Resolution of the Board of Trustees of the Stephenville Independent School District Regarding Emergency Purchases

Whereas the number of cases of Coronavirus (COVID-19) in Texas and the U.S. continues to rise:

Whereas, in the event of an emergency due to COVID-19 were to occur, including but not limited to school closure, the District may not be able to immediately call a Board meeting to approve any necessary purchases the District must make with a value of \$50,000 or more:

Whereas, in the event of an emergency due to COVID-19 were to occur, it would necessarily cause delay for the Superintendent to be required to get a Board approval before making the purchases or to enter into necessary agreements that cost \$50,000 or more; and

Whereas, it would prevent unnecessary delay if the Superintendent were authorized to enter contracts and make necessary emergency purchases that costs \$50,000 or more without Board approval:

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by the Board of Trustees of the Stephenville Independent School District as follows:

- 1. All the above-referenced paragraphs are incorporated into and made a part of this Resolution.
- 2. The Board expressly authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to make purchases and/or enter into contracts that cost \$50,000 or more in the event there is a District emergency due to COVID-19 *and* the Superintendent determines the delay posed by waiting to get approval by the Board would delay, prevent or substantially impair the conduct of essential school activities.
- 3. There is a public purpose served, and a benefit to Stephenville ISD, for the district to authorize the Superintendent of Schools to make purchases and/or enter into contracts that cost \$50,000 without Board approval in the event of an emergency due to COVID-19 were to occur, (1) provide necessary goods and services to the District, (2) reduce interruption of District operations, and (3) maintain District equipment, facilities and property.
- 4. The Superintendent shall not be required to obtain Board approval before making these purchases; rather, the Superintendent is authorized to make the purchases in the event of an emergency related to COVID-19 were to occur.
- 5. The Superintendent shall report to the Board at the next called Board meeting, any and all purchases that were made pursuant to the authority granted in this Resolution, the purchasing methods used to make such purchases, and the reason(s) for the determination that that the delay posed by first getting Board approval for the emergency purchases would prevent or substantially impair the conduct of classes or other essential school activities.

PASSED and ADOPTED the the Stephenville Independent School District I	day of March 2020, by the Board of Trustees of by the following vote:
AYES:	
NOES:	
ABSENT:	
ABSTAIN:	
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President, Board of Trustees	
ATTEST:	
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Secretary, Board of Trustees	