

Minutes

A SPECIAL EMERGENCY MEETING OF THE EAST HELENA BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Call to Order: The East Helena School District No.9 held a special emergency meeting on March 15, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in the East Valley Middle School Library.

Attendance and Introduction of Board Members

Trustee Present: Chairman Walter, Kevin Bokovoy, Mark Diehl, Marcia Ellermeyer, Karen Goldsberry and Breck Scheet.

Superintendent Ron Whitmoyer and Clerk, Kim Aarstad

Administrative Staff: Joe McMahon, Jill Miller, Brenda Stoltz, Shaun Murgel & DJ Howell

Visitors: Kate Johnson, Katy Hauer, KD Jones, Jen Cordell, Adrienne Simonson, Jana Nygaard, Lona McClanahan and Gus Somerfeld

Discussion Items

Coronavirus Pandemic Action Plan

Superintendent Whitmoyer went over the options to consider for a school closure.

- Option #1. Use of the School Board's Declaration of an Unforeseen Emergency
- Option #2 Use of Offsite Instruction, Both for Homebound and Generally
- Option #3 Offering a Proficiency Model, both individually and at the System Level
- Option #4 Use of Transportation Funding to Provide Room and Board and/or Supervised Correspondence or Home Student
- Option #5 Mix and Match (Option 1-4)

As presiding officer, Chairman Walter determined that an unforeseen emergency has occurred and therefore the 48 hour meeting notice requirement has been waived.

Motion by Trustee Bokovoy, Seconded by Trustee Ellermeyer to affirm the Governor's declaration 2-2020 and 3-2020, that an unforeseen emergency relating to Covid19 does exist. In compliance with the Governor's order, the Board mandated that all schools be closed for the two weeks. Unanimous vote for the motion.

Superintendent Whitmoyer asked if the Board would consider adopting the second reading of Board Policy 2221P. This policy deals with School Closure and the first reading was held at the March 9, 2020 meeting.

Motion by Trustee Bokovoy, seconded by Trustee Scheet to approve the second reading of Board Policy 2221P. Unanimous vote for the motion.

Motion by Trustee Ellermeyer, seconded by Trustee Bokovoy that the District will go forward with instruction for the two weeks mandatory closure using off site instruction, proficiency model & using transportation funding to provide food and educational supplies to students. Unanimous vote for the motion.

Hear the Public

No one addressed the Board

Future Meeting Dates and Agenda Items

The next regular meeting will be held on April 13, 2020 at the East Valley Middle School Library.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:59

Submitted by: _____
Clerk, Kim Aarstad

Approved by: _____
Chairman, Board of Trustees

Date