

Southington Board of Education Special Meeting



Tuesday, February 8, 2022 – 7:00 p.m.

This meeting will convene virtually

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Board Members Present: Mrs. Colleen Clark, Board Chairperson, Mr. Joseph Baczewski, Board Vice-Chairperson, Mrs. Dawn Anastasio, Board Secretary. Mrs. Terri Carmody, Mr. Sean Carson, Mr. James Chrzanowski, Mr. David Derynoski, Mr. Zaya Oshana, Mr. Jasper Williams.

Administration Present: Mr. Steven Madancy, Superintendent of Schools and Mr. Frank Pepe, Assistant Superintendent of Schools

Mrs. Clark called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Mrs. Clark read a statement explaining the background behind comprising a letter to the State Legislature, and read the letter. Mrs. Clark thanked BOE members who contributed to the letter, and then turned the meeting over to Mr. Madancy for clarification on Governor Lamont's recent announcement.

Mr. Madancy explained Governor Lamont's statement made on Monday February 7, 2022 and clarified some language. Logistics regarding the bill are still being worked out at the legislative level, and the legislature is not in session until Thursday. There has been no action by the legislature at this time concerning next steps. If they choose to use the same language as in the past, it will provide authority to the State Commissioner of Education to provide guidance on mask-wearing, etc. If the Commissioner issues guidance that masks are no longer required, that ends the mask mandate. That can only be changed if the local BOE adopts a mandatory mask policy, or the Commissioner of Education revises her guidance in the future. Mr. Madancy also confirmed that we will be working with our local health director and develop correspondence for families in Southington.

After discussion, there was a consensus and all BOE members agreed that the letter read should be sent to Governor Lamont's office as well as the CSDE and DPH.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Mr. Derynoski, seconded by Mr. Chrzanowski.

Meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dawn Anastasio, Secretary
Southington Board of Education