



**Lorain City Schools Board of Education  
Special Board Meeting  
October 6, 2021-10:00 A.M.  
Lorain High School, Staff Lounge**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 10:00AM  
By Mark Ballard

**2. ROLL CALL**

Mark Ballard, Bill Sturgill, Timothy Williams, Courtney Nazario, Yvonne Johnson

**3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE-3.01**

3.01 Pledge  
Led by Mark Ballard

**4. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS-None**

**5. HEARING OF THE PUBLIC-None**

**21-S-157 APPROVE OR AMEND AND SIGN MINUTES-6.01**

6.01 Approval or Amend and Sign Minutes from the Regular Meeting held on September 14, 2021.

Motion by Bill Sturgill second by Courtney Nazario

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Mark Ballard, Bill Sturgill, Timothy Williams, Courtney Nazario, Yvonne Johnson

**21-S-158 MOTION TO SUSPEND THE ORDER-7.01**

Motion by Timothy Williams second by Bill Sturgill

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Mark Ballard, Bill Sturgill, Timothy Williams, Courtney Nazario, Yvonne Johnson

**8. OLD BUSINESS-None**

**9. REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE TREASURER-None**

**10. REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CEO-PERSONNEL MATTERS- None**

**11. REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CEO-OPERATIONS MATTERS-None**

**12. REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CEO-OTHER MATTERS**

Dr. Graham read the covid updates, per the health department that is board policy. \*\*\*See Attached

Mr. Williams stated that some decision will be needed if the district is going to continue to follow the current protocols or if the board will execute changes based off the new recommended guidelines.

Mr. Williams asked if the district could share with others who was quarantined.

Dr. Graham shared that if a child is quarantined, they would still report to school but would mask up at all times and keep the recommended 3ft. distance.

Ms. Johnson asked if there is going to be a standard policy for everyone to follow.

Ms. Nazario stated that the teachers would have to know which students were in close contact to make sure that those students keep their mask on during gym class and recess, etc.

Mr. Williams expressed his concern with inconsistencies with the health departments recommendations.

Mr. Ballard stated that he hates that our students are losing class time over quarantine restrictions.

Mr. Ballard asked for Mr. Keruski to give an overview.

Mr. Keruski stated that the district holds daily covid meetings. When looking at the data if the students are following all the mitigation strategies, the findings are, the district has very low spread rates.

Mr. Keruski said, that most of the incidents are happening outside the district. Currently, LCSD has 3 staff isolated (covid positive), 22 students isolated. 1 adult quarantined, and 120 students quarantined.

Mr. Keruski stated while inside the school buildings, everyone must adhere to board policy, which means wearing masks and proper spacing.

Mr. Williams suggested putting measurements in place, so that the district can see if the new suggested guidelines are preventing more cases or causing more positives, so that the district would be able to correct immediately, if needed.

Mr. Williams asked what the plan would be to reassure parents and staff related to the updated protocols with students on quarantine, who will now be allowed to stay in school during their quarantine time.

Dr. Graham stated that they spread all the kids out so that there was at least three feet of distance between the students.

Mr. Keruski stated the district is on top of the data and meet daily.

Mr. Ballard asked how do we make sure that students are wearing their masks in gym classes.

Ms. Yvonne Johnson stated that when the district makes the decision, to err on the side of science.

Mr. Williams said as the district goes with this change, to have random testing done.

**21-S-159 Motion made to follow the updated guidelines from the health department with the mitigations that have been requested by the board.**

Motion by Yvonne Johnson second by Bill Sturgill

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Mark Ballard, Bill Sturgill, Timothy Williams, Courtney Nazario, Yvonne Johnson

\*No further discussion.

Dr. Graham stated that the district had 90 days to submit a plan to the state. Dr. Graham stated that the district submitted the plan on September 30, 2021, to the interim superintendent.

Mr. Ballard stated that Marva Jones is the newest member of the ADC for Lorain, appointed by Palo De'Maria.

Dr. Graham stated that there has been an uptake in violence in our schools and in our community. A community meeting was held to try and identify solutions to the problems our city is facing.

Mr. Ballard asked for all to support for the levy, Issue 37, and also for the support of the city's parks and rec. Issue that is also on the ballot for November. Mr. Ballard encouraged all to learn about this levy and support our community.

A spaghetti dinner will be held on October 13, 2021, at Lorain High, in the cafeteria. They will be serving carryout orders from 3pm-6pm.

Courtney Nazario stated that the district is having huge issues getting subs. Ms. Nazario asked if we could raise the sub pay since it seems that the other districts are paying more.

Dr. Graham stated that they are looking into this and will have something to the board at the next board meeting.

**14. NEW BUSINESS-None**

**15. HEARING OF THE PUBLIC-15.01**

Ms. Washington stated her concern with the kids in the gym and not masking.

Ms. Washington said that tonight is senior night and Aces for Autism. Freshman start at 4:30pm and Seniors tip off at 630pm, and she hopes to see everyone there.

**16. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT BOARD MEETING-Item 16.01**

16.01 Announcement of Next Board Meeting- Regular Meeting-October 12, 2021, at 5:00PM.

\* Will be held in the Media Center at the High School\*

**17. EXECUTIVE SESSION-None**

**21-S-160 ADJOURNMENT- Item 18.01**

**18.01** Adjournment-Meeting Adjourned at 10:57AM

Motion by Bill Sturgill second by Courtney Nazario

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Mark Ballard, Bill Sturgill, Timothy Williams, Courtney Nazario, Yvonne Johnson

APPROVED

DATE: October 6, 2021

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Mark Ballard, President

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Tia R.H. Kearney, Treasurer