

Arcadia Board of Education
Special Board Meeting
March 19, 2020

The special meeting was called to order by President Trotter at 7:00 pm. Verified the meeting was in compliance with the Open Meeting Law LB 898. Present were Mr. Williams, Mr. Trampe, and Board Members: Dorsey, Greenland, Hurlburt, Meyer, Trotter, and Veskerna. Also present via video conferencing was Karen Haase of KSB School Law Office.

Verified compliance with Board Policy 204.07. Publication of Meeting was posted at the Arcadia Post Office, First Nebraska Bank, and Arcadia Public School. On the Publication of Meeting was also notice that the meeting would be held on Srive, a digital platform, in order to allow public participation. The public was invited to send any questions via e-mail to Mr. Trampe so that the questions could be addressed during the meeting.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by Hurlburt and seconded by Meyer to approve the meeting agenda as presented. Roll call vote: Ayes: Dorsey, Greenland, Hurlburt, Meyer, Trotter, and Veskerna. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Discussion Items:

School lunches will be available and delivered to children 18 and under beginning Thursday March 19th. If interested in receiving school lunches please contact the school office.

COVID-19 Education Plan:

Preschool-4th grade teachers have sent home a letter and packet of enrichment activities and have provided some resources for parents to use to interact with children at this time to help maintain educational attainment. PreK-4th grade teachers will be calling once a week to check in with each of their students.

5th and 6th grade students are encouraged to check their google classroom for each teacher to obtain their assignments for the week. All assignments will have a due date for completion. Mrs. Lueck, Mrs. Roy, and Mr. Meyer will meet with students in a zoom meeting every Monday at 10 am to answer and help any students with questions or concerns.

7th through 12th grade students will be meeting with teachers via Zoom Monday through Thursday covering two periods per day from 9:00 to 9:40 and 11:00 to 11:40. Please reference the school website for complete details.

Special Education: Since the needs are individual to each verified student, our staff that works with special education students will be directly communicating with these parents to discuss how we will be meeting their child's educational needs.

Activities: Prom is postponed.

Personnel: Only ten staff members are allowed in the school building at any given time. Rotating schedules will be provided to faculty and staff. Teachers will be available from 8:00 to 3:30 Monday – Friday via email or cell phone for student questions. Hourly staff will be on call to fill in as needed (e.g. delivery of meals, cleaning at school, etc.).

Recognition of Visitors/Community Input:

The community was able to participate in the meeting through STRIV and ask questions via e-mail. One email question was received and answered during the meeting.

Action Items:

Student Attendance Practices:

Motion by Meyer, seconded by Dorsey to suspend student attendance practices, rules, and guidelines for the remainder of the 2019-20 school year. Roll call vote: Ayes: Dorsey, Greenland, Hurlburt, Meyer, Trotter, and Veskerna. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Certificated Paid and Unpaid Leave Practices:

Motion by Veskerna, seconded by Meyer to amend paid and unpaid leave practices to allow paid administrative leave due to illness as authorized by the Superintendent for the remainder of the 2019-20 school year. Roll call vote: Ayes: Dorsey, Greenland, Hurlburt, Meyer, Trotter, and Veskerna. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Classified Employment Agreement Amendment:

Motion by Hurlburt, seconded by Veskerna to approve the Return to Work Agreement for classified employees. Roll call vote: Ayes: Dorsey, Greenland, Hurlburt, Meyer, Trotter, and Veskerna. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Authorize the Superintendent to Pay Claims and Take Other Actions due to COVID-19:

Motion by Dorsey, seconded by Hurlburt to approve the COVID-19 Resolution. Roll call vote: Ayes: Dorsey, Greenland, Hurlburt, Meyer, Trotter, and Veskerna. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Greenland, seconded by Veskerna to adjourn at 8:12 pm. Roll call vote: Ayes: Dorsey, Greenland, Hurlburt, Meyer, Trotter, and Veskerna. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Jolene Greenland, Secretary