

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL CALLED AUGUST 12, 2021 BOARD OF EDUCATION
CABOT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board President Joe Trusty called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m. Those in attendance were school board members Pam Clem, Marvin Jones, Corey Williams, Sarah Owen, Dr. James Hertzog, and Kevin Tipton. Also in attendance were Dr. Tony Thurman, Michael Byrd, directors, and media.

Dr. Thurman read a proposed policy that would require face coverings for staff and students in grades K-6 for a minimum of two (2) weeks beginning August 16, 2021. The Superintendent would have the authority, in conjunction with the School Board, to extend the face covering policy beyond the two (2) weeks if necessary or transition to apply only to schools that have a positivity percentage above a predetermined threshold. The Superintendent, in consultation with the School Board would have the authority to implement face covering requirements for staff and students in grades 7-12 at any time should positivity percentages reach a predetermined threshold. Face coverings would not be required in outdoor spaces or at afterschool extracurricular events.

Action

A motion was made to amend the proposed policy to require face coverings to be worn in all indoor spaces for staff and students in grades K-6 for a minimum of thirty (30) days beginning August 16, 2021. The Superintendent has the authority, in consultation with the School Board, to extend the face covering policy beyond the thirty (30) days if necessary or transition to apply only to schools that have a positivity percentage above a predetermined threshold. The Superintendent, in consultation with the School Board, has the authority to implement face covering requirements for staff and students in grades 7-12 at any time should positivity percentages reach a predetermined threshold. Face coverings are not required in outdoor spaces or at afterschool extracurricular events.

Motion by Sarah Owen, second by Pam Clem; failed 3-4.

The board approved a motion to amend the proposed policy to require face coverings for all indoor spaces for staff and students in grades PK-12 for a minimum of thirty (30) days beginning August 16, 2021. Face coverings are not required in outdoor spaces or at afterschool extracurricular events. The Cabot School Board will revisit this policy at the September school board meeting.

Motion by Corey Williams, second by Sarah Owen; passed 4-3.

The meeting adjourned at 6:17 p.m.


Secretary

President 
