

MINNETONKA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #276

**Service Center
5621 County Road 101
Minnetonka, Minnesota**

Minutes of January 20, 2022 School Board Special Meeting

The School Board of Minnetonka Independent School District #276 met in special session at 11:07 p.m. on Thursday, January 20 in the Community Room at the District Service Center, 5621 County Road 101, Minnetonka, Minnesota. Chairperson Chris Vitale presided. Also present were Board members Katie Becker, Patrick Lee-O'Halloran, Meghan Selinger, Lisa Wagner and Superintendent Dennis Peterson, ex officio. Absent: Mark Ambrosen and John Odom.

Chairperson Vitale called the meeting to order and asked that everyone stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

1. AGENDA

Wagner moved, Becker seconded, that the Board approve the agenda. Upon vote being taken thereon, the motion carried unanimously.

2. CONSIDERATION OF ANY CHANGES TO THE SAFE LEARNING PLAN

Chairperson Vitale began by saying that the Board had held a study session earlier in the evening and had a lengthy discussion regarding all aspects of the District's Safe Learning Plan currently in place. This agenda item is an opportunity for Board members to bring forth any changes they would like to make to the current Plan.

Wagner moved, Lee-O'Halloran seconded, that the Board approve the following motion:

That the School Board institute a temporary mask mandate for students in Grades 9-21, as well as staff and visitors to Minnetonka High School, SAIL, VANTAGE, and MOMENTUM facilities, during school hours, from January 25-February 25, allowing for the same exemption protocol that is currently in place for E-8 students.

In the discussion that followed, Board members agreed, via a friendly amendment, to amend the wording regarding the grade levels to read:in Grades 9-12 and students in the SAIL program.....

Board member Wagner noted that she had used the languageGrades 9-21.....in the original motion in order to include the students in the District's SAIL program, who can be as old as 21 years of age.

Board member Wagner then read the revised motion once more:

That the School Board institute a temporary mask mandate for students in Grades 9-12 and students in the SAIL program, as well as staff and visitors to Minnetonka High School, SAIL, VANTAGE, and MOMENTUM facilities, during school hours, from January 25-February 25, allowing for the same exemption protocol that is currently in place for E-8 students.

Upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor: Becker, Lee-O'Halloran, Selinger, and Wagner. The following voted against: Vitale; whereupon the motion carried 4-1.

3. **ADJOURNMENT**

Wagner moved, Selinger seconded, adjournment at 11:15 p.m. Upon vote being taken thereon, the motion carried unanimously.

Lisa Wagner, Clerk