

Hanford Elementary School District  
*Minutes of the Emergency Board Meeting*  
*March 17, 2020*

Minutes of the Emergency Board Meeting of the Hanford Elementary School District Board of Trustees on March 17, 2020 at the District Office Board Room, 714 N. White Street, Hanford, CA.

- Call to Order** President Strickland called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Trustee Garcia and Revious were present. Trustee Hernandez and Garner were connected via telephone.
- Public Comments** April Silva, HETA president, express gratitude to Joy and the District. HETA was happy to see the Superintendent and Administration team giving out lunches in the rain on the first day of closure. They are truly proud of them. She said our Superintendent was ahead of everyone else and had staff stay home to do what is best for the staff and students. They are proud of Joy and are available to help her in any way possible during this closure.
- Board and Staff Comments** President Strickland stated he saw the Superintendent on the Hanford Sentinel. It shows unity of the District.
- Requests to Address the Board** None

**INFORMATION TIEMS**

- COVID-19** Joy Gabler, Superintend, present for information an update on the COVID-19. She stated she will email a copy to the Board. This update is similar to the email that was sent out to staff to keep them updated. Highlights include:
- They are keeping up with the information and guidance from state and federal officials.
  - At some point today they expect a document from the state with more information and guidance along with a CDE webinar tomorrow.
  - Long-term planning at this point is challenging with the ever-shifting parameters.
- At the end of our 1st day of closure:  
HESD Staff:
- This week, they are working on a skeleton crew at the District Office and School Sites consisting primarily of our management team. Jessica is here on a day-by-day basis.
- HESD Meal Program
- Any child ages 0-18 and from any district can be served.
  - Monday, March 16th the District served 442 student lunches at Lincoln.
  - HESD was the only District serving meals in Kings County yesterday on Monday, March 16
  - HESD is bringing on three more sites to serve pick-up lunches - JFK, MLK & Monroe.

- We will be bringing on additional Food Services staff for the essential support we need to run the meal program at our four sites.
- County wide the number of locations for meals is increasing day-by-day, Joy provided a copy of a list of other districts offering meals.

#### HESD Payroll

- Payroll personnel came in today to handle getting paychecks ready

#### HESD Curriculum & Instruction

- Grade level outlines for continued learning at home have been created by the HESD C & I Department. These guidelines are now posted on the HESD website and hard copies will be available at the meal locations starting Wednesday. These guidelines for continued learning are encouraged, but not required.
- Right now we are asking teachers to not attempt to continue learning on their own, by sending out assignments or e-mails as it creates an inequity issue and potentially can cause a much larger legal ramification in the long run.

#### HESD Human Resources

- Certificated Pre-Staffing will take place this week – staff members affected will be contacted by phone by the end of the week.
- Based on the guidance we receive from the state/federal government we'll determine next steps in bringing back all staff and to what degree.

#### HESD Facilities

- The Washington modernization project is still underway. In the coming days, we'll be reaching out to teachers that are in the affected classrooms to relay next steps in order to keep the project on the established timeline.

President Strickland thanked Joy for the presentation. He said it shows that HESD is leading upfront. Trustee Hernandez thanked Joy for all her hard work and for everyone else helping with this situation. Trustee Garner thanked Joy for her leadership and staff for their awesome job. He then asked if staff is still getting paid. Joy answered yes, all employees are getting paid. The State Governor issued a statement that districts will be funded for the remainder of the year, she expects more direction in the coming days. Trustee Garcia thanked HETA for being present, this is something we have never gone through. April Silva stated Xfinity has stated their hotspots will be free to everyone. Superintendent Gabler stated she will keep the Board up to date. April Silva asked about long-term subs if they are getting paid. Joy answered no, they have been advised to seek unemployment. Trustee Revious stated we don't want to extend the exposure to staff and management. He believes whatever precautions need to take place to keep schools and staff safe. Trustee Strickland agreed and said we don't need to bring staff unless it's absolutely necessary. Superintendent Gabler stated the next Board meeting has only items that are necessary, it is pretty minimal and can be held telephonically.

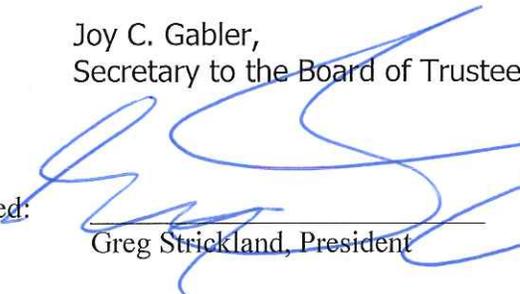
#### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, President Strickland adjourned the meeting at 10:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joy C. Gabler,  
Secretary to the Board of Trustees

Approved:

  
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Greg Strickland, President

  
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Tim Revious, Clerk

