

**SPECIAL SESSION**  
**Wednesday, May 19, 2021**

The South Hamilton Board of Education met in special session on Wednesday, May 19, 2021 in the Middle/High School Library. President Joely Swenson called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m. with the following members present: Dave Gordon, Jay Moline, Leigh Miller and Meryl Scarrow. Also present: Superintendent Ken Howard, Board Secretary Janet Greufe, Elementary Principal Steve Neuberger and Secondary Principal Jason Woodley. Several visitors were present.

**APPROVE OF AGENDA:** Motion by Gordon, second by Moline to amend and approve the agenda adding Public Forum/Visitors. Motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC FORUM/VISITORS:** Visitors requesting to speak were: Ben Hayes, Eli Junker, Bryce and Katy Coburn. Information and opinions were expressed in favor of removing the District's face mask requirement and advocating for parent's choice regarding face masks.

**UPDATED COVID-19 GUIDANCE:** Board discussed pros and cons to the District's face mask requirement and the new IDPH COVID-19 guidelines recently published. Motion by Scarrow, second by Moline to lift the District's face mask requirement and allow parents the choice as reflected in the new IDPH guidelines. Motion carried by majority vote with Scarrow, Moline and Gordon voting Aye and Miller voting Nay.

President Swenson declared the meeting adjourned at 5:22 p.m.

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Joely Swenson, Board President

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Janet Greufe, Board Secretary