



*Russell County USD 407 is dedicated to providing a culture of learning
that will lead the state of Kansas in student success.*

- Goal 1:** *USD 407 will improve communication from the district to the internal and external publics by May of 2022.*
- Goal 2:** *USD 407 will provide updated and safe facilities to meet the educational needs of students by May of 2022.*
- Goal 3:** *USD 407 will increase the percentage of successful high school graduates from 73% to 90% by May of 2022.*
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54-060	<p>CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE</p> <p>President Raeleen Reinhardt called the USD 407 Board of Education special meeting to order at 7:45 a.m. in the Central Administration Office Boardroom. Additional board members in attendance were Mr. Brett Mai, Mrs. Deanna Myers, Dr. Matt Nichols, Mr. Kevin Ochs, Mrs. Kathy Wallert, and Mr. Ron Wedel. Mr. Mai led the group in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. Board members waived the written notice requirement under the provisions of K.S.A. 72-8205.</p> <p>Administrators in attendance were Superintendent Shelly Swayne, Mr. Josh Stephenson, Russell High School Principal; Mr. Andrew Dempewolf, Bickerdyke Elementary School Principal; Mrs. Katie Revell, Simpson Elementary School Principal; Mr. Jordan Perez, Ruppenthal Middle School Principal; Mrs. Brenda Odgers, Special Education Director; and Mr. Scott Nuss, Activities Director.</p> <p>Cody Campbell, IT Director, and Board Clerk Jane Cline were also in attendance. Guests in the audience signed an attendance roster.</p>
54-061	<p>COVID RESPONSE PROTOCOLS</p> <p>Ruppenthal Middle School COVID quarantine percentages reached the 70% threshold set by the board to reconvene a special meeting to further discuss the district's response. Discussion was held on <i>Test to Know</i> data and options to curb the rise in COVID quarantines.</p> <p>Mr. Perez recommended that all students and staff be required to mask for one week at Ruppenthal Middle School. Ms. Swayne added that if all parties are masked, the district could waive the quarantine period. Ms. Swayne also noted all staff members are required to follow district protocols regardless of personal views.</p>



	Mr. Mai made a motion to require masks for five (5) school days (10/25/2021 – 10/29/2021) at Ruppenthal Middle School and to adopt close contact procedures to include flexibility with masking. Dr. Nichols seconded the motion. Motion carried 7 – 0.
54-062	ADJOURNMENT Mrs. Reinhardt adjourned the meeting at 8:25 a.m.

Raeleen Reinhardt *11/08/2021*

Raeleen Reinhardt, Board President Date

Jane Cline *11/08/2021*

Jane Cline, Board Clerk Date