



Yukon Public Schools
Board of Education Special Meeting Wednesday, March 25, 2020 6:00 PM
Teleconferencing/Videoconference - Remote
600 Maple Dr
Yukon, OK 73099

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Attendance Taken at 6:03 PM.

Mrs. Suzanne Cannon: Present

Mr. Chris Cunningham: Present

Mrs. Michele Hawthorne: Present

Mr. Rex Van Meter: Present

Mr. Leonard Wells: Present

2. Business - Separate Vote

A. Discussion and possible action on Resolution Granting Emergency Powers to Superintendent.

This will only be in effect during this emergency and the board will be made aware of anything being done at the earliest convenience.

I move we approve the resolution as presented Passed with a motion by Mrs. Suzanne Cannon and a second by Mr. Chris Cunningham.

Mr. Chris Cunningham: Yes

Mrs. Michele Hawthorne: Yes

Mr. Rex Van Meter: Yes

Mr. Leonard Wells: Yes

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B. Discussion and possible action on new board policy BE-R2, Teleconferencing or videoconference regulations.

Once approved, this will be a permanent part of our board policy and can be used anytime it is necessary.

I move we approve this policy as listed Passed with a motion by Mrs. Suzanne Cannon and a second by Mrs. Michele Hawthorne.

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3. Adjournment

I move we adjourn Passed with a motion by Mr. Chris Cunningham and a second by Mrs. Suzanne Cannon.

Mr. Chris
Cunningham: Yes

Mrs. Michele
Hawthorne: Yes

Mr. Rex Van
Meter: Yes

Mr. Leonard
Wells: Yes

Mrs. Suzanne Cannon: Yes

A. Adjourn the meeting

Resolution to Grant Emergency Powers to the Superintendent

Whereas on March 15, 2020, Governor Kevin Stitt declared a state of emergency due to the impending threat of COVID-19 to the people of the State of Oklahoma; and

Whereas, on March 16, 2020, the state Board of Education voted to enact mandatory, statewide closure of all public schools for purposes of providing instructional services or activities until April 6, 2020

Whereas under 70 O.S. §§ 5-106 & 5-117, the Board of Education of each school district in Oklahoma has general control and supervision of all matters pertaining to the public schools; and

Whereas under 70 O.S. 5-106 the Board of Education has the authority to prescribe the duties of the Superintendent, subject to such limitations set forth in the law; and

Whereas the Board of Education finds that the current state of emergency requires that the Superintendent be granted greater flexibility to respond quickly and appropriately to the evolving crisis; and

Whereas the Board of Education under board policy (OSSBA Policy BJA), may delegate its executive powers to the Superintendent and provide the Superintendent freedom to manage the school district within the Board policies; and

Whereas, the Board of Education may by majority vote of the Board members present at a Board meeting held in compliance with law and Board policies grant to the Superintendent the authority to suspend temporarily the operation of any section or sections of Board policies not established by law or contract.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Yukon Public Schools Board of Education grants to the Superintendent the following powers to address the COVID-19 emergency:

1. Authority to temporarily waive such Board policies or provisions of Board policies as the Superintendent shall deem necessary to comply with guidance from appropriate health or governmental authorities or necessary for other effective response, provided such action is consistent with all applicable State and Federal laws.
2. Authority to take any lawful actions necessary to ensure the continuation of public education, to provide for the health and safety of students and employees, or to respond to direction from appropriate health and government authorities. Such actions may include, but are not limited to: adjustments to the curriculum and the provision of alternative educational program options; adjustments to employee

work schedules and assignments; modifications to the school calendar; adjustments to the delivery of school-provided meals; limitations on access to property owned or controlled by the Board of Education; applying to any governmental body for financial or other aid as may be available; and applying to any governmental body for waiver of regulations or requirements, provided such action is consistent with all applicable State and Federal laws.

- 3. Provide Emergency Leave to certified and support personnel in an amount not to exceed 73 days beginning March 23rd, 2020. These days shall not be chargeable to sick leave and will be noncumulative. The term emergency should be construed to mean a situation or occurrence of a serious nature, developing suddenly and unexpectedly, and demanding immediate attention. Emergency leave will be granted at the discretion of the superintendent or designee.

- 4. Authority to enter into contracts without prior Board approval for any dollar amount necessary for the purchase of materials, equipment, supplies, or services for sanitation, cleaning, technology, or other needs directly related to the COVID-19 emergency situation, provided such action is consistent with all applicable State and Federal laws.

NOW, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Superintendent is directed to keep the Board of Education informed of any actions taken under this emergency authority as soon as is practicable in light of the circumstances.

NOW, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the temporary powers authorized by this Resolution are in effect for the duration identified in Governor’s Order 2020-07 of March 15, 2020, and any subsequent extension of that order, unless otherwise rescinded or extended by the Board upon a majority vote.

NOW, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that execution of this Resolution is conclusive evidence of the Board’s approval of this action and of the authority granted herein.

Adopted and approved this 25th day of March, 2020.

Chair, on behalf of
the _____ Board of Education

Date

YUKON BOARD OF EDUCATION		BE-R2
TELECONFERENCING OR VIDEOCONFERENCE REGULATIONS		
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Until November 15, 2020 or the Governor declaring the state of emergency to be terminated, whichever comes first, the board of education may hold meetings by either teleconference or videoconference if each member of the school board is audible or visible to each other and the public. If at any time the audio connection is disconnected, the meeting shall be stopped and reconvened once the audio connection is restored.

The meeting notice and agenda shall indicate if the meeting will include teleconferencing or videoconferencing. The notice and agenda shall also indicate each member of the board who will be appearing remotely and whether the member will be attending via videoconference or teleconference. The notice and agenda shall also include the identity of the member or members who will be physically present at the meeting site, if any.

After the meeting notice and agenda are prepared and posted as required by law, members of the board cannot alter their method of appearance unless a member who was planning to attend remotely would like to physically appear at the meeting site.

The public shall be allowed to participate and to speak at meetings, in the same manner and to the extent possible as the public is allowed to participate or speak under the district’s public participation policy.

Any materials that will be shared electronically between members of the board of education during a meeting utilizing teleconferencing or videoconferencing shall be immediately available to the public in the same form shared with the members of the public body. The only exception to this would be any documents that are shared in a lawfully convened executive session under an appropriately worded agenda item.

All votes of the board shall be via roll call vote and shall be recorded in the minutes.

The board of education can conduct an executive session utilizing teleconference or videoconference. The meeting notice and agenda shall indicate if the executive session will include teleconferencing or videoconferencing. The notice and agenda shall also state:

1. The identity of each member appearing remotely,
2. The method of each member’s remote appearance,
3. And whether any member will be physically present at the meeting site, if any, for the executive session.

The public meeting held by videoconference or teleconference shall be recorded either by written, electronic, or other means.