

**UNOFFICIAL MINUTES  
BARNES COUNTY NORTH DISTRICT #007  
WIMBLEDON, ND 58492  
SCHOOL BOARD of EDUCATION MEETING  
May 13, 2020**

**May 13, 2020 Special Meeting at 7:00pm**

**For the purpose of Special Education & Building Usage, COVID-19 Update, Graduation Ceremony Discussion, and Fall Re-Opening.**

The special meeting of the Barnes County North School Board of Education was called to order by President Mike Schwehr at 7:03 pm. Board members present were Mike Schwehr, Lori Carlson, Cindy Christianson, Lee Guscette, Brent Bruner, Michele Elston, Robert Harstad, Bret Fehr, and Chad Bakken. Also present were Superintendent Michael Severson, Principal JR Wilson, Principal Danielle Bosse, Technology Director Melissa Bitz, Business Manager Lindsay Polk, Maintenance and Transportation Director Bud Cruff, Administrative Assistant Deb Earles, Administrative Assistant Joanne Jorissen, and teacher representatives Beth Udem, Krista Amann, Mckenzie Schweitzer, Jenna Mairs, Tracy Heinze, Tina Bryn, John Samuelson, and Stacy Schaffer.

Discussion was held regarding Sheyenne Valley Special Ed using our building during the summer and they had decided that they are going to stay with distance learning. Further discussion was held regarding opening the building for the summer. A motion was made to allow the facility to be used while adhering to the governor's guidelines in Executive Order 2020-04.2. Michele Elston, Rob Harstad. Unanimous yes roll call vote.

An update was given on COVID-19. Mr. Severson stated that our ESSER application has been approved. The pickup of supplies from students was discussed and a schedule has been sent out. Mrs. Polk discussed the absentee ballot applications she's received for the election and how to handle applications not properly completed. The consensus was to send ballots to everyone in district that we receive applications for. Hourly staff pay was discussed and it will be a local discussion with input from staff requested before next meeting on when they feel comfortable working from the school again.

Mr. Wilson presented his plan for the graduation ceremony. He shared pictures of the gym setup with proper social distancing guidelines being followed and discussed limiting the number of guests, how diplomas will be handed out, and how the flow of traffic will work to eliminate contact. Speeches were also discussed, and the appropriate steps will be taken to sanitize microphones between speakers. The board was in agreement that the guidelines were all appropriate and graduation will be held at 2:00 pm on May 24, 2020 in the school gym.

Fall re-opening was discussed and the summer will be a soft opening. Right now, we are waiting for more guidance from the state regarding fall opening.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.

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Next Meeting is Wednesday, May 20, 2020 via Zoom.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lindsay Polk  
Business Manager

Mike Schwehr  
President