

Minutes

USD #112 Board of Education met Thursday evening, Apr. 2, 2020, for a special meeting, beginning at 6:00 p.m. at Central Plains Elementary School Cafeteria in Holyrood, KS with the following attending:

Board Members:

Jacob Charvat (ZOOM)
Brad Schiermeyer
Tony Zink
Josh Hurley
Chad Rogers
Tamara Dody
Tami Schepmann (ZOOM)

Also attending were Greg Clark, Superintendent, Diane Ney, Board Clerk, and Scott Mitchum for live streaming.

Brad Schiermeyer called the meeting to order and explained that due to the COVID-19 virus, there will be board members attending through ZOOM and the voting method will be verbal.

On motion by Chad Rogers and seconded by Josh Hurley, the board voted 7-0 to approve the agenda.

Mr. Clark explained the USD 112 Continuous Learning Plan that will be submitted to the Kansas State Department of Education for approval. He reviewed how and by what means the teachers will continue to educate the students, along with providing to their social and emotional needs, as well as the food service program providing meals.

On motion by Chad Rogers and seconded by Tamara Dody, the board voted 7-0 to approve the USD 112 Continuous Learning Plan as presented. (see attached)

On motion by Tamara Dody and seconded by Josh Hurley, the board voted 7-0 to approve the resolution for suspending board policy IHF graduation requirements for the 2019-2020 school year. (see attached)

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Mr. Clark shared additional information on the COVID-19 virus pandemic and how it is affecting the district. Topics included the following: food service and meal deliveries; COVID-19 information is now on the district's website; e-mail to parents; social media; and the district's 3-D printers are making safety masks for the Clara Barton Hospital.

On motion by Chad Rogers and seconded by Josh Hurley, the board voted 7-0 to adjourn the meeting at 6:25 p.m.


Clerk

President

WAIVER OF NOTICE OF SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

USD #112

We the undersigned Board members hereby waive the written, required under the provisions of K.S.A. 72-8205, of this special board meeting, as to the time, place and purpose of a special meeting of the Board of Education of Unified School District No. 112, Ellsworth County, Kansas, held on the 2nd day of April, 2020 beginning at 6:00 p.m. in Holyrood, KS and Consent to the transaction of the following Board business at said meeting:

Board Approval – Resolution on USD 112 Continuous Learning Plan

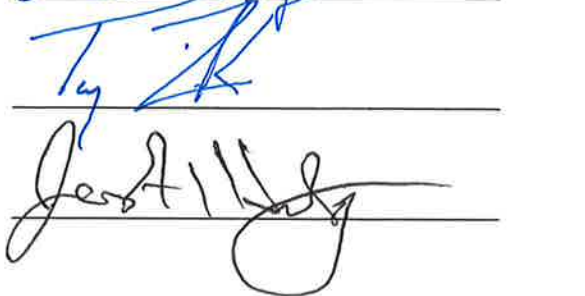
Board Approval – Resolution on Suspending Board Policy IHF- Graduation Requirements

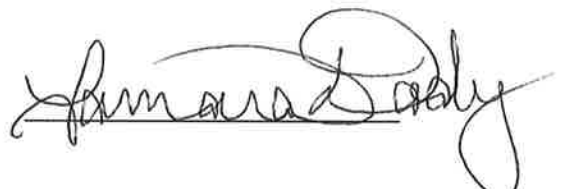
Superintendent update on district's response to COVID-19

Dated: 4-2-2020









Application to Waive 2019-2020 Attendance Requirements



Date 3/27/2020

School District Name Central Plains USD 112

Superintendent name Greg Clark

Board President name: Brad Schiermeyer

1. Who closed your schools? (Check all applicable)

- ☐ County Health Department
- ☐ Secretary of Health and Environment
- ☒ Governor
- ☐ Military Base Commander

4. How many hours was your school district open during the 2019-20 school year?

925.18 hours

5. How many hours are you requesting be waived from school term of 1,116 hours for the 2019-20 school year?

190.82 hours

NOTE

A continuous learning plan must be submitted as part of this waiver request in order to receive approval.

Assurances Document



Date 03/27/2020

School District Name Central Plains USD 112

This assurances document needs to be returned to KSDE with your request to waive attendance requirements and your continuous learning plan no later than Wednesday April 8, 2020, to indicate that the district will adopt a plan to ensure continuous learning for all students through the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year.

