

Members Present: Mrs. Linda Blum, President
Dr. Karl Espeleta
Mr. Chris Pulos

*Members Absent: Mr. Thomas Walker
Mrs. Jane Woodie
Mr. Isaiah Underwood

*Members were absent from the meeting to abide by the Stay-At-Home Order of Governor Dewine.

Mrs. Blum presided over the meeting.

No. 20-38 Dr. Espeleta motioned to approve the Resolution allowing Board Member participation in meetings via electronic or telephonic means.

**NORTHMONT CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
RESOLUTION ALLOWING BOARD MEMBER PARTICIPATION
IN MEETINGS VIA ELECTONIC OR TELEPHONIC MEANS**

WHEREAS, the Governor of Ohio has issued a declaration of emergency to address the spread of the COVID-19 virus; and

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020, the Ohio Department of Health issued an Order Limiting and Prohibiting Mass Gatherings in the State of Ohio, which specifically prohibits more than 50 persons gathering in a single room or space at the same time, and which strongly discourages social, non-family gatherings of more than 10 people; and

WHEREAS, on March 22, 2020, the Ohio Department of Health issued a Stay at Home Order with the intent to ensure that the maximum number of people self-isolate in their places of residence to the maximum extent feasible to slow the spread of COVID-19 to the greatest extent possible; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, Ohio Attorney General David Yost issued a letter of guidance related to the Open Meetings Act (OMA) for the purpose of reconciling the declaration of emergency from the Governor and the order from the Ohio Department of Health, which prohibits mass gatherings and urges social distancing, with the OMA's requirement that members of a public board be present "in-person" at public meetings to be considered present for establishing a quorum and voting; and

WHEREAS, to protect the health and safety of its members, the Board wishes to express its willingness to allow concerned Board members to attend and participate in meetings of the Board by electronic or telephonic means during the pendency of this state of emergency; and

WHEREAS, the Board wishes to amend certain policies to allow for the electronic and/or telephonic participation of those Board members who do not feel safe in attending meetings in person; and

WHEREAS, the Board wishes to amend its public participation policy to address public health concerns and to adapt to Board meetings being conducted via electronic and/or telephonic means; and

WHEREAS, the Board wishes to express its intention that the measures adopted in this Resolution shall continue only for the duration of the current state of emergency.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by Board of Education for the Northmont City School District as follows:

1. The Board hereby expresses its intention to forego the requirements in **Board Policy 0131 – Legislative** that action to amend the Board policies stated in this Resolution be taken only after being proposed at a previous Board meeting.
2. The Board temporarily amends **Board Policy 0100 Definitions**, and specifically the term “voting” to include the possibility that a Board member may be present for a meeting via electronic or telephonic means in order to have their vote officially recorded in the Board minutes.
3. The Board temporarily amends **Board Policy 0162 – Quorum** to state: “Three (3) members present in person or via electronic or telephonic means at a meeting shall constitute a quorum, and no business shall be conducted in the absence of a quorum.”
4. The Board temporarily amends **Board Policy 0167 – Voting** to allow for motions to be adopted by the requisite vote of those Board members present in-person and/or present via electronic or telephonic means.
5. If conducting a meeting whereby one or more Board members attend by electronic or telephonic means, the Board will:
 - a. Consistent with any orders that have been or may be issued by the Ohio Department of Health, the Governor, or any other local, state or federal body, establish a primary meeting location that is open to the public with at least one Board member in attendance in-person;
 - b. Ensure meeting-related materials that are available before the meeting be sent via electronic mail, facsimile, hand-delivery, or United States postal service to each Board member;
 - c. In the case of an interactive video conference, the Board will cause a clear video and audio connection to be established that enables all meeting participants at the primary meeting location to see and hear each Board member;

- d. In the case of a teleconference, the Board will cause a clear audio connection to be established that enables all meeting participants at the primary meeting location to hear each Board member;
 - e. In the event that any Board member participating in a meeting through an interactive video conference or teleconference is cut off, the Board shall immediately cease all discussion and deliberations until such time as the Board member is reconnected to the meeting.
 - f. All Board members will be given the capability of receiving meeting-related materials that are distributed during a Board meeting;
 - g. A roll call voice vote must be recorded for each vote taken;
 - h. The minutes of the Board meeting must identify which Board members remotely attended the meeting by interactive video conference or teleconference;
 - i. Not more than one Board member remotely attending a meeting by teleconference is permitted to be physically present at the same remote location as another Board member;
 - j. The Superintendent and Treasurer are hereby directed to establish guidelines for distributing and circulating meeting-related materials to Board members, the public, and the media in advance of or during a meeting at which Board members are permitted to attend by interactive video conference or teleconference; and
 - k. Establish a method for verifying the identity of a Board member who remotely attends a meeting by teleconference.
6. The Board temporarily amends **Board Policy 0169.1 – Public Participation at Board Meetings** to suspend all public participation. This is being done in the interest of public health and safety and to adapt to Board meetings potentially being held via electronic or telephonic means.
7. The Board will continue to provide access to the public to attend meetings in-person, consistent with any Orders that have been issued or that may be issued in the future by the Ohio Department of Health, the Governor, or any other local, state or federal body governing mass gatherings. The Board will enforce social distancing best-practices for those persons in attendance.
8. The Board will provide electronic or telephonic means by which members of the public may attend/observe the meetings of the Board. Such electronic or telephonic means shall ensure that the public can hear the discussions and deliberations of all Board members, including those attending through interactive video conference or teleconference.

