

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF THE PLATTE-GEDDES SCHOOL
DISTRICT #11-5 BOARD OF EDUCATION
THURSDAY, MAY 7, 2020**

President Jess Sondgeroth called a special meeting of the board of education of the Platte-Geddes School District #11-5 to order at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 7, 2020 in the Library 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 Van Zee, Dennis DeBoer, Ross Varilek

Members absent: None

Others present: Supt. Joel Bailey, Business Manager Kathy Holter, Darren DeNeui, and Jason Huizenga. Participating via Zoom: Carey Hoffman, Marshall & Mary Ringling, Courtney DeNeui, Laura Vanden Berge, Patrick Frederick, Sadie Hanson, Samantha Ringling, Tess Ringling, Patti Gerlach, Stacey Larson, Sandy Biddle, Michelle Hubers, and Darla Hunt

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.

Set Graduation Date

Supt. Bailey reported on the results a recent poll he distributed to the senior class as well as a Zoom Meeting held on Wednesday, May 6th. Some of the concerns the seniors had included: family attendance at the ceremony, time of graduation parties, participation of the entire class for the graduation, attempt at keeping the event as traditional as possible, location of graduation, and effects of delaying the ceremony. The original date of May 23rd and an alternative date of June 27th were determined and then voted on by the class. The majority voted to keep the original date of May 23rd. The board of education supported the class's decision.

The graduation ceremony will be held at the football field and those in attendance will be responsible for their social distancing. In case of inclement weather, the ceremony will be moved to the elementary gym and attendance will be limited to immediate family only. The event will be live-streamed through Black Panthers Live and Supt. Bailey will look into other measures of broadcasting the ceremony.

With the date remaining as scheduled, no official action was needed.

Adjournment

Motion R. Van Zee, seconded D. DeBoer to adjourn the meeting at 5:30 p.m. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

President

Business Manager