

Special Board Meeting Agenda

Mill Creek School Board of Education

April 2, 2020

9:00 a.m.

Superintendent's Office

This meeting will include teleconferencing and videoconferencing, but there will be parties present at Mill Creek Public School, 602 South Chickasaw Avenue, Mill Creek, Oklahoma.

Those present at remote locations will be:

Via Tele/Videoconference: Kathy Castleberry, Board President and Trent Maness, Board Vice-President.

Those present at the physical meeting site will be:

Kalob Albertson, Board Clerk; Aaron Vestal and Craig Hughes, Board Members; Lorinda Chancellor, Superintendent and Rhonda Aduddell, Board Minute Clerk.

This notice was filed with the county clerk on the 31st day of March, 2020, at 8:58 a.m. This notice was provided 48 hours in advance of the special meeting, excluding weekends and state holidays.

*******TO JOIN MEETING YOU MUST DOWNLOAD THE ZOOM APP;
MEETING ID CODE IS 235-134-7702**

Note: Mill Creek School Board of Education may discuss, vote to approve, vote to disapprove, vote to table, vote to decide or not vote on any item on the agenda.

1. Call to order
2. Roll call of members
 - a. Determination of quorum
3. Proof of notice posting
4. Agenda
5. Prayer
6. Resolution for School Calendar Change and Employee Administrative Leave
7. Amendment to 2019 - 2020 School Calendar
8. Resolution to Grant Emergency Powers to Superintendent
9. Policy for Public Participation in Board of Education Meetings
10. Adjournment

*This agenda was posted March 31, 2020, 3:30 p.m.
on the front door of high school
and on the Mill Creek School web site*


Superintendent's Secretary

**BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

All regular, special, and emergency meetings of the _____ Board of Education shall be open to the public.

The board wishes to hear the viewpoints of citizens throughout the district and considers the responsible presentation of these viewpoints vital to the efficient operation of the school system. The board also recognizes its responsibility for the proper governance of the schools and the need to conduct its business in an orderly and efficient manner. The board, therefore, directs the superintendent to establish procedures providing for limited participation at school board meetings for the citizens of this district.

Until November 15, 2020 or the Governor declares the state of emergency to be terminated, whichever comes first, the board of education may be conducting meetings via teleconference or videoconference. Members of the public shall be allowed to submit requests to address the board in the same manner that they were allowed at physical meetings of the board. In order to expedite these requests, those requests may be emailed to the superintendent or board president at _____. The final determination as to whether an item will appear on the board agenda will be at the discretion of the superintendent and board president.

REFERENCE: 70 C.S. §5-118

Resolution to Grant Emergency Powers to the Superintendent

Whereas on March 15, 2020, Governor Kevin Stitt declared a state of emergency due to the impending threat of COVID-19 to the people of the State of Oklahoma; and

Whereas, on March 16, 2020, the state Board of Education voted to enact mandatory, statewide closure of all public schools for purposes of providing instructional services or activities until April 6, 2020

Whereas under 70 O.S. §§ 5-106 & 5-117, the Board of Education of each school district in Oklahoma has general control and supervision of all matters pertaining to the public schools; and

Whereas under 70 O.S. 5-106 the Board of Education has the authority to prescribe the duties of the Superintendent, subject to such limitations set forth in the law; and

Whereas the Board of Education finds that the current state of emergency requires that the Superintendent be granted greater flexibility to respond quickly and appropriately to the evolving crisis; and

Whereas the Board of Education under board policy (OSSBA Policy BJ), may delegate its executive powers to the Superintendent and provide the Superintendent freedom to manage the school district within the Board policies; and

Whereas, the Board of Education may by majority vote of the Board members present at a Board meeting held in compliance with law and Board policies grant to the Superintendent the authority to suspend temporarily the operation of any section or sections of Board policies not established by law or contract.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mill Creek Public School Board of Education grants to the Superintendent the following temporary powers to address the COVID-19 emergency:

1. Authority to temporarily waive such Board policies or provisions of Board policies as the Superintendent shall deem necessary to comply with guidance from appropriate health or governmental authorities or necessary for other effective response, provided such action is consistent with all applicable State and Federal laws.
2. Authority to take any lawful actions necessary to ensure the continuation of public education, to provide for the health and safety of students and employees, or to respond to direction from appropriate health and government authorities. Such actions may include, but are not limited to: adjustments to the curriculum and the

provision of alternative educational program options; adjustments to employee work schedules and assignments; modifications to the school calendar; adjustments to the delivery of school-provided meals; limitations on access to property owned or controlled by the Board of Education; applying to any governmental body for financial or other aid as may be available; and applying to any governmental body for waiver of regulations or requirements, compliance with which is affected by the COVID-19 emergency, provided such action is consistent with all applicable State and Federal laws.

3. Authority to enter into contracts without prior Board approval for any dollar amount necessary for the purchase of materials, equipment, supplies, or services for sanitation, cleaning, technology, or other needs directly related to the COVID-19 emergency situation, provided such action is consistent with all applicable State and Federal laws.

NOW, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Superintendent is directed to keep the Board of Education informed of any actions taken under this emergency authority as soon as is practicable in light of the circumstances.

NOW, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the temporary powers authorized by this Resolution are in effect for the duration identified in Governor's Order 2020-07 of March 15, 2020, and any subsequent extension of that order, unless otherwise rescinded or extended by the Board upon a majority vote.

NOW, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that execution of this Resolution is conclusive evidence of the Board's approval of this action and of the authority granted herein.

Adopted and approved this ____ day of _____, 2020.

President, on behalf of

the Mill Creek Public School Board of Education

Mill Creek Public Schools

Resolution to Change School Calendar and Ensure Employee Pay

Whereas, Wednesday, March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared the Coronavirus a pandemic after the virus spread to more than 100 countries worldwide; and,

Whereas, Friday, March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared a national emergency due to the Coronavirus/ COVID-19 global pandemic; and,

Whereas, Friday, March 13, 2020 the Governor of the State of Oklahoma declared an emergency for all 77 counties in Oklahoma over COVID-19 concerns; and,

Whereas, Wednesday, March 25, 2020, the Oklahoma State Board of Education voted to keep Oklahoma's school buildings closed and implement distance learning plans for the remainder of the school year due to COVID-19; and

Whereas, due to the above, Mill Creek Public Schools is moving the last day of school from May 15, 2020 to May 8, 2020; and

Whereas the Mill Creek Public Schools Board of Education and Administration are committed to ensuring that closing schools early will not result in a financial burden to any District employees.

Therefore, be it resolved, that despite the change to the last day of classes for students, the Mill Creek Public Schools Board of Education directs the Superintendent of Mill Creek Public Schools to grant any support staff, teachers, administrators and professional technical employees paid Emergency Administrative Leave necessary to allow such employees to be paid throughout the duration of their original 2019-2020 employment contracts.

Adopted and approved this ____ day of _____, 2020.

President, on behalf of the Mill Creek Board of Education