



# Potomac Elementary School

## School Board Minutes

For  
September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021

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### Call to Order

Via Webex, Chair Dr. Courtney Hathaway called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm by leading all in the Pledge of Allegiance. Trustee Jayme Fairfied and Clerk, Heather Marcella attended virtually. Vice Chair Vann, Trustee Kyle Kelley and Principal John Rouse joined in-person in room 112.

**Trustee Wes Mitchell joined the meeting virtually at 7:02 pm**

### Public Comment:

Mrs. Jessie Castaneda, Parent – for school wide masking

Mr. Tom Petersen, Parent – against school wide masking

Mr. Dave Knapp, Parent – against school wide masking

Mrs. Katie Holliday, Parent – for masking to avoid school-wide quarantine

Ms. Beth Copenhaver, Volunteer Coach/Parent – 15 min masking rule, school wide masking may not prevent quarantine

Ms. Sandra (no last name listed on Webex), Grandparent – against school wide masking

Mr. Chip Duello, Parent – against school wide masking

Mrs. Leigh Kelley, Parent – against school wide masking

Mrs. Natalie Howard, Parent – against school wide masking

### Consider approving school wide mask mandate:

Chair Dr. Hathaway motioned the board add an amendment to the 1900 series that the school will institute universal masking for students, staff and visitors until which time the county transmission rate reaches at or below 25 cases per 100,000 persons. Trustee Fairfield seconded the motion. The board discussed. Vote called: Chair Dr. Hathaway voted in favor. Vice Chair Vann, and Trustees Mitchell, Kelley and Fairfield voted against. **Motion Failed to Pass 1-4.**

Trustee Mitchel requested to make a motion with regard to adding an agenda item for a second special meeting, the Chairman granted the request.

Trustee Mitchell moved that the board have a special meeting in person to review the Return to School Plan and review policy 1905 to see if it needs to be changed as it relates to the Return to School Plan. Trustee Fairfield seconded the motion. The board discussed.

Trustee Mitchell amended his motion that the board review the Return to School Plan as well as policy 1905 to make sure changes made to the Return to School Plan coincide with policy. Vice Chair Vann seconded the motion. The board discussed. The board agreed to table the motion until the next special board meeting to be held on September 27<sup>th</sup>. Trustee Mitchel and Vice Chair Vann agreed to table the motion without a vote until the next meeting.

### Adjourn

Chair Dr. Courtney Hathaway adjourned the meeting at 8:38 pm.