NOTICE OF EMERGENCY BOARD MEETING
3/17/2020
2:30 pm
Electronically via Zoom

To: Manhattan School Board
From: Rob Brownell, Board Chair
Re: Special Emergency Board Meeting at 2:30 pm on 3/17/2020
Electronically via Zoom

Trustees: Superintendent Jeff Blessum asked that I call an emergency meeting of the Board to discuss issues related to the temporary closure of Manhattan Public Schools due to the presence of COVID-19 in the Gallatin Valley area. The Board may take action.

I am therefore calling a meeting at the time and place listed above. The meeting is called pursuant to MCA 20-3-322(3), which provides "Special meetings of the trustees may be called by the presiding officer or any two members of the trustees by giving each member a 48-hour written notice of the meeting, except that the 48-hour notice is waived in an unforeseen emergency or to consider a violation of the student code of conduct, as defined in accordance with district policy, within a week of graduation." An unforeseen emergency is defined in law as "a storm, fire, explosion, community disaster, insurrection, act of God, or other unforeseen destruction or impairment of school district property that affects the health and safety of the trustees, students, or district employees or the educational functions of the district." I have determined that the outbreak of Covid-19 is sufficiently akin to a community disaster that I am permitted to call this meeting.

We wish to provide the opportunity for the public to observe and participate; however, we also do not want to present a further danger to our community by creating a gathering that could undermine the advice and direction our health professionals are giving us. We will provide the opportunity to observe the meeting electronically via Zoom. I will also accept comments in writing via email before and during the meeting. I will read written comments to the Board. Please identify yourself in your email. Since we are working under a tight schedule, I encourage you to submit succinct statements.