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Virginia Alvarez, Member
Laura Capps, Member

Board Meeting Agenda
August 5, 2021
Special Meeting
Regular Session: 2:00 pm

IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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A. Regular Session

1. Opening of Meeting

Ayes: None

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

President Ford called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

Members present:

Kate Ford, President

Rose Munoz, Vice President

Wendy Sims-Moten, Clerk

Laura Capps, Board Member

Virginia Alvarez, Board Member

Dawson Kelly, Student Board Member

Staff present:

Dr. Hilda Maldonado, Superintendent

Steve Venez, Chief Operations Officer

Ana Escobedo, Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Education

Shawn Carey, Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Education
Dr. Frann Wageneck, Assistant Superintendent of Student Services
Kim Hernandez, Assistant Superintendent Fiscal Services
Dr. John Becchio, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources
Dr. Patricia Madrigal, Executive Director of Partnerships and Community Engagement
Brian Rowse, Chief Information Officer
Camie Barnwell, Chief of District Communications
Sandra Trujillo, Executive Assistant
Adriana Morales, Administrative Assistant

- In order to provide language access, we will be providing simultaneous bidirectional interpretation in English and Spanish. If you are bilingual, you don't have to click anything. If you are NOT bilingual in English and Spanish, you will need to select your language in order to hear the interpretation. If you are on a laptop or desktop, you will see a globe at the bottom right of your screen, please click on the globe icon that says "Interpretation" and select English. If you are on an iPad or similar device, locate the 3 dot menu and select "Language interpretation", then select English.**

Ayes: None

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Simultaneous bidirectional interpretation in English and Spanish was provided.

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B. Action Agenda

- COVID-19 Immunization Requirements

Motion to approve the Resolution with the following two changes: 1.) In the third action adding "or submit to testing at least weekly" as a phrase or a new sentence and 2.) In number five deleting the words "unvaccinated students" to "student will be regularly tested" made by Laura Capps seconded by Virginia Alvarez. The Motion Passed by a vote of AYES - 5, Nays - 0, Abstain - 0, Absent - 0
Ayes: Alvarez, Capps, Ford, Munoz, Sims-Moten

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

The Board read and discussed the Resolution.

Ms. Capps shared the bulk of the Resolution is about the immunization requirement for staff and adults - not about children and vaccines. If staff chooses not to get a vaccine then they will undergo testing. She noted this is a directional resolution and it is up to Dr. Maldonado and her staff to implement the framework for this.

Ms. Alvarez mentioned that there is a disconnect between the resolution and the background explanation. The background explanation states that the Resolution will require unvaccinated staff to obtain vaccinations prior to the start of the school year; while the resolution states that they must either be vaccinated or undergo weekly testing and a clarification needs to be made to match the resolution. Ms. Capps mentioned the takeaway of the Resolution is if someone is fully vaccinated they will show proof and if they are not vaccinated they will undergo weekly testing. Ms. Alvarez asked that this clarification be reflected on the resolution and that it states staff have a choice to comply with either be vaccinated and show proof or undergo weekly testing - that vaccination is not an absolute mandate. Ms. Capps clarified that vaccination is a choice. If staff chose not to get vaccinated they will undergo weekly testing.

Ms. Munoz asked if teachers are expected to have the vaccination prior to returning to work. She also asked to clarify the funding source and if there is support from the government for testing for staff and students. Ms. Hernandez clarified ESSR funds will be used for this matter and there will be no cost to students and staff for testing. Ms. Munoz also asked about testing protocols for students. Dr. Maldonado noted they will follow the guidance from Public Health regarding testing. Mr. Becchio noted testing for schools is still being paid for by the state so there is not a charge to the District for any of the testing.

Mr. Kelly asked for clarification on what is considered vaccinated. Dr. Maldonado shared this depends on the brand of the vaccine. Moderna and Pfizer are two shots and individuals are considered vaccinated 2 weeks after the second dose. Johnson & Johnson is just one dose and individuals are considered vaccinated 2 weeks after the dose. Ms. Capps noted that if an individual is in the process of getting vaccinated, they will be tested until they show proof of full vaccination.

Ms. Sims-Moten asked for clarification regarding testing for students under 12 years of age who are not eligible to receive the vaccine. President Ford stated that testing will encompass all students K-12.

President Ford shared she supports this Resolution.

Ms. Alvarez shared four takeaways from this Resolution: 1.) An employee will show proof of being vaccinated or test weekly, 2.) Students will be tested on a regular basis - the process to be determined by the Superintendent and her team, 3.) Superintendent Maldonado to keep working in partnership with local authorities and 4.) The use of face coverings which is in line with Santa Barbara Public Health. Ms. Alvarez asked Dr. Becchio what options were available for staff who are not able to comply with either

vaccinations or testings options. Dr. Becchio noted these situations would go through the interactive process and be handled on a case by case basis.

