

UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 113
Board of Education office
1619 South Old HWY 75
Sabetha Kansas 66534

Preparing Kids, Shaping the Future

Special BOE Meeting, Thursday, March 19, 2020 6:00 PM
Held at the Sabetha BOE office, 1619 S. Old Hwy 75, Sabetha, KS

Board President Ed Reznicek called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Board members present in person were Kathy Lippert, Kent Saylor, Jim Scoby, Leslie Scoby, and Dr. Jeff DeMint. Ed Reznicek and Ann Shaughnessy attended by video conferencing/phone. Superintendent Todd Evans, Board Clerk Deb Damman, and others listed on the attached sheet were also present. The meeting was streamed live on the USD 113 website and was available by phone conferencing for members of the public.

Motion was made by Kathy Lippert, seconded by Dr. Jeff DeMint, to approve the agenda and the Waiver of Notice for March 19, 2020 BOE Special meeting due to the emergency situation. Dr. Jeff DeMint seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0. The Waiver of Notice is attached to these minutes.

Superintendent Todd Evans shared Executive Order No. 20-07 Temporarily closing K-12 school to slow the spread of COVID-19 that was signed by Governor Laura Kelly on March 17, 2020. The order is attached to these minutes. Mr Evans identified several items needing clarification and items needing resolution from the Board.

Mr. Evans clarified that there can be more than 10 people in a school building at a time as long as they comply with social distancing and other directives in the Executive Order.

Mr. Evans informed the Board that USD 113 has completed 888.1 classroom hours of the 1,116 hours required by KSBE, and that USD 113 will be required to submit a Continual Learning Plan to the State to receive a waiver and continued funding.

Mr. Evans shared the current BOE Policy BGD on School Days/Hours Make-up Policy approved by the BOE on 8/12/19, and the teacher attendance requirements during emergency closings in the Negotiated Agreement between the Prairie Hills Education Association and the BOE of USD 113.

Motion was made by Kathy Lippert, seconded by Dr. Jeff DeMint, to give President Ed Reznicek the authority to enter into a Memo of Understanding on behalf of the Board to resolve conflicts between the Negotiated Agreement and Board Policy BGD. Motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Evans will present a resolution to provide an exception to the Classified Negotiated Agreement at the next Special BOE meeting so classified staff are not required to use Personal Leave for school closings due to COVID-19. This is a condition of the Continuous Learning Plan that will be presented to the Board for approval at the special meeting prior to submitting the plan to the State.

Mr. Evans informed the Board that the federal Summer Food Program was available to provide breakfast and lunch for children aged 1 to 18, and that the district was prepared to start the program on Monday. Meals would be handed out to children at Sabetha Elementary, Wetmore Academic Center, Axtell Public School, Fairview City Park, Morrill Community Center, Bern Community Library, Summerfield Community Center, and Goff Community Center. The child must be present to receive the meals and does not need to be a student in the district.

Motion was made by Kathy Lippert, seconded by Dr. Jeff DeMint, to approve the Summer Food Program to provide meals for students during school closure as described by Mr. Evans. Motion passed 7-0.

Mr. Evans informed the Board that he has authorized the use of the SHS gym for hospital overflow patients if necessary.

Motion was made by Dr. Jeff DeMint to postpone the Special Board of Education Meeting scheduled for March 31, 2020. Motion was seconded by Kathy Lippert. Motion carried 7-0.

Kathy Lippert clarified that the decision on school closure was a statewide mandate and was not made by the local Board of Education.

At 6:40, motion by Kathy Lippert, seconded by Dr. Jeff DeMint, to adjourn. Motion carried 7-0.

Board President

Board Clerk

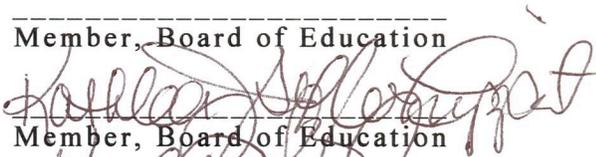
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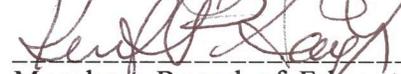
I hereby waive the written notice required under the provisions of K.S.A. 72-1138 as to the time, place, and purpose of a special meeting of the Board of Education of Unified School District No. 113, State of Kansas, held on March 19, 2020.