USD 112 hereby assures the Kansas State Board of Education it will follow the requirements for a Continuous Learning Plan for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year:

1. USD 112 assures the State Board that it will develop a continuous learning plan that will meet the Kansas requirement for a waiver of the minimum requirement of 1,116 hours of school.
6. USD 112 assures the State Board that it will pay all current hourly employees during the balance of the 2019-2020 school year based on the plan developed and approved by the local Board of Education.
7. USD 112 assures the State Board that it will send the Continuous Learning Plan to the Kansas State Department of Education on or before April 8, 2020.
8. USD 112 assures the State Board that it will enroll all new students according to the state statute and the school district's enrollment policies and provide an educational plan for all new students for the duration of the 2019-2020 school year.
9. USD 112 assures the State Board that it will apply a health and safety policy limiting the opportunity for students, staff and families to be exposed to potential pathogens that could lead to illness.

President, Board of Education

Superintendent of Schools

Please print this document and sign.

Continuous Learning Plan Application



Date 03/27/2020

School District Name Central Plains USD 112

Academic Support

Briefly describe the Professional Development plan for Continuous Learning.

Central Plains USD 112 will use a variety of learning platforms to continue the education of all students.

Elementary teachers will focus on using work packets and educational computer programs currently used within our school district such as Lexia and See Saw. Teachers are communicating with parents and students via Zoom, email, texts and phone calls.

Secondary teachers will focus learning through the Google Classroom platform. The majority of our teachers were already using the platform so both teachers and students are familiar with its use. Teachers are conducting Zoom meetings with students and taping themselves teaching lessons. Much of this learning will look familiar to the students.

Please describe how you will ensure continuous learning is available for every student.

All teaching staff are required to check in with each student in their classroom at a minimum of one time per week. The majority of our teachers are planning to contact their student/parents at least three days per week. All teachers will have office hours where they will be available for students to contact them for assistance.

Will online learning be used?

Google Classroom at the secondary Level and Lexia, See Saw at the elementary level.

If so, is tech support available for families and teachers?

Our technology department has been working with our local internet providers to insure all technology is working as it should. On our district website, we have a special

area for COVID 19 and school district information with our technology personnel listed and to contact them if they are having trouble with their technology. .

If so, how will you ensure that all students have adequate access to devices and internet?

At the start, USD 112 sent parents a survey asking about access to the internet and what technology they have at home. All secondary students have Chromebooks provided by the school to use with their studies. Any elementary student who did not have the technology and needed to continue learning were provided with an iPad. Our local internet providers are helping to facilitate internet connections and providing free service for two months. If we have individual cases of no internet, we are working directly with that family to provide them the service they need.

Please describe additional measures you will take to support students with disabilities, and students served under Title Programs (ELL, Migrant, etc.).

USD 112 is working closely with our Special Education provider CKCIE to ensure our students on IEP's are getting the instruction they are required. The Lexia program we use for reading support is leveled to meet the needs of our highest risk students and teachers are providing individual online instruction to these students.

How will teachers check-in with students?

Teachers are checking in with students and parents at a minimum of once a week. The majority of teachers are making contact with students at least three times per week if not on a daily bases for some of our upper level classes.

Describe your plans for continued Career and Technical Education.

These classes are continuing to use Google Classroom to continue our CTE classes. We are working closely with ESSDACK to ensure we are meeting these students' needs.

Do you have a plan in place to address graduation for seniors?

As of today, our graduation ceremonies are postponed. We have had discussions with the principals, parents, and school board on holding a graduation ceremony later in the summer if allowed.

Social and Emotional Supports

How will you utilize counselors and social workers?

Our counselors and social workers are reaching out to students and parents who they have been working with all year. District Administration met with the counselors and social workers to develop a plan to address the needs of our students and parents. We have a form located on our website, that a student can fill out and request help from our counselors. All counselors at the secondary level are maintaining contact with students through emails and phone calls. At the elementary level, they are maintaining contact with parents and addressing issues as they arise.

How will you support students' social-emotional needs?

Our counselors are ready and available through Zoom meetings with students in need of assistance. If the need arises, they will meet one on one with the students.

How will you engage families and caregivers in supporting the social-emotional needs of their children?

We have sent and posted information for parents to contact our district if they are having social or emotional issues with their child. We are encouraging parents to contact us through the use of social media and our web page.

Family Community Communication

How will you keep families informed?

All teachers are contacting parents with updates sent out on our Alert Now System, posts on Facebook, Webpage tab with information, emails to parents, and parent surveys.

How will you collect feedback from families?

USD 112 conducted a parent survey provided by the state, to get information on their needs both technology needs and personal needs.

How will you evaluate the validity of the feedback and respond?

Building principals and teachers have reviewed the data and are providing support for those students who do not have the technology needed for instruction. We have worked with local internet providers and both are offering free services for the remainder of the school year.

How will you support families and caregivers as they facilitate learning at home?

All teachers will be on duty for a minimum of 7 hours per day. This time might be in the morning, afternoon, and evening. We are providing devices for those students in need and reaching out to all families individually to see what their needs are and how we can best meet them for both educational and emotional support.

Other

How will you reflect, monitor & evaluate the effectiveness of the implementation of this plan and the results?

