

Special Board of Education Meeting

Wednesday, March 25, 2020 6:30 PM

Boone Central High School Library
605 South 6th St.
Albion, NE 68620

1. Open the Meeting - Call to Order

Notice of the meeting was given in advance by publication to the public and to all members of the Board of Education. Availability of the agenda was communicated in advance. The Open Meetings Act was available for review.

1.1. Nebraska Open Meetings Law

1.2. Publication of the Meeting

2. Roll Call

3. Reports

3.1. Boone County Disaster Declaration

3.2. Regional Health District Recommendation Letter

4. Action Items

4.1. Emergency Declaration Board Resolution

No action was taken.

4.2. Classified Staff Employment Agreement or Amendment

WHEREAS, the District has closed due to the outbreak of COVID-19; WHEREAS, the District employs non-instructional staff pursuant to a work agreement and/or employment terms contained in District policy; WHEREAS, the District needs quality non-instructional staff to be able to function and serve students, and those staff are difficult to recruit, retain, and train; WITNESSETH, as the result of the District's closure due to COVID-19 and the interest of the parties to minimize its transmission, protect students and the public, and ensure that employees affected by a school closure return to service with the District afterwards, the District agrees to continue providing health, dental and other benefits, and full paid leave to all non-certified/non-mandatory reporting staff members pursuant to the same terms as provided in the Employee's work agreement during the closure, in exchange for the Employees promise to not resign or seek other employment during the closure, to be available to report to work during the closure any and all hours and days listed in Employee's work agreement for all remaining service dates for the 2019-20 school year, and to return

and perform all duties for the District if the 2019-20 school year would return to normal, and at the start of the 2020-21 school year. This motion, made by Darren Wright and seconded by Kathleen Rolf, Passed.

Karrie Fogleman: Yea, Justin Frey: Yea, Ed Knott: Yea, Kathleen Rolf: Yea, Tim Stopak: Yea, Darren Wright: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

4.3. Certified and Professional Staff Employment Contracts

No action was taken.

4.4. Board Policy and Governance Amendments - Staff

No action was taken.

4.5. Board Policy and Governance Amendments - Students

No action was taken.

5. Next Meeting Date

Monday, April 13, 2020 @ 7:30 p.m. - Boone Central High School

6. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Chairperson

Superintendent

BOONE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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Disaster Declaration

County of Boone, Nebraska with inclusion of all municipalities, villages, incorporated or unincorporated, businesses, schools, government institutions, medical treatment facilities, including those providing home health, long term care, and hospice, and communities within. Has a great potential of suffering from the county-wide damages, and adverse consequences resulting from COVID-19 (Coronavirus) event(s) that has/will occur beginning on January 31, 2020, and on-going and continuing indefinitely causing disruption of services, cost incurred prevention and protection and the endangerment of health and safety of the citizens and businesses of Boone County.

Therefore, the Board Vice Chairman of the Boone County Board of Commissioners has declared a STATE OF EMERGENCY authorized under Nebraska State Statute R.R.S. 81-829.50 on behalf of County of Boone, Nebraska, and will execute for and on behalf of Boone County, the expenditure of emergency funds from all available sources, the invoking of mutual aid agreements, and the applying to the State of Nebraska for assistance from the Governor's Emergency Fund and any other resources he/she deems necessary in the fulfillment of his/her duties.

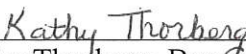
Boone County Board of Commissioners
County of Boone, Nebraska



Larry Temme, Vice Chairman

WITNESS my hand and the seal of my office
on the 19th day of March, 2020.





Kathy Thorberg, Boone County Clerk



March 22, 2020

Recommendations for Continued School Closure Due to COVID-19

Based on the current epidemiological risk factors, and projections by state, federal and national health officials, East Central District Health Department (ECDHD), Four Corners Health Department (FCHD), and Central District Health Department (CDHD), strongly recommend that all schools served by ESU 7 close until April 30th. This recommendation will be reviewed on April 16th. While everyone is anxious to get back to “life as usual,” there is a possibility that schools will remain closed for the rest of the 2019-2020 school year.

This recommendation to close schools is not undertaken lightly. It was made after hours of consultation with education officials at the state and local level, as well as ongoing monitoring of the increase in COVID-19 cases in, and in close proximity to, the counties served by ESU 7.

ECDHD, FCHD, and CDHD realize that our recommendations carry economic and personal costs for thousands of persons in your school districts. However, COVID-19 is easily spread from person-to-person, and it is not safe for large groups of people to gather. The latest epidemiological evidence has shown that persons, including children, can spread the COVID-19 virus before symptoms develop. This recommendation is meant to help our communities “flatten the curve,” and prevent community spread in the ESU 7 service area. The only way to slow the spread of disease, increasing the medical community’s ability to treat those infected, is to practice social distancing, including keeping 6 ft. between persons and limiting their contact with other persons, in large or small groups. While children are out of school, locations such as shopping malls, movie theaters, bowling alleys, laser tag or other arcades, and community centers should be avoided.

We encourage those who need general information about COVID-19 to call 2-1-1 or the NE Department of Health and Human Services COVID-19 Information Line at (402) 552-6645.

While there is currently no vaccine or other medical treatment for COVID-19, there are a few things anyone can do to protect themselves from COVID-19 and other respiratory illnesses, and we encourage you to continue this information with your school populations:

- Practice social distancing. Stay 6 feet away from the person or persons next to you.
- Avoid close contact with sick people and stay home if you are sick.
- Wash your hands with soap and water often for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water aren’t available, use a hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Cover your nose and mouth when you cough with your elbow or a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.

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Boone, Colfax, Nance, & Platte Counties

Teresa Anderson
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Central District Health Department
Hall, Hamilton, & Merrick Counties

Laura McDougall
Executive Director
Four Corners Health Department
Butler, Polk, Seward, & York Counties