

**PARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT #6**  
**Special Emergency Board Meeting**  
**March 15, 2020**

The Board of Education of Park County School District No. 6 met on March 15, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. in the Westside Annex Board Room. Chairman Nelson called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Board members present: Stefanie Bell, Tom Keegan, John McCue, Brandi Nelson, Cathy Roes, Jenni Rosencranse and Karen Schipfmann. Administrators present: Peg Monteith, Tim Foley, Jeremiah Johnston, Beth Blatt, Tony Hult, Jared Moretti, Kelly Merager, Patrick Couture, Mike Wood, Jay McCarten and Nick Gallagher. Supervisors/directors present: Chynna Singer, Gen Sheets and Lisa Smith. Amos Olson was also in attendance: Guests: Keith Ungrund, Ty Nelson and Jen Talich – Cody Regional Health. Andrew Rossi – KODI/KTAG.

Chair Nelson stated things are moving quickly in terms of COVID-19 and invited Keith Ungrund to share information with the Board of Trustees.

Mr. Ungrund shared a great deal of information, including the recommendations by Dr.'s Hoene, Sidor, Polley (Cody) and Dr. Billin (Powell) to close schools on behalf of students and the community as a whole. He gave information pertaining to the ability of Cody Regional Health to serve the Big Horn Basin population and the concern with limited testing and the capacity to handle critical cases.

Dr. Hoene joined the meeting by phone to share that we are operating with incomplete data and shared statistics regarding the virus spread in Italy and by implementing measures now, we can hopefully slow the spread of the disease here. He reiterated the recommendation to shut down for at least two to four weeks.

Mrs. Monteith and Chair Nelson both shared they had just received notice from Governor Gordon and Superintendent of Public Instruction, Jillian Balow of their recommendation to close schools through April 3, 2020.

A lengthy discussion ensued about how to provide services including educating and feeding students, as well as how to take care of classified staff that would not be permitted to work.

Trustees talked about the length of a proposed school closure and agreed they may have more information at the March 17 board meeting to help make a decision. Discussion of staffing for the next few days was held. Trustee Rosencranse shared that the superintendent should determine essential staff. Trustee Roes agreed and reiterated a complete shutdown with administration choosing who they feel is necessary staff. Board members agreed that staff should be allowed to enter their buildings until 10:00 a.m. Monday to retrieve any teaching necessities and after that, badges will be shut off to restrict access.

Trustee Rosencrase moved to close Park County School District 6 facilities effective March 16th until further notice, but at least through April 3<sup>rd</sup>, per Governor Gordon and State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Jillian Balow's recommendation. Essential staff will be determined by Superintendent Monteith and will include administrators, custodial staff and office staff. Trustee Bell seconded. Further discussion was held including sharing a letter from Laramie County School District 1. Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the board, on motion by Trustee Keegan, seconded by Trustee Roes and carried, the meeting was adjourned at 6:17 p.m.

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