

Piedmont Community Charter School

August 19, 2021 Board of Directors Emergency Meeting
7:00 p.m. in the PCCS High School Auditorium

Board Members present: Jennifer Barker, Charlene Crawford, Star Hamilton, Lisa Largent, Melia Mauldin, Scott McRainey, Alex Poole, Beth Rhodes and Mark Stephens. A quorum was present.

Others in attendance: Jennifer Killen, Head of Schools, and members of the school community (administration, parents, staff members, students, teachers and parents).

Board President, A. Poole, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and read the PCCS mission statement followed by a moment of silence.

Before moving to public comments, A. Poole stated there is a current cluster of positive cases which led the Administration to revise the School Opening Plan. The Emergency Meeting was called so the plan could be presented to the Board of Directors for a discussion and vote.

A. Poole opened the floor for public comments. There were 9 public comments: James Baldwin, Blayr Deaver (comments read by A. Poole), Kara Grabow, Heather Jernigan, Abigail Kelm, Shawn Rabourn, Jonathan Roberto, Josh Walker, and Nicole Walker. (listed in alphabetic order)

J. Killen began her presentation by stating her position is for all PCCS students to be able to begin the school year in class. She stated she prefers for the masks to be optional but due to current positive cases among the teaching staff, it is best at this time to revise the School Opening Plan and require masks until the September Board meeting where the Board will revisit the current conditions. Mrs. Killen read the plan.

A. Poole asked the Board of Directors for comments and/or questions.

All voting Board Members asked questions or made statements in support of revising the plan, explaining the reason for the revision, expressing concern about the health and safety of the students, staff, and families, or defending the integrity of the Board and school community.

Both non-voting Board Members present made statements in support of keeping the masks optional.

A motion was made by C. Crawford to accept the revised PCCS 2021-2022 School Opening Plan as presented. M. Stephens seconded the motion. No more discussion was held. The revised plan was passed unanimously.

A. Poole thanked everyone for attending and sharing their comments. He reiterated that it is everyone's goal to have the students back in school. Masks need to be required at this point but it is the hope of the Board that the requirement can be lifted soon.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'W. A. Poole', written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.