



BOARD OF TRUSTEES

EMERGENCY MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, April 1, 2020, 7:00 p.m.

<p>Members Present in Person: Mr. Garcia and Mr. Long Members Present by Phone: Ms. Cadman, Ms. Karsch and Ms. Taylor Others Present: Dr. Judson, Ms. Sprague, Mr. Claflin and Mr. Embleton</p>
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1. Call to Order

President Garcia called the emergency meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. stating this meeting is being held telephonically and the microphones for the participating public will be kept on mute for all portions of the meeting with the exception of the public comment period. When the meeting was called to order, President Garcia performed an attendance roll call wherein Member Karsch, Member Taylor and Member Cadman indicated they were present by phone, and Member Long and Member Garcia indicated they were present in person. President Garcia announced that a roll call vote would be taken and recorded on each motion made at this meeting and that all open sessions of the board meeting are audio recorded and may capture sounds of those participating in the meeting. President Garcia asked those participating in the meeting to join in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Public Comment

Pursuant to Board Policy 9324, Board Minutes and Recordings: "The minutes shall reflect the names of those individuals who comment during the meeting's public comment period as well as the topics they address."

A. Comments on agenda items:

- Michele Jacks, Etiwanda Teachers Association (ETA) President, commented on item 4. A., and thanked the Board of Trustees and District Administration for their support and guidance during this event.

Hearing no other public comments, Public Comment was closed. President Garcia then asked the Board of Trustees if they have any comments.

- Member Karsch stated, she has experienced the e-learning program the teachers have been developing and appreciates all the hard work being done. Interaction between the student and teacher as well as classmates gets better each day.
- Member Taylor stated, she appreciates all the teachers and administration who are ensuring our students are getting the kind of education Etiwanda can be proud of during this time of turmoil. Member Taylor also appreciates all the parents who have stepped forward to make sure their students are successful as well as the ETA President who is working hard with the teachers to provide an education to students' that changed overnight.
- Member Cadman concurred with Member Karsch and Member Taylor.
- Member Long also agreed with all members.

3. Review/Adopt Agenda and Minutes

A. The Board of Trustees adopted the agenda as presented on a motion by Member Long, seconded by Member Cadman, and carried by unanimous roll call vote, with all members participating voting yes.

4. **Business and Legal**

A. Superintendent Judson stated, it was under the recommendation of California State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Tony Thurmond, with the support of California Governor, Gavin Newsom and County Superintendent of Schools, Ted Alejandre, that all schools should remain closed for the remainder of the year in response to COVID-19 pandemic. Superintendent Judson recommended with the pandemic continuing to rise, that the Board of Trustees take action to extend the closure through the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year. President Garcia asked the Board of Trustees for any comments:

- Member Karsch commented that social distancing appears to be effective to get us through this event more quickly but hoped there could be an option to close the year in a more positive way.
- Member Taylor was thankful for the opportunity to talk about how this event will affect Etiwanda families. Member Taylor understands why this decision needs to be made soon and that everyone has time to plan and prepare for the remainder of the school year. Member Taylor also wondered if there could be an opportunity for students to get together one last time to say goodbye, in a socially responsible manner, for closure.
- Member Cadman offered no comment.
- Member Long stated, he would rather be on the side of safety to close schools to keep students and staff safe.
- Member Karsch asked Superintendent Judson if there was any way to create a situation for a reconnection of students and teachers if the numbers of cases are more promising than not? Superintendent Judson stated, we are all hoping for that opportunity to do that and that it could possibly be done in many creative ways. However, we'd have to wait to see how things develop based upon recommendations from public health authorities. Member Karsch also asked that if they make this motion, would there be any way to go back? Superintendent Judson stated, the Board of Trustees could take a new action to re-open school depending on the circumstances.

The Board of Trustees took action to extend the closure of all schools in the Etiwanda School District through the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year on a motion by Member Long, seconded by Member Cadman, and carried by unanimous roll call vote, with all members participating voting yes.

B.* After discussion, the Board of Trustees took action to adopt Resolution Number 1920-43: Emergency resolution delegating authority to take necessary action to prevent students and staff from the spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19), on a motion by Member Karsch, seconded by Member Long, and carried by unanimous roll call vote, with all members participating voting yes.

5. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:26 p.m., on a motion made by Member Long, seconded by Member Karsch and carried by unanimous roll call vote, with all members participating voting yes.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, April 2, 2020, 6:30 p.m.



Respectfully Submitted



Adopted

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