

Minutes of Special Meeting
April 1, 2020
The Board of Education
Unity School District

A Special Meeting of the Board of Education of Unity School District was held Wednesday, April 1, 2020, beginning at 10:17 AM in the Board Room via Zoom.

1. Call to Order/Notice of Meeting/Roll Call
 - Members Present:** Debbie Ince-Peterson, James Beistle, Kelly Kamish, Ryan Peterson, Pat Kastens, Jeromy Cox
 - Admin. Team Present:** District Admin. Brandon Robinson
 - Members Absent:** Sheryl Holmgren
2. PUBLIC HEARING pursuant to Wis. Stat. §118.38(1)(a)(b)
 - a. Written testimony for the public hearing regarding the Board of Education considering DPI waivers may be submitted by email to brobinson@unity.k12.wi.us by 9:00 AM on Wednesday, April 1, 2020. Such testimony will be provided to the Board of Education for consideration and review during the public hearing. Because this is a virtual meeting via Zoom, no in-person comments will be permitted.
 - No comments. Motion to Close Public Hearing by James Beistle.
 - Second by Pat Kastens.
 - Motion carries by unanimous voice vote.
3. Consideration of School Board Resolution for the Waiver of School District Requirements:
 - a. Waiver of the requirements of Wis. Stat. §121.02(1)(f) and the administrative rules promulgated by the department regarding required instructional hours for students for the 2019-2020 school year only due to the COVID-19 public health emergency.
 - b. Waiver of the requirements to complete an Educator Effectiveness Cycle for educators in their Summary Year in 2019-20, including waivers of the requirements to meet PI 8.01 and Wis. Stat. §§115.415 and 121.02(1)(q) for the 2019-20 school year only due to the COVID-19 public health emergency.
 - c. Waiver of the requirement in Wis. Stat. §118.33(1m)(a) relating to the civic exam requirement as a condition of receiving a high school diploma for the 2019-2020 school year only due to the COVID-19 health emergency and additional reasons.
 - Motion to Approve School Board Resolution for items 3.a–3.c by James Beistle.
 - Second by Jeromy Cox.
 - Motion carries by unanimous voice vote.

4. Consideration of Suspension or Amendment of Board Policy for the 2019-2021 School Year Only, Due to the Extended COVID-19 School Closure

- a. Board Policy 345.6 Graduation Standards and Requirements
- b. Board Policy 345.64 Rule-Graduation Standards and Requirements Community Involvement

Motion to Approve the Suspension of Board Policy 345.6 and 345.64 by Pat Kastens.

Second by James Beistle.

Motion carries by unanimous voice vote.

5. Consideration of Employee Compensation and Leave Usage During COVID-19 Closure

Motion by Kelly Kamish to continue and extend pay to hourly employees for their scheduled hours for the duration of the public health emergency school closure, or the end of the school year, whichever comes first.

Second by Pat Kastens.

Roll Call: Debbie Ince-Peterson(yes), James Beistle(yes), Kelly Kamish(yes), Ryan Peterson(yes), Pat Kastens(yes), Jeromy Cox(yes)

Motion by Ryan Peterson to Approve Pro-Rated Compensation of Extra Duty Contracts.

Second by Kelly Kamish.

Motion carries by unanimous voice vote.

6. Report on School Nutrition Services During COVID-19 Closure

7. Report on Virtual Learning Programming During COVID-19 Closure

8. Adjourn

Motion to Adjourn by Pat Kastens.

Second by James Beistle.

Motion carries by unanimous voice vote at 10:40 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pat Kastens, School Board Clerk

