

**Millbury Public Schools
School Committee**

*Regular Session
Meeting Minutes*

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MILLBURY, MASS.

Date: August 11, 2021

Members Mrs. Jennifer Nietupski, Chairperson
Present: Mr. Christopher Wilbur, Vice Chairperson
Mrs. Julia Lagerholm, Member
Mr. Nicholas Lazzaro, Member
Mrs. Jessica Bristol, Member

Administrators Mr. Andy Hall, Elmwood Street Elementary Principal
Present: Mr. Christopher Lowe, Jr./Sr. High School Principal
Mr. Gregory Myers, Superintendent of Schools
Mr. Andrew Tuccio, R.E. Shaw School Principal

Contributing Mrs. Angela Avramidis, R.N.
Guests:

Location: Millbury Memorial Jr./Sr. High School Library/Media Center

Time: 7:00PM

Mrs. Nietupski called the meeting to order at 7:00PM and led the Committee in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes

Mrs. Lagerholm motioned to approve the minutes of June 23, 2021, seconded by Mr. Lazzaro. The motion passed (5-0).

Mrs. Lagerholm motioned to approve the minutes of July 6, 2021, seconded by Mr. Lazzaro. The motion passed (5-0).

2. Report of the Administration

Lead nurse, Ms. Angela Avramidis, R.N., provided the Committee with an overview of local and state COVID-19 trends, vaccination rates of school-aged children, and available COVID-19 guidance. Committee members expressed concern about the new Delta variant and the risk it poses to adults and children alike. Ms. Avramidis informed the Committee that the District has the ability to hold vaccination clinics on school grounds for those who are interested.

3. New Business

The Committee discussed adopting new or updating current COVID-19 safety measures for 2021-2022 school year, including the proposed Policy EBCFA requiring all students, staff, and visitors to wear masks while indoors at school.

The Committee considered proposing new or updating current policies regarding COVID-19 safety measures, including visitors and volunteers, outline use of school facilities, extracurricular activities, and field trips.

Without first being recognized by the Chair, two members of the audience began asking questions and making statements to the Committee. Mrs. Nietupski declared them out of order and requested that they cease interrupting the meeting. One member of the audience continued to speak, causing Mrs. Nietupski to ask for a motion to recess the meeting.

At 7:33PM, Mr. Wilbur motioned to recess the meeting, seconded by Mrs. Lagerholm. The motion passed (5-0). The Committee recessed at 7:33PM.

At 7:46PM, Mrs. Nietupski asked for a motion to resume the meeting. Mr. Wilbur motioned to resume the meeting, seconded by Mrs. Lagerholm. The motion passed (5-0).

The School Committee resumed its discussion of new or revising existing policies agreeing that visitors and volunteers may enter schools only if masked and at the discretion of building principals and field trips will be permitted as long as safety precautions are followed.

Mrs. Nietupski confirmed that each member of the Committee had received and reviewed the proposed Policy EBCFA requiring all students, staff, and visitors to wear masks while indoors at school and stated that this meeting would serve as a first reading of Policy EBCFA.

Mrs. Lagerholm motioned to require all staff and students to wear masks while indoors at school, seconded by Mrs. Bristol. The motion passed (5-0).

The Committee discussed pool testing for students participating in extracurricular activities. Mr. Lazzaro and Mr. Lagerholm agreed that testing should continue in order to maintain student safety. Both Mrs. Avramidis and Mr. Lowe stated that pooled testing was probably not necessary in order to keep extracurricular participants safe. They also cited logistical challenges associated with pooled testing.

Mr. Wilbur motioned to resume allowing outside organizations to use school facilities, seconded by Mrs. Bristol. The motion passed (5-0).

Mr. Wilbur motioned to cease the requirement that students submit to pooled testing in order to participate in extracurricular activities, seconded by Mrs. Bristol. The motion passed (3-2): Mr. Wilbur-YES, Mrs. Bristol-YES, Mr. Lazzaro-NO, Mrs. Lagerholm-NO, Mrs. Nietupski-YES.

Adjourn

Mr. Lazzaro motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:15PM, seconded by Mr. Wilbur. All in favor (5-0).