

MINUTES

Boulder Elementary School District No. 7  
Special Meeting

April 27, 2020  
Boulder Elementary School

Board members present:

Eric Rykal      Carrie Harris – via zoom      Matt Strozewski      Andrea Dolezal  
Niki Conroy – via Zoom

Administrators present:

Maria Pace, Superintendent

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Visitors: Sarina Eckman: Monitor Zoom Participants, Jesse Martin, Bear Taylor, Pam Hanna

CALL ELEMENTARY BOARD TO ORDER      The Elementary Board was called to order at 5:32 by Eric, who led the Pledge of Allegiance. Prior to the Pledge of Allegiance Eric mad a disclaimer about being muted during meeting

AGENDA REVIEW      None

PUBLIC COMMENT      None

NEW BUSINESS      Ms. Pace recommended to continue remote learning based on parent and staff surveys. Eric stated that the guidelines for reopening the school would be almost impossible for the staff.

ADJOURNMENT      Jesse Martin, via Zoom, asked what will the school be like for 2021. Will the school enroll new students? Ms. Pace stated that CDC guidelines will dictate how or if school will continue for the upcoming school year.

Bear Taylor, via Zoom, stated that kids might be overwhelmed with the work load of homework with both parents working. He asked if they were going to learn anything in the next few weeks. Is it possible to lessen the work load or cancel school? Ms. Pace stated that she will address these issues at the weekly grade level meetings. Those concerns will be looked at. The state is requiring schools to be open during this time. Right now teachers are looking at variable school grading. Mr. Taylor is asking to lessen the work load and also concerned about teachers calling multiple times and interrupting his work day. Eric asked which students/classes he was noting the issue in. Bear responded it was across the board.

Cristina Ronayne, via Zoom, asked about closure at year end and 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduation. Ms. Pace responded that the class and teachers are starting to llot at what that may look like. Eric stated that the Governor and CDC will dictate when or if something can be done as far as graduation. Options right now look like a virtual graduation or something later in the summer.

Pam Hanna (School Nurse from Jefferson County Health Department) via zoom, stated that she is available for school health needs either now or in the fall. Eric stated that he appreciated the offer.

Jesse Martin had questions in the chat that would be better suited for the office staff and was directed to call the office during school hours.

At this time there were no additional comments or questions from community members via Zoom.

Eric asked for a motion on how to proceed.

**Determine if the District will reconvene onsite instruction for the last 22 days for the 2019-2020 school year, from May 7 – June 5** – Andrea made a motion to not bring students back for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year. Matt seconded the motion, all present agreed.

**If action on Item #1 is Negative, extend the board’s previous declaration of wide unforeseen emergency** - Matt motioned to extend the Board’s previous declaration of district wide unforeseen emergency until June 30, 2020, per title 20 chapter 9 part 8. Andrea seconded the motion, all present approved.

**Determine which option of MTSBA Policy 1903 to adopt** – Eric read options 1, 2, and 3. He asked for Ms. Pace’s input. Ms. Pace stated the option 1 or 2 were for the guidelines set by the Governor and CDC. Ms. Pace stated that the board would be able to table this until the May meeting. She also clarified that the school will remain closed but she can get clarification on the COVID 19 Emergency Measures. It was decided by the board to table the COVID 19 Emergency Measures until the

May 11<sup>th</sup> board meeting.

Matt motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:17, Andrea seconded the vote, which passed unanimously.

*Vice* Cassie Harris  
Chair, Elementary Board

Brittne Mann  
Clerk, Elementary Board