

A Special School Board Meeting was held on Wednesday, March 25, 2020, in the high school cafeteria. The meeting was called to order at 7:02 AM by President Brian Gumtz. He led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present were board members Gumtz, DeBroux, Klumpyan, and Seubert, plus administrative staff Rick Parks, Dave Beranek, and Sarah Budny via phone. Knoeck arrived at 7:10 AM.

Written notice of this meeting had been posted and sent to the news media on Friday, March 20, 2020.

Motion by DeBroux, 2nd by Seubert to approve the agenda. Motion carried 4-0.

Mr. Beranek updated the board on the high school progress with remote learning. There have been some issues with rural connections and the district was able to purchase 10 cellular hotspots for family checkout with those who need them. Mr. Beranek has recorded videos for both teachers and students to communicate directly with them. Currently, he is communicating with other districts on how they are handling grading as we work to develop a plan for recommending to the school board during this time of school closure. Mrs. Budny shared the same internet connection issues and how the MAES/MVA was handling the distribution of work for the lower grades.

The board discussed staff compensation impacts of this extended time of school closure. Motion by Knoeck, 2nd by DeBroux to pay all hourly support staff one day during the Spring Break week, along with the hourly timecards that were turned in for those who worked. And, hourly staff will continue to have the option to work in different areas as needed and assigned. Yes – DeBroux, Klumpyan, Knoeck, Seubert, and Gumtz. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by DeBroux, 2nd by Knoeck to pay contracted support staff their daily wages, with staff not working on a given a day able use their vacation, personal days, or comp time for the day. Yes – DeBroux, Klumpyan, Knoeck, Seubert, and Gumtz. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by DeBroux, 2nd by Klumpyan to pay spring coaches their first installment and reevaluate the 2nd installment at a later date. Yes – DeBroux, Klumpyan, and Gumtz. Motion carried 3-0. Seubert and Knoeck Abstained.

Beginning on Monday, March 30th, 200-250 free sack lunches, containing a breakfast and lunch, will be available to all children in the district. Pick-up will take place at the high school from 11:00-12:00 daily.

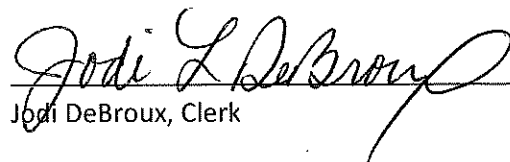
Mr. Parks informed the board that staff is allowed to be in the building for education purposes and in their classrooms only. Outdoor facilities will remain open for walking with the exception of the outdoor playground which will remain closed due to inability to clean the equipment.

The board gave Mr. Parks permission to negotiate a change in the bus contract, due to school not being in session. The negotiated amount should only apply to the regular scheduled routes.

The board changed the regular April board meeting from April 8 to April 15th. Canvassing of the School Board Election is currently scheduled to be held April 14, 2020 at 1:00 PM in the high school cafeteria.

Mrs. Budny informed the board the MVA trip to Washington is still scheduled at this point and they are working with the travel agency to see if those who choose not to go can get a refund, including their down payment.

Motion by Klumpyan, 2nd by Seubert to adjourn. Motion carried 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:26 AM.


Jodi DeBroux, Clerk