

MELBA SCHOOL DISTRICT #136
Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Thursday, April 9, 2020
Melba School District Office

I. CALL TO ORDER at 5:00 by Chairman Ed Smith. Flag salute was held.

ROLL CALL: In attendance at the Zoom virtual meeting were Trustees Ed Smith, Jason Knopp, Megan Volkens, and Susan Jaca, Superintendent Andy Grover, Business Manager Dalelyn Allen, Board Clerk Beth Cole, Principals Eric Forsgren, Larry Lincoln and Sherry Ann Adams, and Technology Director Mark Thayer.

II. SPECIAL REPORTS

- A. Superintendent Grover reported that** State Board of Education has issued a school closure for the rest of the school year allowing the local district the option of reopening based on guidelines from the Health Department. The online learning program is going well with most of the bugs worked out.
- B. Technology Director Mark Thayer added that** computer needs have been filled and only 12 laptops are still waiting to be placed. Almost 1,000 devices have logged into the district website and teachers are working well with the TEAMS program.
- C. Principal Adams and Principal Forsgren reported that** the MOLE program is working. Online lessons are coming in and packets are being returned. Teachers are getting better at video instruction and have been in contact with their students. Trustee Volkens added that parents have some frustration with the online system, but kinks seem to be working out.
- D. The district is delivering approximately 250 lunches Monday through Thursday.**
- E. Friday the Athletic Department will sponsor “Be the Light”,** honoring spring sport athletes and coaches. Lights in the football stadium will be turned on and the community is invited to drive by with their lights on. The parking lot will be restricted and Officer Lowber will be in attendance.

III. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Superintendent Grover reminded the Board of the regular April Board Meeting** on April 16, 2020. It will be held in an online setting.
- B. A motion to extend the Melba School District closure** based on the recommendation from the State Board of Education was passed.

Motion by Trustee Jason Knopp.
Seconded by Trustee Megan Volkens.
Roll Call Vote: Trustee Megan Volkens – Yes
Trustee Susan Jaca – Yes
Trustee Jason Knopp - Yes
Trustee Ed Smith – Yes

Motion carried.

- C. Superintendent Grover requested approval of a letter** sent to the Governor and the State Department of Education requesting a waiver of class requirements related to student contact hours and attendance. This is a precaution to maintain funding. A motion to approve this letter as prepared by Dr. Grover was passed.

Motion by Trustee Jason Knopp.
Seconded by Trustee Megan Volkens.
Roll Call Vote: Trustee Megan Volkens – Yes
Trustee Susan Jaca – Yes
Trustee Jason Knopp - Yes
Trustee Ed Smith – Yes

Motion carried.

D. Personnel Report was reviewed. A motion to accept Dr. Grover's letter of resignation was passed.

Motion by Trustee Megan Volkens.
Seconded by Trustee Jason Knopp.
Roll Call Vote: Trustee Megan Volkens – Yes
Trustee Susan Jaca – Yes
Trustee Jason Knopp - Yes
Trustee Ed Smith – Yes

Motion carried.

IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

In accordance with Idaho Code 74-206 a motion was made that the board convene in executive session for the purpose of discussing matters pertaining to Personnel at 5:20 p.m.

Motion by Trustee Megan Volkens.
Seconded by Trustee Jason Knopp.
Roll Call Vote: Trustee Megan Volkens – Yes
Trustee Susan Jaca – Yes
Trustee Jason Knopp - Yes
Trustee Ed Smith – Yes

Motion carried.

The Board recessed from Executive Session at 5:45 p.m.

E. A motion to approve the Superintendent Search and Timeline as presented was passed.

Motion by Trustee Jason Knopp.
Seconded by Trustee Megan Volkens.
Roll Call Vote: Trustee Megan Volkens – Yes
Trustee Susan Jaca – Yes
Trustee Jason Knopp - Yes
Trustee Ed Smith – Yes

Motion carried.

F. A motion to appoint Trustee Jason Knopp as Chairman of the hiring committee was passed.

Motion by Trustee Megan Volkens.
Seconded by Trustee Susan Jaca..
Roll call vote: Megan Volkens – Yes
Susan Jaca – Yes
Ed Smith – Yes
Jason Knopp – Abstain

Motion carried.

V. MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 5:50 p.m.

Motion by Trustee Megan Volkens.
Seconded by Trustee Jason Knopp.
Vote was unanimous