

UNITED PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 07
Special School Board Meeting
March 22, 2020

Members present: Brett Casavant, Brenda Buri, Josh Sundsbak, Matt Schaefer and Chad Brown. Also present were Superintendent Christopher Bachmeier, Business Manager Jody Askvig, Principal Sue Kranz, JH Principal Josh Brown, Dean of Students/AD Scott Medalen, Assistant Elementary Principal Kayla Andersen, Kristi Schaefer, Amy Ralph, Ami Yale, Susan Bosch, Jennifer Baker, Deb Grandy, Beth Bachmeier, Diana Kouba, Mary Sandbo, Nicole Opland, Bridget Schaefer, Sauer, Shelly, dthompson and two others not identified.

President Casavant called the meeting to order 2:00 p.m.

A motion was made by Buri and seconded by Brown to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Buri and seconded by Sundsbak to approve the resolution Granting Emergency Powers to the Superintendent as follows:

Whereas by Executive Orders dated March 15, 2020 and March 19, 2020, Governor Doug Burgum declared a state of emergency and ordered the closure of all North Dakota public schools for instructional purposes until further notice, as a safeguard against the further spread of COVID-19; and

Whereas under NDCC 15.1-09-33, the School Board has general control and supervision of all matters pertaining to the public schools; and

Whereas under NDCC 15.1-14-01 the School Board has the authority to prescribe the duties of the Superintendent; and

Whereas the School Board finds that the current state of emergency requires that the Superintendent be granted greater flexibility to respond quickly and appropriately to the evolving crisis; and

Whereas the operation of any section or sections of Board policies not established by law or contract may be suspended temporarily by a two-thirds vote of Board members present at a Board meeting held in compliance with law and Board policy;

Now Therefore, Be It Resolved that the United #7 School Board grants to the Superintendent the following temporary powers to address the COVID-19 emergency:

- 1. Authority to temporarily waive such Board policies or provisions of Board policies as the Superintendent shall deem necessary to comply with guidance from appropriate health or governmental authorities, necessary for other effective response, or that may be in violation of or inconsistent with any executive orders issued by the Governor pursuant to the authority set forth in NDCC ch 37-17.1.**
- 2. Authority to take any lawful actions necessary to ensure the continuation of public education, to provide for the health and safety of students and employees, or to respond to direction from appropriate health and government authorities. Such actions may include, but are not limited to: adjustments to employee work schedules and assignments; modifications to the school calendar; adjustments to the delivery of school-provided meals; limitations on access to property owned or controlled by the School Board; applying to any governmental body for financial or other aid as may be available; and applying to any governmental body for waiver of regulations or requirements, compliance with which is affected by the COVID-19 emergency.**
- 3. Authority to enter into contracts without board approval for any dollar amount necessary for the purchase of materials, equipment, supplies, or services for sanitation, cleaning, technology, or other needs directly related to the COVID-19 emergency situation, provided such action is consistent with all applicable State and Federal laws.**

NOW, Be It Further Resolved that the Superintendent is directed to keep the School Board informed of any actions taken under this emergency authority as soon as is practicable in light of the circumstances.

Now, Be It Further Resolved that the temporary powers authorized by this Resolution are in effect for the duration identified in Governor's Executive Orders of March 15, 2020 and March 19, 2020, and any subsequent extension of those orders, unless otherwise rescinded or extended by the Board upon a majority vote.

Now, Be It Further Resolved that execution of this Resolution is conclusive evidence of the Board's approval of this action and the authority granted herein.

Adopted and approved this 22nd day of March 2020.

Superintendent update: We are paying all non-certified staff, lunch staff, and bus drivers through the remainder of the school year. We will make lunches for all students aged 1-18, serve out of Des Lacs, have paras deliver or go to locations and hand out lunches. If need arises, we will use the bus drivers to help. Thank you to Dr. Sandbo for helping set up the online school and help with the plan.

Elementary update: Mrs. Kranz said grades K-2 will have a combination of packets and online learning. Grades 3-6 will do Google classroom. Music, Band, PE and counseling will be taught through the teachers' individual sites. The teachers have times set up where they will be live with their students.

Junior High update: Meeting with the teachers on Monday. We will still be keeping our Tuesday am meetings on zoom. Attendance will be taken every day. The students will attend synchronous teaching two times a week at scheduled times.

Mrs. Schaefer will have her own zoom account so she may continue to meet with students one on one as needed. She will also continue to meet with students regularly and will continue to meet with groups for social emotional things she has been doing during the year.

Prom will be postponed until May 2nd, all sports are on hold for now and we will have graduation, but the date may change. The special ed teachers will continue to meet with their students one on one and get them prepared for the new learning.

Brenda Buri would like to thank Mr. Bachmeier for his leadership during this time.

Meeting adjourned 2:24 p.m.

Jody Askvig, Business Manager

Brett Casavant, Board President