

**SPECIAL MEETING
TOWNSEND SCHOOLS K-12 DISTRICT #1
LIBRARY CLASSROOM
MONDAY, MARCH 16, 2020, 6:00 PM**

A special meeting took place on this date with the following board members present: Kevin McDonnell, Jason Noyes, Shaun Scott, Todd Olson, Vanessa Flynn and others: Luke Carr, Christina Hartmann, Brad Racht, Erik Wilkerson, and Pam Watson.

ATTENDANCE

Chairman Noyes called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm.

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Noyes commended the Administration for their effort in the COVID-19 school closure. They have begun the process of teachers teaching on-line.

SCHOOL CLOSURE

Five different meetings were held this morning with staff. At those meetings they were given direction for expectations during this closure. The Administration and Chairman Noyes answered questions from Staff.

Brad Racht handed out the printed messages, talking points and pertinent information that has been given to the community and to staff.

There was discussion as to whether funding will be available if the Governor decides that schools need to make up the two-week closure. The Administration feels that the teachers are already teaching on-line via Google Classroom and DoJo to all students in the District. They feel that because the school is actively teaching and actively accepting assignments and grades, the school is not officially completely closed. Mr. Scott questioned what is being done with non-proficient students. Mr. Racht explained that the Special Education teachers have been in contact with all the parents and will continue to support those students in their education. Mr. Scott also asked what resources are available to students that do not have internet access and/or devices. Administration explained that the District will give hard copies to those students.

Mr. Noyes also stated that anything that students complete this week will help students bring their grades up for the current quarter. All teachers were receptive to making sure that they respond to any questions and e-mails from students and parents. Mr. Noyes stated that the phone messages that are sent out will be continued to be sent out. They also discussed putting out information on KDGZ radio.

Graduation was a topic of discussion. Mrs. Heavrin feels that Seniors need to be informed that they are on track for graduation as long as they do the work assigned.

From 7:30 am – 9:30 am meals will be provided to students for pick up based on the current free/reduced/paid rates.

Mr. Racht explained that the plan is ever changing. The District will fine-tune, learn and adapt as the closure proceeds.

There was discussion about Classified Staff. Mr. Wilkerson stated that some employees are non-essential. He said they may find other duties for the non-essential employees. But, at this point, for the next two weeks, Classified Staff will be paid. At some point, negotiations with the Union may have to happen.

The meeting adjourned at 6:38 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

Jason Noyes - Chairman

Pam Watson – District Clerk