

The Fredonia Unified School District #484 Governing Board met in Special Session on Wednesday, October 21, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at the Board of Education Office located at 300 North 6th Street in Fredonia, Kansas.

Board members in attendance were: Miranda Dinkel, Board President; Adam Kiblinger, Board Vice President; Feyn Baker, Dr. Jennifer McKenney, Merlyn Ramsey, John Weilert (by telephone) and Tasha Willett (arrived at 7:04 p.m.).

Others present were: Brian Smith, Superintendent of Schools; Destany Wheeler, Wilson County Health Department; Tim Woodcock, Principal and Diana Bredehoft, Governing Board Clerk.

Persons who attended virtually were: Brian Houghton, Assistant Principal/Curriculum Director and Aaron Chard, 21st Century Learning Director.

Call to Order

Board President Miranda Dinkel called the special session to order at 7:00 p.m. with six board members present. Tasha Willett arrived at 7:04 p.m.

Members present signed the Waiver of Meeting Notice.

Old Business

COVID-19 Quarantine Discussion

Destany Wheeler, Administrator for the Wilson County Health Department presented the health departments recommendation on the quarantine of students and staff. A student or staff member will not be placed in quarantined if both the student or staff member and the infected COVID-19 person were wearing an approved mask appropriately while inside our facilities.

Board members discussed the effects of the change in quarantine time and changing of the district protocols.

Superintendent Smith recommended changing the quarantine protocol as recommended by Wilson County Health Department.

A copy and description of the appropriate masks from the Wilson County Health Department will be attached to the original minutes.

Board Vice President Adam Kiblinger made a motion approving Superintendent Smith's recommendation to change the quarantine protocol. Motion seconded by Dr. Jennifer McKenney. Motion carried. 7-0

Adjourn

Board President Miranda Dinkel declared the special session of the Fredonia Unified School District #484 Governing Board meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Miranda Dinkel, Board President

Diana Bredehoft, Board Clerk

Wilson County Health Department

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Destany Wheeler; Administrator
Kara Kariker; RN, USD 387 School Nurse
Amy Lell; Office Manager/Environmental

Cassandra Edson; PIO, MCHHV
Brenda Stoneberger; RDL
Shanette Smith; LPN

Jennifer Bacani McKenney, MD, FAAFP; Health Officer

Date: 10-21-2020

The following are recommendations from the Wilson County Health Department for changing quarantine guidance in schools.

If there is a close contact in the classroom and the positive case and exposed person are both wearing an approved mask correctly for the entire duration of the close contact, in general, the exposed individual(s) may be exempted from a 14 day quarantine. Each situation will continue to be evaluated on a case by case basis by the school district, Wilson County Health Department, and Local Health Officer.

The following are important points of note:

1. This exception for quarantine is only applicable to COVID-19 and no other reportable infectious disease.
2. A close contact is defined as one who is within 6 feet for 10 minutes or more consecutively.
3. Exposure outside the classroom will require a 14 quarantine without exception.
4. Quarantine exemption does not include close contact situations that occur during athletic and other school sponsored events.
5. These recommendations are only applicable in conjunction with an active mask mandate.
6. Household contacts of any positive case must quarantine.
7. Any student or staff with a positive COVID-19 diagnosis shall be excluded from school for the length of their isolation.

This decision should be made with the understanding that quarantine of all exposed individuals is the safest and most effective way to stop the spread of COVID-19 and exemption from quarantine will potentially put other community members, students, and staff at risk for exposure.

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High-Risk Exposures

- Anything unmasked, especially when not distanced
- Eating breakfast/lunch/snack less than six feet apart, unless otherwise approved physical barriers are in place (i.e. Plexiglas)
- Physical exertion, in or outdoors, less than 6 feet for longer than 10 minutes
- High-risk sports, as defined by the National Federation of State High School Associations, include “sports that involve close, sustained contact between participants, lack of significant protective barriers, and the high probability that respiratory particles will be transmitted between participants.”
- Playing woodwind and brass instruments without other precautions (mask, distance)
- Singing/shouting without other precautions

Low-Risk Exposures

- Being in the same classroom with proper mask-wearing
- On the same bus with mask-wearing, ventilation, 3’ distance
- Playground, even if unmasked, (social distancing and cohorts should be maintained); this moves into a high-risk exposure if kids have sustained contact with physical exertion for more than 10 minutes

No Exposure

- Walking in the same hallway masked
- Attending class the period after a positive individual

	Exposure	Quarantine
1 case	High-risk activity	14 day
1 case	Low-risk activity	Possible quarantine exemption
2+ cases with evidence of transmission within a group		Consult with Wilson County Health Department and Health Officer. Possible quarantine.

Approved Face Masks

