

CENTRAL GREENE SCHOOL DISTRICT
250 South Cumberland Street
Waynesburg, PA 15370
Board of Education Special Meeting Minutes
February 2, 2021
6:30 PM – Waynesburg Central High School

The Special meeting of the Board of Education of the Central Greene School District was held Tuesday, February 2, 2021, at Waynesburg Central High School, 30 Zimmerman Drive, Waynesburg, PA 15370.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Sharon Bennett, at 6:30 p.m. A moment of silence was observed and the Pledge of Allegiance followed.

The roll call was taken by Valerie Brooks, Secretary - Director of Business Affairs, with the following members present:

John Bristor	Chay Lahew
Andrew Corfont	Bridget Montgomery
Barbara Hartlaub	Jason Whipkey
James Howard	Sharon Bennett
Wayne Knisely	

9 members present.

Others present: Administration: Dr. Kevin Monaghan, Matt Blair, Tammy Mandich, Sean Van Eman, Valerie Brooks, Bob Stephenson, Justin Stephenson, Scott Headlee and Edith Woods; Others: Solicitor: Barbara Graham, Scott Groves-Technology, Ramonda Lipscomb –CGEA, Mark Krupa-Greene County Career and Technology Center and several patrons from the district.

Recommended Action

Correspondence and Requests to Address the Board

CGEA Representative – No Comment

Administrator Comments

Dr. Monaghan spoke regarding data and returning to the Hybrid Model.

Mark Krupa from the Greene County Career and Technology Center stated that learning is hands on and kids are failing more in the virtual mode. The students are hitting barriers.

Scott Headlee, WCES principal, presented attendance data, at risk grading failures and grade breakdowns.

Justin Stephenson spoke regarding attendance data, at risk grading failures and grade breakdowns.

Bob Stephenson spoke regarding attendance and academic achievement.

Sean Van Eman spoke regarding expectations of teachers.

Tammy Mandich spoke regarding data levels, progress monitoring data, related services need to be done in person to be effective and the Raider Wellness Program.

Matt Blair stated that the CDC guidelines will be followed, must wear masks at all times, temperature checks and Covid dashboard implemented.

Public Comments

Warren Hlafcsak stated he doesn't like the virtual model.

Julie Gatrell stated that she wants the children back in school.

Jessica Tennant-Medlen stated that she wants the children back in school.

Jamie Pack stated that she wants in person instruction.

Marke Walawander stated that he wants in person instruction.

Stephanie Knisely stated that she wants face to face, not the Hybrid Model.

Kayla Balint (via Zoom) wants the children in building, not the Hybrid Model.

Tim Frye stated that he was unhappy with the teaching in the Virtual Model and also stated that parents are not being kept in the loop.

Dawn Calabrese wants consistency and does not want the Hybrid Model.

Johnnie McNeely (via zoom) stated that she wanted to stay in the Virtual Model.

Tammy Brookover (via zoom) stated that students need social contact and want school back to 4 days a week.

School Board

Wayne Knisely made a motion to amend the motion. A motion to approve the recommendation was made by Wayne Knisely, seconded by Chay Lahew. Roll call vote follows:

Yes	Yes
John Bristor	Wayne Knisely
Andrew Corfont	Chay Lahew
Barbara Hartlaub	Bridget Montgomery
James Howard	
	No
	Jason Whipkey
	Sharon Bennett

Results: 7 – Yes; 2 – No; – Motion carried.

Return to School – 4 Days

Motion to return to school 4 days a week effective, February 8, 2021. A motion to approve the recommendation was made by Wayne Knisely, seconded by Chay Lahew. Roll call vote follows:

Yes	Yes
Wayne Knisely	Chay Lahew
No	
John Bristor	
Andrew Corfont	
Barbara Hartlaub	
James Howard	
Bridget Montgomery	
Jason Whipkey	
Sharon Bennett	

Results: 2 – Yes; 7 – No; – Motion failed.

Return to School – Hybrid Model

Motion to approve the return to school in the Hybrid Model, effective February 8, 2021, as recommended by the administration and return to in person instruction in all buildings four days per week, in the week following the District’s receipt and installation of barriers needed to protect the students and/or staff while they are eating. In both models, all students and staff will be required to adhere to CDC/PA DOH requirements with respect to masking and recommendations with respect to enhanced cleaning practices and social distancing to the extent feasible. A motion to approve the recommendation was made by Andrew Corfont, seconded by Barbara Hartlaub. Roll call vote follows:

Yes	Yes
John Bristor	Wayne Knisely
Andrew Corfont	Chay Lahew
Barbara Hartlaub	Bridget Montgomery
James Howard	Sharon Bennett
No	
Jason Whipkey	

Results: 8 – Yes; 1 – No; – Motion carried.

Memorandum of Understanding – Use of Sick Leave – COVID-19

Administration recommends that the Board approve the attached MOU between the District and the Educational Support Personnel Association, with respect to leaves of absence for the remainder of the school year resulting from COVID. A motion to approve the recommendation was made by Wayne Knisely, seconded by Andrew Corfont. Roll call vote follows:

Yes
John Bristor
Andrew Corfont
Barbara Hartlaub
James Howard
Wayne Knisely

Yes
Chay Lahew
Bridget Montgomery
Jason Whipkey
Sharon Bennett

Results: 9 – Yes; – Motion carried.

There being no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn was made by Wayne Knisely, seconded by Andrew Corfont at 8:30 p.m. All members voted “Aye” - motion carried.