The undersigned Treasurer for the Northmont City School District hereby certifies that the foregoing is an accurate and true Resolution passed by the Board of Education on March 23, 2020 and that all actions of the Board taken regarding this resolution were conducted in compliance with Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Maria Ann Ferraro

Treasurer

3/23/2020

Date

Mr. Pulos seconded the motion and the roll vote was as follows:

Aye: Espeleta, Pulos, Blum

Motion Carried

No. 20-39 Mr. Pulos motioned to approve the treasurer's agenda as follows:

- A. Approve the minutes of the regular meeting of March 9, 2020.
- B. Approve the financial report for February 2020.

Dr. Espeleta seconded the motion and the roll call vote was as follows:

Aye: Pulos, Espeleta, Blum

Motion Carried

No. 20-40 Dr. Espeleta motioned to approve section A of the personnel agenda as follows:

SECTION A

SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS -2019-2020

Julia Bradley
Douglas Csikos
Aaron Dorsten
Andrew Dorsten
Catherine Gough
Delaine C. Niesley
Corey Pritchard

RESIGNATIONS/RETIREMENTS - CLASSIFIED

Ann Bailey Resignation as Substitute Custodian - Effective 3-16-2020 - DS

RESIGNATIONS/RETIREMENTS - OTHER

Brad Bush Resignation as Supervisor of Technology - Effective 7-1-2020 - DS

CONTRACTS/APPOINTMENTS - NON CERTIFIED

Nicholas Schuman Master Maintenance Mechanic - 10 Yrs. Exp., 262 Duty Days,
Effective 3-23-2020 - SC

Mr. Pulos seconded the motion and the roll call vote was as follows:

Aye: Espeleta, Pulos, Blum

Motion Carried

No. 20-41 Mrs. Blum motioned to approve section B of the personnel agenda as follows:

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Adam Gullette	Asst. Track	Cat. 17, 50%, 5 Yrs. Exp.
Tim Szabo	Asst. Track	Cat. 17, 50%, 5 Yrs. Exp.

Dr. Espeleta seconded the motion and the roll call vote was as follows:

Aye: Blum, Espeleta

Abstained: Pulos

Motion Carried

No. 20-42 Dr. Espeleta affirms the action of its designee with respect to appeals of student suspensions/expulsions heard the month of February 2020. The names of affected students are available in the Superintendent's Office.

Mr. Pulos seconded the affirmation and the roll call vote was as follows:

Aye: Espeleta, Pulos, Blum

Motion Carried

No. 20-43 Mr. Pulos motioned to approve the consent agenda as follows:

- A. Approve 2020 High School Summer School course offerings.
- B. Review Board policies 1520, 2462, 3120, 3120.04, 3120.05, 3120.08, 4120, 4124, 4162, 5460.02, 6107, 6320, 6605.
- C. Approve out-of-state, overnight travel for NJROTC cadets and chaperone Lt. Col. Ken Knotts to Camp Atterbury IN, June 20-28, 2020, for leadership academy.
- D. Accept public cash gift to Northwood Elementary from Cindy S. Wise; public cash gift to Northmoor Elementary from Dale DeBrosse.
- E. Approve changes to the High School Program of Studies.
- F. Approve revisions to Board policy 5460 as an emergency adoption
- G. Approve the "College Preparatory Mathematics" curriculum for the Advanced Algebra II, Advanced Geometry, and Pre-Calculus courses.
- H. Approve E-Rate project, Dayton Cincinnati Technology Services, \$814,663.56 (60% refund eligible = \$488,798.13 reimbursement)

Dr. Espeleta seconded the motion and the roll call vote was as follows:

Aye: Pulos, Espeleta, Blum

Motion Carried

BOARD REPORTS

Mrs. Blum

*Thanked entire staff for implementing remote learning within a couple of days of the Governor announcing the closure of schools.

*Thanked Pam Pearson, Director of Food Service, and her staff for all their hard work packaging all the food for the food distribution.

*Thanked the all the staff members who helped with the food distribution.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

*Thanked all the teachers and staff for all the hard in instituting remote learning.

*Thanked the Northwood teachers for having their "car parade" around their neighborhood.

*Thanked all the staff who have helped with food distribution.

- *Surveys went out to students, parents and staff about how remote learning is going:
 - *253 Responses (20% of those were students)
 - *92% of respondents said they received clear instructions from their teachers on the expectations for remote learning.
 - *97% say that resources have been available for remote learning.
 - *When asked what has been the positive part of remote learning, the highest two responses were: the ability to work at your own pace and schedule and that teachers have been available to answer questions.
 - *When asked what have been the biggest challenges, the highest two responses were: None and "work assigned varied noticeably by class."
- *Staff Survey
 - *226 Responses
 - *93% said they feel they have the resources to create Remote Learning experiences for their students.
 - *97% said they have the support you need to create and implement these Remote Learning experiences.

No. 20-44 There being no further business, Mrs. Blum declared the meeting adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

Next regular Board of Education meeting is at 6:00 p.m., April 13, 2020 at Union Elementary, 418 West Martindale Rd, Union, Ohio.

President *Cynthia A. Blum*

Treasurer *Maria Ann Fernandez*

Visitors: 0

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