Public Comment:

1. Justin Shores
 2. Jamie Davin
 3. Dani Blunk
 4. Thomas Becker
 5. Christy Lozano
 6. Erin Wilson
 7. Toni Flenniken
 8. Alison McBade
 9. Marisol Gutierrez
 10. Robbie Fischer
 11. Anastasia Stone
 12. Bee Saunders
 13. Thomas Parker
 14. B Grace Wallace
 15. Anne Thomas
 16. Brian Campbell
 17. Jill Rivera
 18. Adrienne Rutland
 19. Sobin M
 20. Sharon Jegottka
 21. Jennifer Loeza
 22. Larry Bickford
 23. Gail Fairburn
 24. Lisa Ostendorf
 25. Petra Thom
 26. Janine Dorn
 27. Dr. Aimee Smith
 28. Lisa Sloan
 29. Joyce Adriansen
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C. Coming Events

1. First Day of School, August 17, 2021
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D. Next Meeting

Tuesday, August 10, 2021
Regular Board Meeting, 5:30 PM (Please note new start time)
Public Remote Virtual Participation Only

E. Adjournment

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Background:

Recommendation:

Resource Person:

Fiscal Impact:

Funding Source:

Santa Barbara Unified School District

Item Title: COVID-19 Immunization Requirements

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Background: Due to the increase of the COVID 19 Delta variant cases in our community, we are taking steps to ensure the health and safety of our staff and students by bringing forth a resolution to require staff to provide proof of vaccination or submit to weekly testing. The resolution will also require unvaccinated staff to obtain vaccinations prior to the start of the school year (August 17, 2021)

Recommendation: That the Board Approves Resolution No. 2021/22-05 Authorizing COVID-19 Immunization Requirements

Resource Person: Kate Ford, President of the Board
Laura Capps, Board Member

Fiscal Impact:

Funding Source:

ATTACHMENTS:

File Name

▣ [FINAL RESOLUTION .pdf](#)

RESOLUTION NO. 2021/22-05

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE SANTA BARBARA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT AUTHORIZING COVID-19 IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS

WHEREAS, Santa Barbara County, along with the rest of California and the U.S., is in the midst of a world-wide COVID-19 pandemic that has resulted in over 600,000 U.S. deaths to date. At least **1 in 12** people who live in Santa Barbara County have been infected, and at least **1 in 952** people have died; and

WHEREAS, Students benefit from in-person learning, and safely returning to full in-person instruction in the fall 2021 is the number one priority; and

WHEREAS, The state of California has eliminated distance learning programs and adopted AB 130-Independent Study- as an alternative program of study to students who are unable to attend in-person instruction; and

WHEREAS, the paramount responsibility of the Governing Board (Board) of the Santa Barbara Unified School District (SBUSD) is to provide for the health and safety of its students and staff; and

WHEREAS, a surge of COVID-19 infections has recently occurred, including in Santa Barbara County, largely resulting from the Delta variant, also known as B.1.617.2, a highly transmissible virus that impacts young and old alike; and

WHEREAS, over 90% of COVID-19 infections are currently occurring in individuals who have not been vaccinated against COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the overwhelming scientific evidence has established that the now-EUA approved COVID-19 vaccines are safe and effective, and have been authorized for use by the FDA and recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) for all, except in the case of children under 12 years old and certain others; and

WHEREAS, the Board has a responsibility to prevent the outbreak and spread of COVID-19 infections at SBUSD sites; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 vaccination requirements have been legally upheld in recent cases in which there have been challenges.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Board of the Santa Barbara Unified School District finds and orders that:

1. There exists a health emergency that requires action to safeguard students and staff against risks of infection, illness, hospitalization, and death from COVID-19.
2. Upon resumption of on-campus instruction, beginning with the Fall 2021 semester, all Certificated and Classified staff will be required to be vaccinated or participate in regular COVID screening testing.
3. All SBUSD staff are required to provide proof of vaccination or undergo testing (a minimum of once a week) to show they are not infected by COVID-19. Unvaccinated staff should obtain vaccinations prior to the start of the school year (August 17, 2021)

4. It is also recommended that families and students ages 12 and over be vaccinated prior to the start of school.
5. SBUSD unvaccinated students will be regularly tested to prevent the spread of COVID 19, especially among asymptomatic people. The testing protocol should be adaptable to the conditions in our community and to the appropriate age group needs.
6. SBUSD will continue to work in partnership with the city and county in order to control the spread of COVID-19, and especially the Delta variant, in Santa Barbara and encourages city and county leadership to pass similar requirements for all government staff.
7. SBUSD administration is directed to promptly develop written procedures for the implementation of this Resolution and take all actions necessary to carry out these requirements and to make provision for religious and medical exemptions or deferrals.
8. In addition to COVID-19 vaccinations, all staff and members of the public and others coming onto a SBUSD site shall use face coverings in indoor settings, while among others, except while eating or drinking.
9. The Board hereby delegates to the Superintendent the authority to implement and modify these requirements, including based upon changing conditions, and to maintain conformance with the requirements of the Santa Barbara County Health Department and other applicable authorities.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Santa Barbara Unified School District Governing Board of Education, County of Santa Barbara, State of California, this 5th day of August, 2021, by the following vote:

AYES: _____
 NOES: _____
 ABSTAIN: _____
 ABSENT: _____

By _____
 Hilda Maldonado, Superintendent
 Santa Barbara Unified School District

Date _____

State of California)
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County of Santa Barbara)

I, _____, Clerk of the Board of Education of the Santa Barbara Unified School District of Santa Barbara County, California, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a resolution duly adopted by said board at a regular meeting thereof by the vote above stated, which resolution is on file and of record in the office of said board.

Clerk of the Board

Date

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Item Title: Coming Events

Agenda Title: First Day of School, August 17, 2021

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