

March 16, 2020
Emergency Meeting Minutes

An emergency meeting was called to order on this date by President Jason Bonner at 6:00 p.m.

Members present were Jason Bonner, JP Abernathy, Kevin Godfrey, Bobby Langbartels, and Leah Cooper. Ned Fratangelo was attending through teleconference (by phone). Dr. Kent Thigpen was absent. School Personnel present were Rob Barnwell, Michael Walker, Clint Coyne, Jack Smith, Dr. Tim Phy, Mike Wood, Dr. Lynn Phillips, and Jay Patrick. Others present were Bob Palmer, Hugh Lewis, Michael Youngblood, Austin Farmer, and Jason Farmer.

An invocation was given by Rob Barnwell.

Mr. Bonner led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

During the campus/administrative reports agenda item, Mr. Barnwell reported that he and Mr. Walker had attended a meeting that morning with Judge LeFleur, Sheriff McKnight, Mayor Victor Perot, and Constable David Capps. That meeting was called by Judge LeFleur to allow everyone to communicate, ask questions, and offer assistance to the other entities, as needed, during the coronavirus situation. Mr. Barnwell publicly thanked those gentlemen for their offer of help to the school during this time of uncertainty. Dr. Phillips gave a demonstration of Acellus, an instructional program we currently use, but one we plan to expand, as appropriate, in order to assist teachers with remote instruction for our students during any pending school closure.

Mr. Barnwell recommended the Board approve the ceasing of normal school operations due to the federal and state declarations of an emergency due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the local concerns that have risen due to that situation. His recommendation indicated school should be closed through April 3rd, with possible resumption of normal school activities on April 6th. He also asked the Board give the superintendent the authority to amend the date of resumption, if needed, as new information comes in. Mr. Abernathy made a motion to approve the recommendation. Mr. Langbartels seconded the motion. Motion carried, 6-0.

Motion by Mr. Godfrey, seconded by Ms. Cooper, to approve the adoption of a resolution which would allow the district to pay personnel (exempt and nonexempt) during this time of closure/emergency, as allowed by law.

Motion by Mr. Langbartels, seconded by Ms. Cooper, to approve the consent agenda (budget amendment) for the purchase of extra Acellus licensure, a software that assists teachers to teach remotely through technology. Motion carried, 6-0.

Due to no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:48 pm.

President's Signature

Secretary's Signature