



**District School Board of Pasco County  
Workshop  
October 20, 2020**

**Members in attendance**

Allen Altman, Cynthia Armstrong, Colleen Beaudoin, Megan Harding. Alison Crumbley was absent.

**Others in attendance**

Dennis Alfonso, School Board Attorney; Kurt S. Browning, Superintendent of Schools; Ray Gadd, Deputy Superintendent; Vanessa Hilton, Chief Academic Officer; Betsy Kuhn, Kevin Shibley, Kim Moore, Marcy Hetzler-Nettles, Kim Poe, Assistant Superintendents; and other staff members.

Chairman Beaudoin called the workshop to order at 5:00 pm.

School board attorney Dennis Alfonso spoke on the proposed edits to Policy 8450.01 regarding face coverings.

Superintendent Browning asked Mike Napier, Director, Pasco County Health Department, to provide a COVID update to board members. Mr. Napier said that county officials voted today to keep the mask mandate in effect until further notice. He commended Superintendent Browning and staff for the command center and controlling the disease. COVID case numbers from Labor Day are trending up and until the numbers trend down, he recommends continued face mask requirements. A question and answer period followed - flu projections; proper mask hygiene; request for video on wearing masks/hand washing and sanitizing/social distancing; replies to "wearing a mask all day is harmful to a child's health" (mask breaks are encouraged for students); flexibility of the face covering policy.

**NEOLA 20.2 UPDATE**

Kevin Shibley, Assistant Superintendent for Administration, reviewed new and revised policies in the DSBPC Policies Update Volume 20.2 (NEOLA) before the policies are submitted for board approval. Discussion was held on several of the policies (5121, 5200, 5511, 6605). He said that corrections will be in place for the November 3 board meeting.

The workshop concluded at 5:35 p.m.

Approved in open session on November 3, 2020

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Chairman

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Superintendent of Schools