back to school nights at the beginning of the year, that it was too much for parents to attend.

Current Enrollment:

- ECE - 10
- K - 84 (6 register this summer)
- 1st - 81
- 2nd - 92
- 3rd - 86
- 4th - 83
- *TOTAL ECE-Grade 4 Enrollment=436 students*

**We have 31 new students, which includes 6 home-schooled students from last year.

Middle School Report

Building and Grounds

- The building looks great. Floors are waxed and rooms are clean. Thank you to everyone who has done such a great job preparing the building for our students, especially our maintenance and custodial crews!

Curriculum/Staff

- Middle school schedules are almost ready to go. Sherry and Mike have done an awesome job inputting student schedules into Skyward, especially when this schedule looks so different from last year. We are bringing back Lunch, Specials, PE, and Exploratory/RtI!
- Students will be participating in Boot Camp again this year. They will have 4 different rotations where they learn about behavior expectations throughout the building, school safety, Specials and extra-curricular activities, as well as technology and social-emotional health.
- Back to School Night will be Tuesday, August 17th. The middle school will open at 5:30 for students to get their schedules and practice their locker combinations. At 6:00, students and parents will walk through a shortened schedule of classes so they can meet their new teachers and learn about their curriculum.
- We will be MAP testing in ELA and Math on August 24th and 25th. We will use this data to determine RtI and curriculum needs for all grades levels.
- Picture day is Thursday, August 26th for 7th and 8th graders, and Friday, August 27th for 5th and 6th graders.

Discipline/Attendance/Enrollment

- Current Enrollment Numbers: 374 (approximate as of 8/5/21)
 - 5th - 86
 - 6th- 98
 - 7th- 93
 - 8th- 97

Miscellaneous/Extra-Curriculars

- Cross country has been running all summer long. Their first official meet will be this Saturday.
- Baseball started last week. Their first game is a double-header at Kingsley Junior High on Wednesday. Our new baseball coaches, Spencer Gaa and Rusty Damerell are doing a great job!
- The dance and cheer teams have also been hard at work all summer. They have made fabulous videos for our opening day activities. They will also be greeting our students as they arrive at school on Thursday morning.
- Softball tryouts were July 26th, and their first game is tomorrow against Normal Parkside. Go Warriors!

Tentative Budget Presentation – Mr. Mair presented the Tentative FY22 Budget. The tentative budget will be available in the Superintendent’s Office for viewing for the next 30 days.

Potential PTO Sponsorship/Advertising – The PTO is hoping to plan a unique fundraiser.

OTHER BUSINESS BY BOARD MEMBERS OR ADMINISTRATION

- J. Krager addressed the possibility of getting our students outside more often
- D. Mair mentioned that C. Price had just resigned but hopefully we will have a new school nurse soon. We have several applicants.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by T. Edwards with a second by E. McAllister to adjourn the board meeting at 8:07 p.m.

Voice Vote – Motion Passed

President
Jason Hunt

Secretary
Trish Edwards