Board of Education Special Meeting
Thursday, March 19, 2020 7:00 PM Central

Board Room
1301 Centennial Avenue
Utica, NE 68456-0187

Mark Avery:	Present
Doug Cast:	Present
Jodi Cast:	Present
Wayne Heine:	Present
Jason Richters:	Present
Doug Tonniges:	Present

Present: 6.

1. MEETING CALL TO ORDER
    1. Reading of Public Meeting Notice
        1. Open Meetings Act
    2. Roll Call
2. OLD BUSINESS
3. NEW BUSINESS
    1. CONSIDER LEAVE CONSIDERATIONS FOR CERTIFICATED STAFF COVERED BY THE NEGOTIATED AGREEMENT
    2. CONSIDER LEAVE CONSIDERATIONS FOR CLASSIFIED STAFF AND CERTIFICATED STAFF NOT COVERED BY THE NEGOTIATED AGREEMENT
    3. CONSIDER AUTHORIZING THE SUPERINTENDENT TO SUSPEND, CANCEL, OR RESCHEDULE CERTAIN EVENTS, SUCH AS PROM, GRADUATION, AND SCHOOL TRIPS
       Motion to approve authorizing Superintendent DeWaard to suspend, cancel, or reschedule certain events, such as prom, graduation, and school trips. This motion, made by Jodi Cast and seconded by Doug Cast, Passed.
       Mark Avery: Yea, Doug Cast: Yea, Jodi Cast: Yea, Wayne Heine: Yea, Jason Richters: Yea, Doug Tonniges: Yea
       Yea: 6, Nay: 0
    4. CONSIDER AUTHORIZING THE SUPERINTENDENT TO PAY NON-DISCRETIONARY CLAIMS
       Motion to approve the COVID-19 Resolution. This motion, made by Mark Avery and seconded by Doug Tonniges, Passed.
       Mark Avery: Yea, Doug Cast: Yea, Jodi Cast: Yea, Wayne Heine: Yea, Jason Richters: Yea, Doug Tonniges: Yea
       Yea: 6, Nay: 0
    5. CONSIDER AUTHORIZING THE SUPERINTENDENT TO ASSIGN STAFF AS NEEDED PRIOR TO A CLOSURE, DURING A CLOSURE, AND AFTER A CLOSURE
       Motion to approve authorizing Superintendent DeWaard to assign staff as needed during a closure and after a closure. This motion, made by Doug Cast and seconded by Mark Avery, Passed.
       Mark Avery: Yea, Doug Cast: Yea, Jodi Cast: Yea, Wayne Heine: Yea, Jason

Richters: Yea, Doug Tonniges: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

6. CONSIDER AUTHORIZING THE SUPERINTENDENT TO HIRE ADDITIONAL CLASSIFIED STAFF OR CONTRACT FOR SANITATION AND OTHER SERVICES AS NEEDED
   Motion to authorize Superintendent DeWaard to hire additional classified staff or contract for sanitation and other services as needed. This motion, made by Jodi Cast and seconded by Wayne Heine, Passed.
   Mark Avery: Yea, Doug Cast: Yea, Jodi Cast: Yea, Wayne Heine: Yea, Jason Richters: Yea, Doug Tonniges: Yea
   Yea: 6, Nay: 0
7. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A WAIVER OF DOCTOR'S NOTE REQUIREMENT FOR STUDENT ABSENCES RELATED TO ILLNESS
   Motion to approve suspending the requirements of require a note from a physician after a student misses school, for the remainder of the school year. This motion, made by Jason Richters and seconded by Mark Avery, Passed.
   Mark Avery: Yea, Doug Cast: Yea, Jodi Cast: Yea, Wayne Heine: Yea, Jason Richters: Yea, Doug Tonniges: Yea
   Yea: 6, Nay: 0
8. CONSIDER RETURN TO WORK AGREEMENT IN EXCHANGE FOR LEAVE DURING COVID-19 CLOSURE
   Motion to approve the Return to Work Agreement with the options A & C and the addendum to C, If the employee refuses to perform duties as requested, that the agreement will become void,. This motion, made by Wayne Heine and seconded by Mark Avery, Passed.
   Mark Avery: Yea, Doug Cast: Yea, Jodi Cast: Yea, Wayne Heine: Yea, Jason Richters: Yea, Doug Tonniges: Yea
   Yea: 6, Nay: 0
9. CONSIDER PURCHASING INTERNET ACCESS FOR STUDENTS WITHOUT ACCESS
10. ADDITIONAL BOARD DISCUSSION ON COVID-19 ISSUES

4. ADJOURN

COVID-19 RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the school district is facing closure based on the statewide outbreak of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the President and the Governor have declared a state of emergency, and in the event of a disaster, emergency, or civil defense emergency, each school district or educational service unit may make emergency expenditures, enter into contracts, and incur obligations for emergency management purposes and to minimize the disruption to education services regardless of existing statutory limitations and requirements pertaining to appropriation, budgeting, or the manner of entering into contracts; and

WHEREAS, the board of education wishes to minimize disruption of the school district's operations and provide any authority necessary for the superintendent or his or her designee to take any actions necessary during the closure;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the superintendent, in consultation with the Board President, is authorized to pay all claims and take any other action authorized by law during the emergency and any resulting school closure, which the board will review and approve once the board resumes regular operations.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it further resolved that the superintendent is authorized to assign and utilize staff as necessary prior to, during, and after a closure, and to provide any leave, pay any compensation, and enter into agreements with staff for the purposes of protecting the health and safety of the school community, continuing the efficient operations of the school district, and ensuring staff return to work in the school district in the event of a closure.

Approved on _____, 2020.