

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES
BARNES COUNTY NORTH DISTRICT #007
WIMBLEDON, ND 58492
SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD of EDUCATION MEETING
March 23, 2020

The special meeting of the Barnes County North School Board of Education was called to order by President Mike Schwehr at 6:06pm. Board members present were Mike Schwehr, Bret Fehr, Michele Elston, Lee Guscette, Brent Bruner, Lori Carlson, Cindy Christianson, Chad Bakken, and Robert Harstad. Also present were Superintendent Michael Severson, Principal JR Wilson, Principal Danielle Bosse, Technology Director Melissa Bitz, Maintenance and Transportation Director Bud Cruff, Business Manager Lindsay Polk, and Administrative Assistant Deb Earles.

Mr. Severson presented the plan that the Administration has been working on for online learning during the COVID-19 School Closure. The plan identifies essential personnel in the event of an extended closure, explains the requirements for teachers at all grade levels, and allows for all staff to work from home when possible.

Mrs. Bosse explained the learning expectations for PreK through 6th Grade. Teachers will be available during contracted hours, they will be tracking student attendance, and meeting with Mrs. Bosse daily. Grades PreK-3 will be video conferencing and using Seesaw for online learning. Grades 4-6 will be using Schoology for online learning.

Mr. Wilson noted that grade 7-12 teachers will have similar expectations as teachers in grades PreK-6. The students will be using Schoology for online learning. He also noted that grades 7-12 have been using Schoology, so they won't have as much of a transition period. 7-12 students will be required to check-in daily with their teachers by answering an online question or some similar activity. Mr. Wilson also mentioned that students can fail if they don't participate. He said that CTC students will get information from those instructors. Also, all online courses from NDCDE need to be completed by their deadlines.

Sheyenne Valley Special Ed is working on IEPs and 504s. There will be a Zoom meeting March 24, 2020 with them. Mrs. Kudrna is the 504 contact.

Mrs. Kudrna has shared a newsletter with parents so they know how to reach her and can continue counseling services for all students via Zoom. Allison Swenson from Sheyenne Valley Special Ed will also be available for counseling services for our students.

Building access was discussed and anyone that has travelled out of state will not be allowed in the school for 14 days. Anyone that has come in contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 will not be allowed in the school for 14 days. Teachers need to report to Mrs. Bosse or Mr. Wilson when they are in and out of the school.

Prom was discussed, and it was decided that if there is an extension of the school closure beyond April 1, 2020 prom will be cancelled.

Graduation was discussed, and it is still planned for May 24, 2020 with an alternate ceremony, if needed.

Kim Anderson has been making lunch crates with about a week's worth of food that have been delivered to students.

Mr. Cruff discussed the cleaning that has taken place at the school and on the buses. He also noted that they will be utilizing the bus drivers to deliver learning materials to students at their homes.

Mr. Severson presented a School Board Resolution Granting Emergency Powers to the Superintendent. Motion to approve the Resolution Granting Emergency Powers to the Superintendent. Lori Carlson, Bret Fehr. Unanimous yes roll call vote.

Meeting adjourned at 7:34 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lindsay Polk
Business Manager

Mike Schwehr
President