

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF THE PLATTE-GEDDES SCHOOL  
DISTRICT #11-5 BOARD OF EDUCATION  
FRIDAY, MARCH 13, 2020**

President Jess Sondgeroth called a special meeting of the board of education of the Platte-Geddes School District #11-5 to order at 6:00 p.m. on Friday, March 13, 2020 in the Conference Room at the Platte-Geddes High School. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members present: Jess Sondgeroth, Heather VanDerWerff, Roxi Summerville, Duke Starr, Ross Varilek, Ross Van Zee, Dennis DeBoer

Members absent: None

Others present: Supt. Joel Bailey, Business Manager Kathy Holter, Secondary Principal Patrick Frederick

**Additions or Deletions to the Agenda**

None

**Approve Agenda**

Motion D. Starr, seconded R. Van Zee approving the agenda as printed. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

**School Closing Discussion**

Supt. Bailey updated the board of education on the ever evolving information being released relating to the Coronavirus and recommendations from the Center of Disease Control, the Department of Education, the office of Governor Kristi Noem, and the South Dakota High School Activities Association. Initially, the closure of schools was a recommendation, however, the latest information received appears to be a mandate.

R. Summerville consulted Dr. Jerome W. Bentz on his professional opinion pertaining to school closure and current recommendations. Dr. Bentz supported what was being requested and encouraged the implementation of measures that would “flatten the curve” and prevent the virus from spreading.

Discussions were then held on various topics including expectations of teachers, implementing e-learning opportunities for students, providing meals to students while school was not in session, amending the school calendar for missed days, and the potential of lost pay for some classified staff. With times and conditions so volatile, all of the issues will need to be evaluated on a day to day basis.

Supt. Bailey suggested that staff report to the school on Monday morning for a briefing of the situation and to prepare for the possibility of delivering instruction online. If administration and staff feel that they need more time to prepare, Tuesday and Wednesday may be used as workdays as well.

Supt. Bailey will monitor the situation throughout the week and keep the board of education informed of any new developments. If the situation deems it necessary for the board of education to convene at the end of the week, they will be notified.

**Adjournment**

Motion R. Summerville, seconded D. Starr to adjourn the meeting at 6:52 p.m. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

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**President**

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**Business Manager**