

**CLIMAX-SCOTTS COMMUNITY SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL MEETING**

**Date:** August 26, 2021  
**Time:** 6:00 p.m.  
**Place:** Jr/Sr High Cafetorium

**1. Call to order and Pledge of Allegiance**

Board President, Sue Reichert, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

**2. Roll Call**

**Members Present**

Ms. Jackle Longman  
Mrs. Lori Bagwell  
Mrs. Susan Reichert  
Mrs. Terri VandeGiessen  
Mr. Steve Wurtzel

**Member's Absent**

Mr. Trent Piper

**Other School Personnel Present**

Mr. Doug Newington, Superintendent  
Mrs. Teri Peters, Elementary Principal  
Mr. Brent Cole, Jr./Sr. High School Principal  
Mrs. Darcy Soule, Board Recording Secretary

**3. Health Department Mask Order**

The current Kalamazoo County Health Department order 333.2451 states that children in grades K-6 wear a mask while indoors for school. This order is effective immediately and remains in effect until six weeks past the date the COVID-19 vaccine is authorized and available to persons aged five years through eleven years. If the rates decline, KCHD said they will resend the order.

**4. Public Forum**

Parents and community members commented that they support the Board of Education choice no matter what happens. Community members and parents stated that it is time to stand up and support our children, stay strong. Parents are saying they would like AC units in the elementary and are going to start a go fund me to help with the costs of these units. Some parents said, keep kids in school/in person, keep school open, do not risk it and keep the masks to protect the kids.

**5. Agenda Modifications**

None

**6. Items for Action or Discussion**

**a. KCHD Mask Order 08-18-2021**

- i. The board discussed how kids need to be in school and how we support the kids. The Board has been in discussion with the Health Department and that there are consequences if we do not follow the mandate. The board discussed how they can follow with 333.2451 mandate and still support and educate our kids.

Ms. Jackle Longman moved, supported by Mrs. Terri VandeGiessen, that we the Climax-Scotts Board of Education approve the administration to implement the Kalamazoo County Health Department's 08.18.21 Mask order as written for grades K-6. **Motion carried 5-0.**

**Adjournment**

## APPROVED MINUTES

They want to keep the kids safe but also give them the best education they can. The board mentioned, if optional we will still recommend them to wear a mask

Mr. Steve Wurtzel moved, supported by Mrs. Lori Bagwell, that we the Climax-Scotts Board of Education approve to not implement the Kalamazoo County Health Department mandate 333.2451 as written for grades K-6, and follow the July 19, 2021 motion which states masks are recommended but not required and allow masks to be optional, if conditions change the board will have a special meeting to adjust. **Motion carried 6-0.**

### Adjournment

At 7:43 p.m., Mrs. Terri VandeGiessen moved, supported by Ms. Jackie Longman, to adjourn the August 23, 2021 special meeting of the Climax-Scotts Board of Education. **Motion carried 6-0.**

  
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Susan Reichert, C-S Board President

  
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C-S Board Secretary/Treasure