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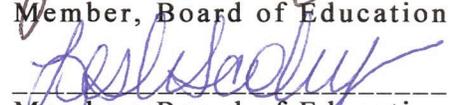
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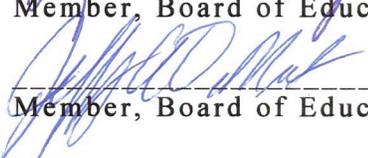
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Attest:



Clerk, Board of Education
Unified School District No. 113
Nemaha County
State of Kansas

Approved: March 19, 2020

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GOVERNOR LAURA KELLY

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 20-07

Temporarily closing K-12 schools to slow the spread of COVID-19

WHEREAS, securing the health, safety, and economic well-being of residents of the State of Kansas is this Administration's top priority;

WHEREAS, Kansas is facing a crisis—the pandemic and public health emergency of COVID-19—resulting in illness, quarantines, school closures, and temporary closure of businesses resulting in lost wages and financial hardship to Kansas citizens;

WHEREAS, the United States Departments of Health and Human Services declared a public health emergency for COVID-19 beginning January 27, 2020, with more than 4,000 cases of the illness and more than 60 deaths as a result of the illness across the United States;

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization declared a pandemic on March 11, 2020;

WHEREAS, a State of Disaster Emergency was proclaimed for the State of Kansas on March 12, 2020;

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared the ongoing COVID-19 a pandemic of sufficient severity and magnitude to warrant an emergency declaration for all states, tribes, territories, and the District of Columbia pursuant to Section 501(b) of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. § 5121-5207 (the "Stafford Act");

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States pursuant to Sections 201 and 301 of the National Emergencies Act, 50 U.S.C. § 1601, et seq. and consistent with Section 1135 of the Social Security Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. § 1320b-5), declared that the COVID-19 outbreak in the United States constitutes a national emergency beginning March 1, 2020;

WHEREAS, Kansas' K-12 schools are the backbone of our communities, but they are also opportunities to significantly further the spread of COVID-19;

WHEREAS, many schools have already temporarily closed, either voluntarily or as a result of local health department orders or state-level recommendations;

WHEREAS, the status of the COVID-19 outbreak now requires a statewide approach to K-12 schools that gives students, parents, teachers, staff, and administrators some certainty and the opportunity to develop and implement alternative instructional programs and methods;

WHEREAS, I have consulted with the Commissioner of Education and the State Department of Education, and received the input of the Kansas State Board of Education, the Kansas National Education Association, the Kansas School Superintendents' Association, the United School Administrators of Kansas, and the Kansas Association of School Boards as to the actions required and appropriate in these unprecedented circumstances to ensure the safety of our communities, our students, and the professionals who work with them;

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Education and other leaders of our schools are working to implement continuous learning measures or programs to assist in the academic and educational development of our students; and

WHEREAS, this Administration will do whatever it can to assist Kansans in these challenging times, especially through protecting our children, families, and educators.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Kansas, including the authority granted me by K.S.A. 48-924 and K.S.A. 48-925, in order to mitigate the effects of the spread of COVID-19 I hereby direct and order the following:

1. All K-12 school buildings or facilities—whether public or private—used for student instruction are to close and cease in-person instruction until May 29, 2020, except as allowed below.
2. Any school building or facility operating with a total of fewer than 10 students, instructors, or staff may continue normal operations so long as they comply with all directives regarding social distancing, hygiene, and other methods to slow the spread of COVID-19.
3. The Commissioner of Education and the State Department of Education will formulate guidance for school districts to create and implement continuous learning plans as well as implement in-person instruction protocols and methods for small groups of students on subjects not reasonably susceptible to continuous learning. Adhering to this guidance and in consultation with local health departments, K-12 schools may conduct appropriate, limited in-person instruction in small groups of students so long as they comply with all directives regarding social distancing, hygiene, and other methods to slow the spread of COVID-19.
4. All schools should work with their local governments and county health departments to determine appropriate meal provision, childcare, or other community uses of school facilities or resources while complying with all directives regarding social distancing, hygiene, and other methods of slowing the spread of COVID-19.
5. The Commissioner of Education is empowered to grant waivers to the terms of this order but only as needed to comply with federal law or to ensure eligibility for federal funds.
6. This order supersedes any contrary or less restrictive order by any local health department regarding the operation of schools and should be read in conjunction with EO

20-04 ("Temporarily prohibiting mass gatherings to limit the spread of COVID-19").
Any contrary or less restrictive language in EO 20-04 is superseded by this order.

This document shall be filed with the Secretary of State as Executive Order No. 20-07. It shall become effective immediately and remain in force until rescinded or until the statewide State of Disaster Emergency proclaimed on March 12, 2020, relating to COVID-19 expires, whichever is earlier.

THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

BY THE GOVERNOR

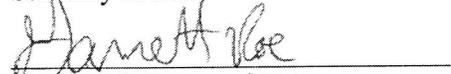


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3.17.2020



Secretary of State



Assistant Secretary of State

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