

PATEROS SCHOOL DISTRICT 122-70J
BOARD OF DIRECTORS EMERGENCY SPECIAL MEETING
MINUTES
FEBRUARY 14, 2022

As per board policy 1400, Board Chair Chad Miller called an emergency special meeting for Feb 14, 2022 at 8:00 pm to address matters of possible personal injury.

Board Policy 1400 Emergency Meetings

In the event of an emergency involving fire, flood, earthquake, possible personal injury or property damage, the board may meet immediately and take official action without prior notification.

COVID-19

Topic: **Emergency Special Board Meeting**

Time: Feb 14, 2022 08:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87541993435?pwd=VVBtOEhVLTl3OW9rVVdLNW1lYWwhGQT09>

Meeting ID: 875 4199 3435

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

The special emergency meeting of the board of directors of the Pateros School District #122-70J was called to order at 8:02 p.m. via electronic Zoom by Board Chairman Chad Miller with roll call of members and declarations of quorum. The pledge of allegiance was recited. Board members in attendance were Grace Larsen, Marc Armstrong, and Diane Hull. Also attending or connected electronically were Greg Goodnight, Superintendent; Susan James, Principal; and Linda Ehlenbach, Recording Secretary. Visitors connected: Jakki Slater, Debbi Gelstin, Scotti Wiltse, Clara Osborne, Jess Simmons, John Slater, Teagan Straub, Todd Steenhard, Talicia Miller-Poole, Mark Ward, Janet Ward, Amy Stennes, Erika Varrelman, Sabrina Freedman, Kelly Hixon, Brogan Mitchell, Shaela Nehls, Cruz Family.

MASK MANDATE

Greg Goodnight addressed the audience. He referenced board policy 1400 regarding the board's authority to hold an emergency board meeting. Greg then thanked the board for meeting and addressing the concerns of the community regarding mask wearing and possible protests. Other school districts are experiencing protests by parents and students regarding the continued wearing of masks.

HEARING OF VISITORS

Board Chair, Chad Miller invited Jakki Slater to address the board about her concerns and her post on social media. Mrs. Slater shared her point of view and stated that a protest was not planned, just that her children would not be wearing masks to school any longer.

CORRESPONDENCE FROM CHRIS REYKDAL, OSPI STATE SUPERINTENDENT SHARED

Superintendent Reykdal sent a recommendation to the governor and department of health to make the mask mandate a local health department decision for students in K-12 schools. Mr. Reykdal also sent an email to school superintendents and board chairs stating school districts would suffer financial repercussions if they did not continue to follow the mask mandate rule. Mr. Reykdal asked that we continue to be patient and respectful and continue following the mask mandate.

DISTRICT OPTIONS IF MASK MANDATE IS NOT FOLLOWED

The board discussed their thoughts on the options presented by Greg Goodnight for students who did not comply with the mask mandate while indoors at school. The board agreed that parents of non-compliant students would be contacted and asked to pick up their children from school. If that was not an option, students would attend a new In-house Alternative Education program in the portable. The online curriculum is provided by the same state approved company that provided our At-home Alternative Education.

LETTER TO PARENTS REGARDING MASK MANDATE AND NON-COMPLIANT OPTION APPROVED

Marc Armstrong made a motion to approve the letter addressing the mask mandate and non-compliant option, second by Diane Hull. Motion carried unanimously.

MEETING ADJOURNED

Mr. Goodnight thanked the board for meeting at a late hour.

Grace Larsen made a motion to adjourn at 8:28 pm, second by Marc Armstrong. Motion carried unanimously.

Secretary

Chairman