

School Board Special Meeting MINUTES Tuesday, August 10, 2021 at 6:00pm **DaVinci Academy**

1. Call to order @6:01

2. Roll Call

Roll Call	
Present	Board Members
0	Melanie Persellin - President
0	Ojonimi Ocholi – Vice President
0	Lenny Ulloa Silva-Secretary
0	Todd Paulson
0	Katharine Borg
0	Idara Uko-Treasurer
0	Dan Rhinhart
0	Jeff Dodge

Guests	
Ahava Silkey-Jones – Ex-Officio Member	
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Jeff rosenberg	
Emma Fisher	
Lyndsey Aspaas	
Chad Lemm	
Carla Lemm	
Julie Kresh	
Andrea Halverson	
Kelly Zender	
Kari Peterson	
Jenny Kopecky	
Katie Smith	
Jen Encinger	
Mark Fisher	
Holly Fisher	
Stephanie Severson	
Tatum Severson	
Amy Boehme	
Magdalena Werneke	
Paul Morrissey	
Jenn Morrissey	
Heather Sundal	
Shawn Velson	
Yousuf Ahmed	
Natasha Pestich	
Annie Washburn	
Tana Htyatt	

3. Reading of Mission Statement and Real Life Examples

1 minute

DaVinci Academy of Arts and Science will awaken a passion for learning through an enriched and individualized approach to education. Students, parents and teachers will work together to ensure positive character development and build a strong foundation for higher education.

4. Community Comment

5-10 minutes

Community Comment is the only open forum portion of tonight's meeting, and is an opportunity to present an issue or concern to the Board of Directors. There is a maximum of ten minutes set aside for Community Comment. Each presentation should be limited to no more than two minutes. If your item needs follow-up from the board and/or staff or will require research etc., a decision may not be made during tonight's meeting. Thank you for coming.



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- Linsey Aspaas MN medical association advocating for mask requirements.
- Jeff Roseberg advocating for mask requirements.
- Carla Lemm does it make it possible to have only 10 minutes for community comments?
- Megan Morrissey based on personal experience, how many students play with their masks? There has been an increase in suicide.
- Paul Morrissey how are board members making decisions for students when they don't have kids in this school? How can we select what's best for our students knowing that the organizations that started the guidelines are not following them.

5. Adoption of Agenda

2 minutes

 Motion to approve the agenda for the special board meeting by Todd, Nimi seconded. It passes unanimously.

6. Discuss Mask Policy for Students and Staff

Silkey-Jones

50 minutes

- Idara presenting to the board.
 - o 83% of the COVID cases are with the delta variant around the States.
 - Cases in kids are growing
- Ahava Silkey-Jones explains the rationale behind our current decision for masks. If a student is not wearing
 a mask and is in close contact with a student who has tested positive, they will have to quarantine. However,
 if the student is wearing a mask and is in close contact with a positive case, they won't have to quarantine.
 At the same time, if a class has more than 3 cases of flu-like symptoms, the school will need to report to the
 MDH.
- Melanie: With a mask mandate we won't have concerns about attendance, most of the students are not 12
 years old which is when they can choose to get vaccinated. Students can also lose the opportunity to go on
 field trips. Teachers can remain on site and teach in-person. Melanie wants to propose a mask mandate for
 the school that will be constantly revised.
- The options are:
 - o mandatory mask wearing for staff, students, and visitors regardless of vaccination status.
 - o highly recommended for all staff, students, and visitors.
- Motion to make all staff, students, and visitors within DaVinci Academy of Arts and Science 4185-07 buildings wear a mask, regardless of vaccination status, as specified in the "CDC Guidance for COVID-19 Prevention in K-12 Schools" with the intent of reviewing this requirement in the next board meeting by Melanie, seconded by Idara. Melanie votes yes, Nimi votes yes, Lenny votes yes, Todd votes no, Katharine Borg votes no, Idara votes yes, Dan votes no, Jeff votes no. The motion doesn't pass.
- Motion for mask recommended for students and optional for staff at 6ft of proximity by Todd, seconded by Jeff. Jeff votes yes, Todd votes yes, Dan votes yes, Katharine votes yes, Idara votes no, Melanie votes no. Lenny votes no, Nimi votes no. The motion doesn't pass.
- Motion to highly recommend k-8 grade students to wear masks and have staff be required to wear masks
 unless more than 6ft from students in which they might substitute a face coverings that will be reviewed at
 the August board meeting by Katie, seconded by Todd. Jeff votes yes, Idara votes no, Todd votes yes,
 Melanie votes no, Nimi votes yes, Dan votes yes, Katie votes yes, Lenny votes no. The motion passes.
- Motion to have the Executive Director is hereby authorized, after consultation with the School Board Chair and notification to the School Board, to select and implement different health and safety measures for the School District or any specific school buildings without School Board action if the Executive Director reasonably believes that prompt implementation of different health and safety measures is necessary, and that constraints of time and public health considerations render it impractical to hold a School Board meeting to approve the implementation. The health and safety measures selected and implemented by the Executive Director shall continue in effect unless and until the School Board, in consultation with the Executive Director and appropriate school district staff and public health officials, deems it in the best interest of the School District and its students to implement different health and safety measures by Melanie, seconded by Todd, it passes unanimously.



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Adjourn Meeting

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Nimi, seconded by Todd. It passed unanimously.

Estimated end time: 7:00 pm 8:04 pm. Actual end time: