

**BULLITT COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
1040 HIGHWAY 44 EAST
SHEPHERDSVILLE, KY 40165**

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BULLITT COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

**February 18, 2022
1:45 PM**

MINUTES OF RECORD

The Bullitt County Board of Education met at the Frank R. Hatfield Administrative Center, 1040 Highway 44 East, Shepherdsville, Kentucky, 40165, at 1:45 PM on February 18, 2022, with the following members present:

Attendance Taken at 1:45 PM:

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| (1) Ms. Linda Belcher | (2) Mrs. Nita Neal | (3) Mrs. Debby Atherton |
| (4) Mrs. Lisa Hodges | (5) Mr. Darrell Coleman | |

CALL TO ORDER

Board Chairperson Debby Atherton called the February 18, 2022, special meeting of the Bullitt County Board of Education to order at 1:45 p.m.

ADOPT THE AGENDA

2022-036- Motion made by Linda Belcher, seconded by Lisa Hodges, to adopt the agenda as presented. All members voted YES.

UPDATE TO COVID-19 PROTOCOLS – (Masks)

As a part of our commitment to Shared Accountability, BCPS continues to work closely with our local health department, Medical Advisory Team, and other local health professionals in order to make informed recommendations to our Board of Education regarding student and staff safety and well-being.

COVID-19 cases within our schools have drastically reduced and we expect to see them continue to decrease. Based on the recommendation of our Local Medical Advisory Team, the widespread availability of COVID-19 vaccines, and updated scientific findings, it is recommended that the Bullitt County Board of Education vote that the current masking decision matrix expire on Tuesday evening, February 22, 2022. Doing so shall result in BCPS moving to a **mask optional policy, based on personal and family choice, beginning Wednesday, February 23rd**. This will allow time on Monday and Tuesday to train staff on updated Contact Tracing procedures before implementing these changes midweek.

The following Healthy At School protocols will remain in place:

- Students will still be required to wear masks on all school-provided transportation and at the Area Technology Center (ATC), in compliance with the federal mandate that remains in place.
- We will continue to follow CDC guidelines regarding masking requirements following the return to school or work for anyone who has been isolated or quarantined due to Covid-19.
- Any symptomatic, unvaccinated student and all BCPS staff members that are COVID-19 positive or have been knowingly exposed to COVID-19, should complete the reporting protocols available at: **bit.ly/bcps-covid-site**
- Contact tracing will remain in effect and families will now be able to track classroom/class period level data as well, using our online COVID-19 data dashboard available at: **bit.ly/bcps-covid-data**
 - Classroom cases will be linked to the school-level data chart in the bottom right corner, with positive cases being indicated by an “x.” Simply click on your school’s name to view classroom-level data.

- Should there be three or more positive cases in a classroom/class period within a five day window, impacted students and families will receive direct communication from your school regarding quarantining and Test to Stay information.
- Anyone who is showing signs or symptoms of COVID-19 (fever, chills, new uncontrolled cough, difficulty breathing, congestion, runny nose, aches, loss of taste/smell, vomiting, diarrhea, sore throat, headache, etc.) should not report to work or school.
- Should the data or medical guidance change, authorize the superintendent or designee to mandate masking as needed at the classroom, school, or district level after the consultation with the Medical Advisory Team and the Bullitt County Board of Education

2022-037- Motion made by Nita Neal, seconded by Linda Belcher, to approve the above changes to COVID-19 protocols as amended. All members voted YES.

- Board member Nita Neal extended a huge thank you to the health professionals that gave their time and knowledge in the decision making process of this pandemic and hopes they will continue to be of service if the situation reappears.
- Board member Linda Belcher expressed the need to support those students and families that continue to wear masks for the protection of themselves or families. She also encouraged administrators and teachers address any ridicule that may present itself from other parties. We need to honor the decisions of both sides.
- Superintendent Dr. Jesse Bacon reassured the Board and audience that the Medical Advisory Team indicated its willingness to be of assistance in the future if needed. Administrators have been reminded to address any issues of inappropriate comments or behavior towards any students or staff that continue wearing masks as a personal choice.

ADJOURNMENT

2022-038- Motion made by Lisa Hodges, seconded by Nita Neal, to adjourn at 1:54 p.m. All members voted YES.

CHAIRPERSON

SECRETARY