

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
GARNER-HAYFIELD-VENTURA COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

The special meeting of the Board of Directors of the Garner-Hayfield-Ventura Community School District was held on March 18, 2020, in the high school media center at approximately 6:30 p.m. The meeting was live streamed to our public.

Present: Watson, Upmeyer, by video Larkin and Roberts, by phone Toppin

Absent: None

Also present was Superintendent Williams, Principal Haag, Principal Steenhard, Principal Meyering, Curriculum/SPED Coordinator Hinders and Brenda Haag, Tech Coordinator in person and Secretary Schmidt by video.

Motion by Roberts, second by Larkin, to approve the agenda as presented. All voted in favor.

Superintendent Williams addressed the current directives from the governor's office and medical and emergency management in regards to the Corvid19 emergency situation. Supt. Williams explained that we are currently closed with no end date set. He asked the board to consider a school closure from March 16, 2020, to April 10, 2020, to meet the recommendations of the governor. This gives some clarity and planning for parents, staff, and community. Motion by Toppin, second by Roberts, to approve the Garner-Hayfield-Ventura Community School District to be closed from March 16, 2020, through April 10, 2020. All voted in favor.

Superintendent Williams discussed a plan to provide distance learning to all students indicating that this would be to maintain the academics taught this school year, not to teach new information, as to give equal opportunities for all students whether they have internet access or a computer with their peers. This will be done through e-mail, phone contacts for those with no internet service or other means to be determined such as packets mailed to families. This will begin on March 23, 2020, and continue through April 20, 2020. The district will contact local internet providers to see if they would be willing to provide free internet to families with no connection currently. This would not be paid for by the district. Motion by Larkin, second by Toppin, to approve the distance learning plan as presented. All voted in favor.

Food Service Director Zobrist is currently applying for permission to provide meals to all children ages 1 to 18 in our communities. If approved by the Bureau of Food and Nutrition this would begin as soon as possible and the meals would be free to all children. The meal would be a Grab & Go lunch and a Grab & Go breakfast for the next morning. Three locations would be set up for children to pick up these meals at the GHV Elementary School in Garner, The GHV Middle School in Ventura, and the

Garner Methodist Church from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Children can only pick up a meal for themselves and not for other family members. Rural students, if interested, could have a meal delivered to them. At this time (7:00 pm) it was necessary for board member Toppin to leave the meeting. Motion by Larkin, second by Upmeyer, to approve providing meals to children in our communities as outlined upon approval of our application by the Bureau of Food and Nutrition. All voted in favor.

Superintendent Willams next addressed the payment of staff during the time period that the schools are closed. All staff certified and non-certified will receive their regular pay from March 16, 2020, through April 10, 2020, while the district buildings are closed, whether they are working or not. Staff members who receive health insurance benefits are currently working including administration, teachers, secretaries, custodians, and department heads. A few of the remaining staff members are currently working such as cooks to provide meals for Redeemer Lutheran. Motion by Roberts, second by Upmeyer, to approve continuing all pay through April 10, 2020. All voted in favor.

Adjournment

There being no further discussion items for the board at this time, upon motion by Upmeyer, seconded by Roberts, and unanimously carried, the special board meeting was adjourned by President Watson at approximately 7:30 p.m.

Patricia A. Schmidt, Board Secretary