Principals are hosting weekly Zoom meetings with their teachers to ensure that instruction is going as planned and address any issues that might arise. During this time, any changes or issues that need to be resolved can be discussed. The district Superintendent is sitting in on these meetings as well. District and building administration are meeting weekly to discuss ongoing issues and our plan to resolve these issues. As needed, technology, food service, and building maintenance are also involved in these meetings.

Please describe the measures you will take in collaboration with your local county health department to protect the health and safety of students, staff and families.

When we started this process, we hosted a meeting including all stakeholders. Our county health department informed us that they would not recommend hosting students in the building. Our district is in contact with the health department weekly and asking for further guidance as we move forward.



Superintendent Signature

4-2-2020

Date



Board of Education President Signature

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Date

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Greg Clark, Superintendent

To: USD 112 Community

From: Greg Clark, Superintendent

Date: March 29, 2020

Subject: Continuous Learning Plan for USD 112

Every Student Every Chance Every Day

USD 112 Continuous Learning Plan

Kansas Governor Laura Kelly's Executive order #20-07 closing schools for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year has necessitated the need for a continuous learning plan for the students of USD 112. Below you will find the details of our plan.

Individual Classes

Elementary:

Elementary teachers have developed specific lessons for the students in their classroom. All learning will be done at home with the use of packets, and computer programs such as Lexia and Seesaw. We will adopt the motto "Less is More" as we are not asking our parents to teach their children for extended hours during the day. Teachers will be in contact with parents and students on a weekly basis if not more often.

Secondary:

The majority of secondary learning will be done using Google Classroom. Teachers have developed lessons using Google Classroom and the majority of students and staff are familiar with this platform. We will adopt the motto "Less is More" as we are keying in on key educational objectives during this time. Teachers will be in weekly, if not more often, contact with their students.

Communication

USD 112 District Office will remain open as it is safe. Building offices are staffed as needed and you may contact them through phone or email. Teachers will be communicating with families and students using a variety of communication tools. Teachers are using phone calls, Google Hangout, Email, and Zoom. USD 112 will communicate with parents and students through Alert Now, Facebook, and a special section on our web site entitled **COVID 19 Information and District Updates**.

<https://www.usd112.org/o/usd112ks/page/coronavirus-covid-19-information--3>

Important Contact Information

District Office: 785-252-3695 gclark@usd112.org

CPES: 785-252-3666 joeser@usd112.org

CP Jr. Sr. HS: 620-587-3801 tholmes@usd112.org

Wilson Elementary/Jr. Sr. High School: 785-658-3555 rfox@usd112.org

Technology

Technology will play a key role in our continuous learning plan. USD 112 sent out a survey to our parents to judge the needs of our students. All junior and senior high students have Chromebooks provided by the school district. Elementary students, who did not have devices at home were provided iPads to use. Reminder: These devices are school property and families are responsible for their safe keeping. If parents are having technology problems, they may contact the USD 112 Technology department or contact the district office.

Central Plains Technology: Scott Mitchum smitchum@usd112.org or Lukas Sidzyik lsidzyik@usd112.org

Wilson Technology: Sherri Sloan sloan@usd112.org

USD 112 along with H&B Communications and Wilson Communications have partnered to help provide internet service for free or a reduced charge for the next two months. If internet is unavailable for unforeseen reasons, internet can be accessed near any of our school building parking lots.

Special Needs

USD 112 is working closely with Central Kansas Cooperative in Education to provide special education services for our students. All cases will be handled on a case-by-case basis.

Social Emotional Support

USD 112 school counselors and social workers will be available on an as-needed basis for a student who is having social or emotional issues. Zoom meetings and face-to-face meeting will be scheduled as needed. Our junior high and high school students have already been contacted by their respective counselors and they are meeting students' needs.

Contact information

CP Jr. Sr. High: Therese Strobel tstrobel@usd112.org

CPES: Sarah Schartz sschartz@usd112.org

Wilson: Ted Long tlong@usd112.org

Food Service

USD 112 will continue providing breakfast and lunch for the students for the remainder of the school year. There are various drop off and pick up locations located throughout the district. If you live in the country, we are happy to deliver to your house. If you are interested in receiving these meals please contact the district office at 785-252-3695.

RESOLUTION FOR SUSPENDING BOARD POLICY IHF GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

RESOLUTION

Be it resolved that all credit requirements above and beyond those minimum required credits set by the Kansas State Department of Education, which are contained in Board of Education Policy IHF, adopted on April 14, 2014, be suspended for the graduating class of 2020. Students must meet all standards set out in K.A.R. 91-31-35, unless otherwise modified by the Kansas State Board of Education or the Kansas State Department of Education, to qualify for graduation in May 2020.

By:



Board Member




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Attest:

Clerk, Board of Education

