

**MADISON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES SPECIAL MEETING  
Sunday, March 22, 2020**

The regular meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Chair William T. C. Wood. Superintendent Micheal Wetherbee and Principal Rod Stout were present. William Fabel, Charles Gilman, John Russ Hamilton, Kendra Horn, Therese Sutton, and Klint Todd attended the meeting electronically.

Visitors: Laurie Bartoletti (electronically)

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

**BOARD CONSIDERATION OF CURRENT CIRCUMSTANCES RELATED TO COVID-19:** The Board reviewed the Governor’s press release and order dated March 19, 2020. (See enclosed.) Superintendent Wetherbee and Principal Stout updated the Board on current procedures for providing instruction to students; the District is meeting the level of pupil instruction time that is required, despite the Governor’s two week waiver; the goal is to be at Level 3 of the school closure plan; the Trustees received a letter from the public requesting more online delivery for elementary students, but not all elementary students have internet access or devices; the District will do a survey of K-8 parents to see what is available for online instruction; teachers will be in contact with parents by email; the District can provide internet access for families currently without it; if the closure extends beyond March 27, the weekly special meetings will fulfill the Board’s duty to approve the educational plan and receive periodic reports; Principal Stout and Superintendent Wetherbee are keeping a copy of the packets being sent home to document the instruction that is being delivered to students. The Board reviewed the Level 3 expectations from the closure plan. Carolyn Hamilton joined the meeting to update the Trustees on how Altacare is planning to continue providing services to students. Superintendent Wetherbee anticipates being closed through April 20; if school reconvenes, how will the District handle attendance if parents choose not to let their children attend in person; if students are quarantined, there will be exceptions to the attendance policy; the Board will maintain local control and have authority over implementing and enforcing attendance policies; if the State issues a full lock-down, the current plan of parents and students picking up packets on Tuesdays will not work; the administration will develop a strategy if that becomes the case.

**POSSIBLE DECLARATION OF UNFORESEEN EMERGENCY PURSUANT TO 20-9-801 THROUGH 20-9-806, MCA:** Kendra Horn moved that the board declare an unforeseen emergency in accordance with Sections 20-9-801 through 20-9-806, MCA, due to the community and school health concerns related to COVID-19 and authorize the administration to take necessary steps to execute this declaration and inform the public and government agencies of this declaration. John Russ Hamilton seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Public  
Comment

Coronavirus

Declaration of  
Emergency

The Trustees remarked that the staff has really stepped up, and thanked them for their quick response to the changes.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 5:47 p.m., John Russ Hamilton made a motion that the meeting be adjourned.

The minutes of this meeting were recorded and transcribed by Rebecca E. Larsen, District Clerk.



CLERK



CHAIRMAN

Adjourn