Sandhills Public Schools "Life is a Journey. Education is the roadmap and compass."

Minutes of Special Emergency Board Meeting SHS Lecture Hall

March 16, 2019 1:00 p.m.

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- 1. Called to Order 1:01 p.m.
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance
 - a. Open Meetings Act adhered to and posted
 - b. Special Board Meeting Policy 204.02 -
- 3. Attendance –

Present Mr. Steve Bass

Mr. Reed Larsen

Mrs. Michelle Milleson

Mr. Tyson Cox Mr. Jeff Martindale Mr. Tedd Teahon

Mr. Gary Cooper & Mr. J.D. Furrow

4. Approval of the Meeting Agenda

Motioned by Michelle Milleson, Seconded by Tyson Cox – Passed 6-0

5. Discussion Items:

- a. Mr. Cooper informed the board of the purpose of the emergency board meeting and policy that allows the board to call a meeting without prior publication.
- b. Impact of COVID 19 Virus on School Operations
 - Emergency Declaration Option Mr. Cooper informed the board of the intent to approve a resolution that allowed the administration to take action without reconvening the board in light of the COVID – 19 virus.
 - 2. Paying Staff During Closure Mr. Furrow requested that the board allow staff to continue to get in their normal hours of work to keep their income fairly stable. Mr. Furrow also discussed the plan for the teaching staff as well.
 - 3. Employees working from home Mr. Furrow informed the board of different options that teacher could use to do distance education with their students.
 - 4. Providing Meals Mr. Furrow discussed a plan to keep our kitchen operational and deliver meals to designated pick up areas. We will plan to provide a lunch and a grab and go breakfast with each sack. We also discussed the need for a plan to get lunch counts.

- 5. Educational Service It is the responsibility of the school to provide SPED services to students with an IEP if we are having formal instruction for classes. We also have the option of just doing enrichment exercises that are suitable for each individual student.
- 6. Large Gatherings Mr. Furrow shared with the board the commissioner of education and governor's definition of gatherings and made clear that normal office operations and classroom work didn't fall into this category.
- 7. Access to the buildings Mr. Furrow conveyed to the board that we would treat the school closing as a moratorium and that students would not be allowed in the building or on the grounds to play sports. There may be times when students would come in to pick up materials and that would be a grab and go situation.
- 8. The board and administration discussed other concerns due to the COVID 19 Virus
- 6. Requests to address the board. At this time, the board will hear comments or concerns from patrons that have been addressed through the proper procedures, policies, and administrative channels.
 - Mr. Teahon took comments and questions from the teachers that were in attendance for the meeting. Concern was raised over the communication with parents and how to handle kids that are showing symptoms.
- 7. Business/Action Items:
 - Motion by Martindale and seconded by Bass to approve the following resolution:

"WHEREAS, the world, the United States, and Nebraska are suffering from a pandemic of the COVID19 VIRUS; and WHEREAS, the virus is extremely fast acting and requires very prompt responses by school districts to protect students, employees, parents and community; and WHEREAS; to be effective, Sandhills must respond more quickly than often may be possible if the district were to publish notice of a regular or even an emergency board meeting and conduct the board meeting to take action; Now, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to take action on all matters as he deems necessary, except for actions that, by statute, specifically require board action. The Superintendent will promptly report such actions to the Board. Any Board policy that conflicts with this motion will be suspended until the Board rescinds this motion."

Meeting Adjourned at 2:45

Respectfully Submitted,

J.D. Furrow (Recording Secretary)