

MEETING MINUTES

Attendees

Voting Members

Karen Etheridge, Chairman
Dwan Craft, Vice Chairman
Dr. Bill Dobney, Board Member
Janet Rose, Board Member
Kelly Williams Peters, Board Member

Non-Voting Members

Dr. Matt Lutz, Superintendent

A. Call to Order

B. Review Local Implementation Procedures of the StrongSchools NC Public Health Toolkit.

The Board called a special meeting due to substantial changes in the COVID protocols outlined in the Strong Schools NC Public Health Toolkit. Contact tracing is no longer required by the district. This will greatly reduce the number of quarantines. The Board will continue to closely monitor the situation.

Kelly Peters asked, now that masks were optional, would teachers be responsible for those students who still wore masks? Dr. Lutz said that currently masks are still required on buses, but outside of that, teachers are not responsible. Dwan Craft asked about setting a certain percentage of positive cases that would cause the district to reevaluate the mask options. Dr. Lutz said Administration was comfortable with monitoring the situation daily and reviewing possible cases. He did not recommend setting a point of reference, but only if the increase in positive cases was substantial. With that, Janet Rose made the motion to remain mask optional unless there was a substantial increase in positive COVID cases, at which time the district would revisit options, seconded by Dwan Craft.

Mrs. Peters asked if there was an increase in cases would it impact the mask options across the district or only at a specific school. Virginia Arrington, Student Services Coordinator, said the district will closely monitor cases to determine if it impacts the district or a specific school.

Dr. Dobney asked that substantial increase be removed and instead replaced with an increase that is concerning to Administration and to the Board of Education. Everyone was in agreement with the change.

Motion made by: Janet Rose

Motion seconded by: Dr. Bill Dobney

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

C. Adjourn Meeting (Action)