

Quinter Public Schools USD 293
Official Minutes of Special Board Meeting
March 26, 2020

Call to Order:

President Aaron Betz called the Special Board of Education meeting to order at 7:00pm. In attendance via "Google Meet" were Shane Mann, Robert Herl, Kristal Werth, Tara Thornburg, and Tiffany Gillespie. Member not in attendance was Giovanni Caasi. Also attending were Supt./Princ. Kurt Brown; Princ. Toby Countryman; Clerk Evone Waggoner. Meeting was streamed via Google Meet Stream.

Agenda Items:

The meeting was held to discuss the items for which the meeting was called: Consideration of minutes of previous meetings, Consideration of bills; Continuous Learning Plan (A); Daily Learning, Food Service & Bussing, Events - Prom, Graduation, and Facility Use; Facilities Committee; Personnel (Executive Session and/or Action) - Employee Compensation Plan - Employee Leave; Student Issues (Executive Session and/or Action); Negotiations (Executive Session and/or Action) - Insurance Committee. Notification was done by e-mail on Tuesday, March 23, 2020.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion to approve the regular board of education meeting minutes of March 9, 2020 as presented. Herl/Mann(m/s/c 6-0)

Approval of Bills:

Motion to approve bill checks #24466 thru #24481. Werth/Mann (m/s/c 6-0)

Continuous Learning Plan:

Daily learning plan - K-12 students will use Google Classroom for daily learning. K-3 students will be taught on-line except for families requesting paper/flash drive learning. Resolution was approved to authorize wage payments during the emergency school closings.

Action Item:

Motion to approve the Resolution of the Board Regarding Wage Payments during Emergency School Closings:

WHEREAS, the board is authorized to expend funds of the Quinter Public Schools U.S.D. 293 for purposes necessary in the conduct of the public schools as determined by the board;

WHEREAS, the board acknowledges that during an emergency closing, most district employees are instructed not to report for work;

WHEREAS, the board finds that a need exists to address wage payments for employees who are idled resulting from an order by the {Superintendent/board/Kansas Governor Laura Kelly/Gove County Health Department} in conjunction with the Kansas Department of Health and Environment and the Kansas State Department of Education resulting from the COVID-19 Pandemic of 2020;

WHEREAS, the board determines that employees who are instructed not to report to work may suffer a loss of pay if the district or its attendance centers are closed;

WHEREAS, the Kansas Legislature has declared in House Substitute for Senate Bill 142 its intent that any school district applying for a waiver of the mandatory school term under K.S.A. 72-3117, and amendments thereto, shall continue to pay all current hourly employees during times of closure; and

WHEREAS, the board concludes that continuing wage payments to all regular employees, both salaried and hourly, who suffer a loss in pay due to an emergency closing serves the public purposes of maintaining morale, reducing turnover, and ensuring continuity of district staffing when schools reopen;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Quinter Unified School District 293 authorizes continued wage payments to all regular employees, including regular salaried and hourly employees and employees under current contract with the board who are instructed not to report to work on days they would otherwise be required to be working during an emergency closing.

The authority granted by this resolution to continue wage payments to idled employees is effective for the period of March 16, 2020 through June 30, 2020, unless the Board takes action to authorize payment during a longer duration.

Adopted this 26 day of March, 2020, by the USD 293 Board of Education. Mann/Herl (m/s/c 6-0)

Action Item:

Motion to approve USD 293 application to waive 2019-2020 attendance requirements requested by KSDE. Werth/Thornburg (m/s/c 6-0)

Food Service and Bussing - District applied for a waiver for food service. Second waiver is available to allow parents to pick up student Grab & Go meals for students.

Events - Prom postpone until May 9th, senior trip- cancel and students will receive class funds divided equally by distribution if state guidelines are allowed, graduation will go as planned until further notice.

Facilities - Board discussed use of facilities by the public. KSDE recommends closing all buildings and grounds.

Action Item:

Motion to close all facilities including playgrounds until the "Shelter in Place " order for Gove County is lifted. Betz/Werth (m/s/c 6-0)

Facilities Committee:

Facilities committee meeting scheduled for April 1, 2020 was postponed.

Insurance committee meeting will be held by a Google meeting.

Personnel:

Adrienne Pauls turned in her resignation as 4th grade teacher and HS assistant volleyball coach.

Action Item:


Motion to accept Adrienne Pauls resignation as 4th grade teacher and HS assistant volleyball coach effective the end of the 2019-2020 school year and with best of luck wishes. Betz/Werth (m/s/c 6-0)

Information Report:

Mr. Brown and BOE expressed thanks to all staff members for their hard work in putting the continuous learning plan together so quickly and all their extra work.

Adjournment:

Aaron Betz adjourned the Board of Education meeting at 8:06pm.

President: 
Clerk: Ernie Waggoner

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