**Board Minutes**

**Board of Directors Special Meeting - North River School District #200**

**Date**: March 2, 2022 **Time**: 5:30 p.m. **Location:** Shiloh Bible Camp

Zoom Link: <http://us02web.zoom.us/j/89687343245>

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1. **Call to Order:** Chairman Koehn called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM. Board

Members present Chairman Debbie Koehn, Vice-Chair Lorenzo Churape, Directors Josh Greiner, and Dan Brown. Director Banas was excused. Others present Interim Superintendent Colin Nelson, Members of the Community, NR staff, and many zoom visitors.

1. **Approval of Agenda / Consideration of the Agenda:**

Chairman Koehn would like to amend the agenda and add Directors Report. Director

Brown motioned to accept the amendment and Director Greiner seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

1. **Superintendent’s Report:** Interim Superintendent Colin Nelson introduced himself.

He reported that the staff and students had no issue wearing masks for the day. The school had received a letter from L&I stating that the school was in violation of the mask mandate. The School Board approved on 2/14/22 to become mask optional.

1. **Discussion of Optional Mask Policy - 2/14/22** 
   1. Chairman Koehn discussed the mask optional policy and explained the L&I letter in detail. If the school was not compliant and continued to have a mask optional policy we could receive a fine of up to $70,000 per day. L&I did visit the school on 3/1/22 to do an inspection. They were asked to come back at a later time because of the disruption it would cause for the students and staff. The teachers also need to be notified 24hrs in advance for classroom visitors. L&I did respond and would not revisit.
   2. Interim Superintendent Colin Nelson spoke with L&I and if the students did virtual learning until the mask mandate end date of 3/12/22 the school would not be in violation because there would be no students on campus.
   3. Vice-Chairman Churape explained why the board called a Special Board Meeting and would like to openly discuss with the Community Members, NR Staff, and Students how the school should proceed with the optional mask policy.
2. **Public Commentary on Agenda Items:** Please limit comments to approximately three minutes. The Board cannot allow comments regarding personnel or student discipline.

Community members in attendance and zoom visitors discussed openly what should

happen. The majority agreed that having a fundraiser to pay the daily fine would most

likely not produce that much money and the school budget could not handle the fine.

The options that were in debate were fight and not comply, virtual learning, or

have students and staff mask up for the next 7 days until the mandate ends.

The board members wanted the visitors in attendance and online to vote on what they would

like to happen. Further discussion happened between the board members and the

community.

1. **Executive Session –** There was no executive session
2. **Decision regarding Optional Mask Policy:**

Vice-Chairman Churape motioned to do virtual learning starting 3/7 – 3/11 and to return to

in-school learning on 3/14 after the mask mandate is lifted. Director Brown seconded the

motion. The motion passed unanimously.

1. **Other Business:** Special Board Meeting: Monday, March 14, 2022
2. **Adjourn:** Vice Chairman Churape motioned to adjourn and Director Brown seconded the motion at 7:19PM. The motion carried unanimously. .