

Lexington City Schools
Minutes
August 3, 2020

The Lexington City School Board met on August 3, 2020, for a Special Called Meeting on the Updates to Reopening Plan at 5:30 pm in the School Board office. Present: Timothy Diette, Owen Collins, Tammy Dunn, Mollie Fox, Rebecca Walters-Superintendent, Stephanie Burch-Clerk. Absent: Glenn Sullivan.

Upon motion of Ms. Fox, seconded by Mr. Collins the Board approved the Agenda.

Following guidance from the CDC and VDH, the Lexington City School Board approved the following guidelines regarding the use of face coverings:

Cloth face coverings will be required for all staff and students who are physically able to wear them at all times while in the school building, at arrival and dismissal times, and when on the bus. Staff will not be required to wear a cloth face covering when working alone in their classroom/office. Staff and students will not be required to wear a cloth face covering while eating or drinking or when outside while maintaining physical distance.

Administration will work with school staff to provide designated “mask breaks” for students and staff when appropriately physically distanced. Mask breaks may be offered when students go outside and briefly during reading or “no talk” instructional times when students and staff are not emitting as many aerosols.

Principals will be working with their staffs to identify appropriate time for designated “mask breaks” during the day.

This information will be updated in the FAQ for families on the division website and will be shared with student families.

Mr. Collins feels that the middle schoolers will follow the rules of social distancing.

Ms. Walters stated that if the teachers establish a rule from the beginning and provide breaks and outside time and silent reading times this will help with the wearing of the face coverings.

Ms. Dunn stated that if social distancing is not possible within her after school program that masks may be required. She said that kids will play around with them and that it's going to be hard for some of them.

Ms. Walters will amend the language to be sent out to our parents; cloth face masks will be required unless, eating, drinking, outside when physically distanced.

Upon motion of Ms. Fox, seconded by Ms. Dunn the Board will adopt the language for face masks.

Mr. White is in the process of looking at purchasing radios for every teacher in the system.

Upon motion of Mr. Collins, seconded by Ms. Dunn, the Board accepted the resignation of Carol Koch, secretary at Lylburn Downing Middle School effective August 28, 2020. Mr. Kessee will start interviews next Thursday in the School Board office.

Upon motion of Mr. Collins, seconded by Ms. Fox, the Board approved the appointment of Jared Shely as a full time Spanish teacher at Lylburn Downing Middle School.

Rockbridge County School Board meeting will be on August 11, 2020.

The next Board meeting will be August 12, 2020, at 5:30 pm in the school board office.

Upon motion of Ms. Dunn, seconded by Mr. Collins, the Board adjourned at 6:25 pm.

Board Chair

Board Clerk