

BILLINGS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT #1
Minutes of Special Meeting
March 27, 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 9:01 a.m. MT, Friday, March 27, 2020, at DeMores School in Medora, North Dakota. Present via video conference were board members Anita Adams, Eric Bock, Kwirt Johnson, Joey Kessel and Julie Reis and District Principal Shae Peplinski and Assistant Principal Danielle O'Brien. Present on site was Business Manager Tammy Simnioniw and Maintenance Supervisor Pete Hegge.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss classified staff wages and bus contract payments during school closure and to act on a staff resignation.

The board reviewed new federal COVID-19 emergency leaves under the Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) and the Emergency Paid Sick Leave (EPSL). Eric Bock declared a conflict of interest due to his spouse being impacted. Reis moved, Johnson seconded, to recognize the conflict of interest as noted and to allow Bock to participate in the discussion and voting. Roll call vote with all in favor.

Reis moved, Johnson seconded, to rescind the motion made at the March 20 meeting regarding staff wages. Roll call vote with all in favor. Adams moved, Reis seconded, to pay hourly staff at regular rate and normal hours for the time period of March 23 through March 31. Roll call vote with all in favor.

Bock moved, Johnson seconded, to pay bus contractors in full through March 31. Roll call vote with all in favor. This will be revisited at April board meeting to determine payment for remainder of school year.

A letter of resignation from Markie Toso, elementary teacher at DeMores School, was read. Reis moved, Johnson seconded, to accept resignation. Roll call vote with all in favor.

Johnson moved, Reis seconded, to adjourn. All in favor. The meeting adjourned at 10:18 a.m.

Joey Kessel, President

Tammy Simnioniw, Business Manager