

Agenda Special Meeting Sedalia School District #200 Monday, May 10, 2021 6:30 p.m. Smith-Cotton High School Heckart Performing Arts Center

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## Sedalia School District 200 Board of Education Resolution

Pettis County is under a Public Health Emergency Rule requiring face covering as of August 7, 2020, until rescinded by the County Health Officer and the Board of Trustees of the Pettis County Health Center. In the event that the Pettis County Health Emergency Rule expires during the school year, Sedalia School District #200 will continue to require face coverings unless otherwise noted. The Sedalia School District #200 administrative team and the Board of Education will review the rule for requirement on a school quarter basis.

**WHEREAS**, on March 13, 2020, national and state emergencies were declared following the classification of COVID-19 as a pandemic;

**WHEREAS,** the CDC has expressly found that COVID-19 spreads mainly from person to person through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs, sneezes or talks, and that these droplets can land in the mouths or noses of people who are nearby or possibly be inhaled into the lungs, and studies and evidence on infection control report that these droplets usually travel approximately 6 feet; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Deborah Birx, coronavirus response coordinator for the White House Coronavirus Task Force, recommended to the Governor of the State of Missouri on August 18, 2020 in person that the Governor order the citizens of any Missouri county with more than 20 active cases of COVID-19 to wear masks when unable to practice social distancing;

WHEREAS, no such order has been given;

WHEREAS, according to the Pettis County Health Center, there are 153 active cases of COVID-19 as of 9:30 am, August 20;

**WHEREAS,** the Pettis County Health Center's Board of Trustees and Director issued a Public Health Emergency Rule requiring face coverings on August 7, 2020, but the validity of the order has been challenged in court and the Pettis County Commissioners have not enacted the necessary Commission order to make the rule enforceable; and

**WHEREAS,** under RSMo. Section 171.011, Sedalia School District #200 possesses its own power to and may make all needful rules and regulations for the organization, grading and government in the school district; and

**WHEREAS,** the Board of Directors of Sedalia School District #200 finds that it is appropriate to require Personal Protective Equipment, specifically face coverings over the nose and mouth, to be used by all persons on District property when unable to practice social distancing with at least 6 feet between a person and others around him or her,

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the wearing of masks/face covering over the nose and mouth will be required Personal Protective Equipment specified by the District for entry on to District property or property of the District's bus transportation contractor, to be removed only when the wearer is able to practice social distancing with at least 6 feet between a person and others around him or her. By Board direction, face shields are not acceptable Personal Protective Equipment.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Resolution shall be reviewed at the beginning of each school quarter beginning with the second quarter of the 2020-21 school year.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that students refusing to wear masks/face covering over the nose and mouth at any time on District property, or property of the District's bus transportation contractor, will be referred to the MO-CAP programs of online instruction to complete their education off of District property until the wearing of masks/face covering over the nose and mouth is no longer required on District property or property of the District's bus transportation contractor. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that students unable to or refusing to wear masks/face covering over the nose and mouth at any time on District property or property of the District's bus transportation contractor who claim that they cannot wear a mask or face covering due to a medical condition will be referred to the District's programs under Policy 6140 for special education and/or related services to students with disabilities in accordance with applicable law, regulations, the Missouri State Plan for Part B of the IDEA, 1973, its implementing regulations, and Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Policy 1430 and Regulation 1430 be amended as set forth below (deletions *italicized*, additions <u>underlined)</u>.

## P 1430 Visitors to Schools

Principals and teachers shall welcome and encourage visits by parents/guardians, Board members, volunteers and patrons of the schools. All visitors shall report to the principal's office on entering the building so that the office will be aware of their presence, and shall be wearing Personal Protective Equipment specified by the District for entry on to District property. When a patron of the school has a need for a conference with a teacher or counselor, an appointment should be made so the staff member may proceed with his/her assigned duties without undue interruption.

Groups of visitors wishing to visit the school or facilities shall notify the Superintendent as far in advance as possible.

Students dismissed earlier in one school than others are not permitted to be on the grounds of any other school in the District.

All persons who do not obtain permission from the principal's office to visit the school, who do not wear Personal Protective Equipment specified by the District for entry on to District property, or visitors who create serious distractions to the learning environment in the building or on the premises, shall be considered trespassers and subject to arrest and prosecution.

