



Greene County Public Schools  
Special School Board Meeting Minutes  
August 9, 2021  
WMHS Performing Arts Center

Members Present: Ms. Leah Paladino, Chair; Mr. Todd Sansom, Vice-Chair; Mr. Jason Tooley, Member; Ms. Sharon Mack, Member, Mr. Jason Collier, Member, Dr. Andrea Whitmarsh, Superintendent; Ms. Rhonda Houchens, Clerk.

At 7:06 p.m. Leah Paladino welcomed everyone and thanked everyone for attending. Leah Paladino shared the purpose of the meeting and gave opening comments.

Sharon Mack made a motion that each School Board member takes an oath to follow the law. The School Board reaffirms its commitment and directive to division employees to follow the laws governing the operation of the schools, including the requirement to provide in person instruction to all students according to the conditions and requirements of Senate Bill 1303.

Leah Paladino asked if there was a second.

Leah Paladino seconded motion.

Leah Paladino invited board member discussion.

Todd Sansom spoke regarding comments by Leah Paladino. Todd Sansom requested to amend agenda to have public comment.

Leah Paladino asked if Todd Sansom would like to advance motion. Jason Tooley seconded Todd Sansom's motion to amend agenda. Jason Tooley did state he wanted to make sure it was procedurally correct since one motion has already been brought up by Sharon Mack.

Leah Paladino stated she was not sure of the procedure. Sharon Mack stated you can only have one motion on the floor at a time.

Jason Tooley then seconded motion on the floor (made by Sharon Mack).

Jason Tooley then gave his comments regarding the motion on the floor. Mr. Tooley stated no to motion.

Todd Sansom gave comments regarding motion on the floor. Mr. Sansom stated no to motion.

Sharon Mack gave comments regarding motion on the floor.

Leah Paladino gave comments.

Todd Sansom gave a response to Leah Paladino comments.

Jason Collier gave comments regarding emails he has received and motion on the floor.

Todd Sansom gave additional comments regarding lawsuits.

Jason Tooley gave comments regarding lawsuits and injunctions.

Todd Sansom gave additional remarks.

Sharon Mack gave comments regarding SB1303.

Leah Paladino asked if the board, shall we vote or were there additional comments.

Again, Leah Paladino asked if the board shall we vote or were there additional comments.

Leah Paladino read motion again: each School Board member takes an oath to follow the law. The School Board reaffirms its commitment and directive to division employees to follow the laws governing the operation of the schools, including the requirement to provide in person instruction to all students according to the conditions and requirements of Senate Bill 1303.

Leah Paladino stated we have motion and a 2<sup>nd</sup>. She also stated there would be a roll call vote.

Jason Collier, yes.

Todd Sansom, no.

Jason Tooley, no.

Sharon Mack, yes.

Leah Paladino, yes.

Jason Tooley made a motion for public comment.

Jason Tooley addressed the board regarding what this means for mask. Leah Paladino confirmed the board voted to follow bill SB1303. Jason Tooley asked if that was mask or no mask. Leah Paladino said we would follow the CDC recommendations.

Leah Paladino addressed Jason Tooley about motion for public comment. Jason Tooley stated he was trying to get clarity. Jason Tooley asked if what was just voted on meant a mask mandate for school 3/2.

Leah Paladino asked if there was anyone among staff that would like to add anything about SB1303 and how that specifically impacts what things look like on Wednesday.

Leah Paladino said does anyone have another motion.

At 7:53 p.m. Leah Paladino stated we are adjourned. There is not another motion, we are adjourned.

Leah Paladino  
Chair

Rhonda M. Houshens  
Clerk