

BILLINGS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT #1
Minutes of Special Meeting
March 17, 2020
UNOFFICIAL MINUTES
(Subject to review and revision by the board)

A special meeting of the Billings County School Board was called to order by President Joey Kessel at 1:07 p.m. MT, Tuesday, March 17, 2020, at DeMores School in Medora, North Dakota. Present on site were board members Joey Kessel and Eric Bock. Also present on site were District Principal Shae Peplinski, Assistant Principal Danielle O'Brien, Business Manager Tammy Simnioniw, and Maintenance Supervisor Pete Hegge. Present via video or teleconference were board members Kwirt Johnson and Julie Reis. Also present via teleconference was Richard Volesky with BC Pioneer.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss issues regarding school closure due to coronavirus.

Peplinski and O'Brien presented plans and procedures for addressing the school closure including sanitation plan for the buildings. Bock noted that with the shortage of usual cleaning products used, his company received a list of products that can be diluted and used for sanitation that would meet disinfectant standards. He will provide that list to school personnel. The principals also discussed plans for instruction of students if state continues to mandate school closures.

The board discussed hourly staff wages during mandated school closure. Johnson moved, Bock seconded, that all staff stay at home unless requested for the week of March 16 during the mandated school closure and receive their full pay. Roll call vote with all in favor.

Bus contracts were discussed. No action taken. Will be reviewed at next special meeting.

Preschool was discussed. Reis moved, Johnson seconded, that preschool will be suspended if school closure continues and pre-paid preschool fees will be reimbursed. Roll call vote with all in favor.

The library contract was discussed. The board asked the principals and business manager to meet with Rita Ennen, Library Director, to discuss the contract. The board does not want library service at the school during school closure.

Bock moved, Johnson seconded to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 2:23 p.m.

Joey Kessel, President

Tammy Simnioniw, Business Manager