Visitors who are unable to wear or refuse to wear Personal Protective Equipment specified by the District for entry on to District property shall not enter District property or, if already on District property, shall immediately leave District property, and shall notify the Superintendent if their inability to wear or refusal to wear Personal Protective Equipment specified by the District is because of medical issues, which they are free to not disclose. The Superintendent or the Superintendent's designee shall then work with the visitor to reasonably accommodate the purpose for the visit without the visitor making entry on to District property.

In order to minimize the potential harm to staff and students, persons listed on the sex offenders list may not be present in any school building, or on district property, in any district vehicle utilized to transport students, or be present at school activities without the written permission of the Superintendent. If permission is granted for a specific event or events, the Superintendent will notify the principal, where the sex offender will be present.

## Observations by Parents, Advocates, or Others

Under applicable state and federal law, a parent does not have a right to observe his/her child in the educational setting. However, if a parent, advocate or other person wishes to conduct an observation of any child, activity, teacher, or classroom, he or she must submit a written request to the building principal, within five school days of the date he or she wishes to observe, with the following information:

- 1. The name and position of the individual(s) who will be observing;
- 2. The date and time he or she wishes to observe;
- 3. The amount of time he or she wishes to observe;
- 4. The specific purpose for which he or she wishes to observe.

The building principal must then grant written permission for the observation to occur. The District reserves the right to deny any observation that it believes will disrupt the educational environment or may lead to a direct or indirect release of personally identifiable information about a student or students. The building principal or other administrator will provide a written or verbal explanation of its decision prior to the requested observation date.

## R 1430 Visitors to School

Procedure for Visitors/Observers

Patrons are always welcome to visit schools in the Sedalia School District. Due to concerns in the areas of confidentiality, safety, disruption to the school day and educational process, visitors/observers to a Sedalia School must observe the following guidelines:

- 1. Notice must be received *within* <u>at least</u> five school days *of* <u>before</u> the date the visitor/observer will be attending. Notification must include (See Visitor/Observer Form):
  - Name of visitor/observer
  - Agency visitor/observer is representing (if applicable)
  - Name of student the visitor/observer wishes to observe
  - Purpose of visit
  - Time the visitor/observer will be arriving
  - Length of time the visitor/observer is to spend in the building/classroom
  - Written permission from parent to visit/observe (if applicable)
  - Whether the visitor/observer will be wearing the Personal Protective Equipment specified by the District for entry on to District property, or not, and if their inability to wear or refusal to wear Personal Protective Equipment specified by the District is because of medical issues, which they are free to not disclose.
- 2. Upon arriving, visitor/observer must check into the office before going anywhere in the building.
- 3. Visitor/observer will be directed by the office to the prescheduled classroom or area.
- 4. Visitor/observer is only allowed in the prescheduled classrooms.
- 5. Scheduled time in the building must be followed.
- 6. Visitor/observer must check out at the office when departing.
- 7. Any data collection, notes, or videoing/tape-recording must be approved before implemented. (This is due to confidentiality issues concerning other students and may not be allowed.)
- 8. No staff are to be interviewed by visitors concerning students. Confidentiality requirements prohibit this conduct. Parents are encouraged to schedule conferences with teachers when needed.

- Copies of data collection must be left with the principal or designee for school records.
- 10. A visitor/observer unable to wear or refuse to wear Personal Protective Equipment specified by the District for entry on to District property shall not enter District property or, if already on District property, shall immediately leave District property, and shall notify the Superintendent if their inability to wear or refusal to wear Personal Protective Equipment specified by the District is because of medical issues, which they are free to not disclose. The Superintendent or the Superintendent's designee shall then work with the visitor/observer to reasonably accommodate the purpose for the visit without the visitor making entry on to District property.

Persons providing continuing services (i.e. Counseling, etc.) at the school are only required to complete one visitor/observer form per child at the beginning of the year or at the time services begin for each child. Please NOTE: procedures 2-6 must also be followed. A form to be completed will be provided upon request.

The undersigned, Diana Nichols, certifies that she is the duly elected Secretary of this District, and the above is a true and correct copy of the resolution that was duly adopted at the meeting of the Board of Education, which was held in accordance with State law and the Policies and Regulations of the school district, RSMo 171.011. The rules shall take effect when a copy of the rules, duly signed by order of the board, is deposited with the district clerk. The district clerk shall transmit forthwith a copy of the rules to the teachers employed in the schools. The rules may be amended or repealed in like manner.

Dated: August 24, 2020

Secretary