

**THE BENZIE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**September 1, 2021**

The Benzie County Board of Commissioners met in a special meeting on Wednesday, September 1, 2021, in the Frank Walterhouse Meeting Room, 448 Court Place, Government Center, Beulah, Michigan.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bob Roelofs at 11:00 a.m.

Present were: Commissioners Jeannot, Markey, Miller, Nye, Roelofs, Sauer and Warsecke

The invocation was given by Commissioner Roelofs followed by the pledge of allegiance.

**Purpose of this meeting:** Discussion regarding recent public health mandate from Benzie Leelanau District Health Department.

**Agenda:** Motion by Sauer, seconded by Markey, to approve the agenda as amended, adding Lisa Peacock following first Public Input. Ayes: Jeannot, Markey, Miller, Nye, Roelofs, Sauer and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

11:02 Public Input

Chairman Roelofs informs the public of the Public Input process, and the commissioners will not be commenting during the public input portion.

The following individuals spoke regarding mask wearing at Benzie Central Schools:

Annie Browning  
Mary Chandler  
Barb Conley  
Katie Marks  
Kathy Howland  
Dennis Rodzik  
Gary Sauer

Jim Heinrich  
Kate VanderHeiden  
Terry Mortenson  
Amanda Bissell  
Brian Childs  
John Grant  
Karen Reidlinger

11:31 a.m. Public Input Closed

Lisa Peacock, Health Officer for Benzie Leelanau District Health Dept and Northwest Michigan Health Services, addressed the board of commissioners and the public regarding her decision to mandate the wearing of masks while in the school buildings. The goal here is to keep the children safe; she reported that she does have the authority to issue this mandate.

Commissioners Roelofs, Jeannot, Warsecke, Sauer, Markey and Nye each posed questions to Ms. Peacock.

11:57 a.m. Public Input

Additional input was given by the following:

Shannon Gillison  
Dennis Rodzik  
Annie Browning  
Nikki Brown  
Kathy Howland  
Amber Pomper

Brian Childs  
Terri Wilkinson  
Amanda Bissell  
Chris Noffsinger  
Katie Marks

12:19 p.m. Public Input Closed

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Comm Warsecke requests this board show their support for the school board at the next regular Board of Commissioner meeting on September 14, 2021.

Motion by Warsecke, seconded by Miller, to adjourn this special meeting at 12:50 p.m. Ayes: Jeannot, Markey, Miller, Nye, Roelofs, Sauer and Warsecke Nays: None Motion carried.

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Bob Roelofs – Chair

Dawn Olney, Benzie County Clerk