

BOARD MINUTES

March 17, 2020

A special meeting of the Board of Trustees of Shepherd School District #37 was held Tuesday, March 17, 2020 in the Conference Room of the Administration Building and electronically in accordance with MCA 2-3-202. Chairman, Carl Openshaw called the meeting to order at 3:00pm.

Members present electronically: Jeff Branson, Shane Flowers, Julie Hinkle, Carl Openshaw, and Carl Parker.

Staff present: Superintendent – Drea O’Donnell, Clerk – Janice Ripley, and Asst. Clerk Macey Ferguson.

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

None

NEW BUSINESS

Declaration of Unforeseen Emergency

The meeting was called to review the current circumstances related to COVID-19 for possible declaration of unforeseen emergency pursuant to 20-9-801 through 30-9-806 MCA.

A High School/Joint motion was made by Carl Parker, seconded by Julie Hinkle, for the Board of Trustees of Shepherd School District to declare an unforeseen emergency in accordance with Sections 20-9-801 through 20-9-806, MCA, due to the community and school health concerns related to COVID-19 and authorize the administration to take necessary steps to execute this declaration and inform the public and government agencies of this declaration.

Motion passed unanimously.

The Superintendent advised the Board that the school had applied for the SFSP program through OPI. This program allows students in need to receive breakfast and lunch at no cost to them. The cost of this service will be reimbursed to the lunch program through OPI from the Federal Government.

The Superintendent also outlined the plan for continuing the education of the Shepherd School students during this emergency closure.

- **Offsite Instruction:** The Superintendent is authorized to work with district staff in providing instruction for pupils of the district. Such instruction may include any method or methods identified as appropriate by the superintendent, including but not limited to offsite instruction as defined and referenced in sections 20-1-10(5); 20-1-101(14); 20-7-118; and 20-9-311(11), MCA.

ADJOURNMENT

Time of adjournment: 3:20pm.