

# MIDD-WEST SCHOOL DISTRICT

Work Session/ Special Meeting  
Middleburg Elementary School  
Large Group Conference Room  
Tuesday, April 14, 2020

## A QUALITY EDUCATION FOR ALL, FOR LIFE

- I. **OPENING CEREMONY**
- II. **CALL TO ORDER: 7:15 p.m.** Mr. Victor L. Abate
- III. **ROLL CALL:** Mr. Victor L. Abate

<u>BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS</u>	<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>	<u>LATE ARRIVAL</u>
Mr. Victor L. Abate, President	X		
Mr. Donald D. Pinci, Vice President	X		
Mr. Shawn A. Sassaman, Treasurer		X	
Mr. Terry L. Boonie	X		
Mrs. Julie R. Eriksson	X		
Mr. Justin T. Haynes	X		
Mrs. Wyona P. Lauver	X		
Mr. Christopher T. Nesbit	X		
Mrs. Sherryl L. Wagner		X	
Mr. Richard J. Musselman, Superintendent (Non-Voting Member)	X		
Ms. Allyson L. Folk, Secretary (Non-Member)	X		

### OTHERS

Mr. Joseph W. Stroup, Director of Curriculum and Instruction  
Mr. Ryan L. Wagner, Business Manager  
Attorney Orris C. Knepp, III, Solicitor  
Mr. Dane S. Aucker, Principal, Midd-West Middle School  
Mr. Jeremy D. Brown, Assistant Principal, Midd-West High School  
Mrs. Lee C. Bzdil, Supervisor of Special Education  
Mr. Umberto G. Catania, Senior Network Administrator  
Mr. Thor R. Edmiston, Principal, Midd-West High School  
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Mr. John S. Rosselli, Director of Food Service  
Miss Erin C. Sheedy, Principal, West Snyder Elementary School  
Mrs. Bree A. Solomon, Athletic Director  
Approximately 87 Concerned Citizens

Mr. Abate inquired do we have a quorum, Mrs. Folk? Well, I guess we don't need one for work session. Please make note in the minutes, Mrs. Folk, that this work session is being conducted virtually through Zoom.

IV. **SCHEDULED SPEAKERS**

Mr. Victor L. Abate

*There were no scheduled speakers.*

V. **ITEMS FOR WORK SESSION**

A. **BUSINESS AND FISCAL**

Mr. Victor L. Abate

1. **MINUTES**

- a. Approval is recommended of the minutes of the April 14, 2020, work session and special meeting of the Midd-West School District Board of School Directors.

Discussion:

None

2. **LIST OF BILLS**

Approval is recommended of the list of bills for the period March 20, 2020, through April 22, 2020.

Discussion:

None

3. **TREASURER'S REPORTS**

- a. Approval is recommended for the Treasurer's Reports for the General Fund, Capital Reserve Fund, Capital Projects Fund, Food Service Fund and Activity Fund for the period ending February 29, 2020.
- b. Approval is recommended for the Treasurer's Reports for the General Fund, Capital Reserve Fund, Capital Projects Fund, Food Service Fund and Activity Fund for the period ending March 31, 2020.

Discussion:

None

B. **POLICY AND PROGRAMS**

Mr. Victor L. Abate

1. **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING – BLOOMSBURG UNIVERSITY**

Approval is recommended of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Midd-West School District and Bloomsburg University for the ACE Program for a period of five (5) years that will allow a tuition reduction for high school students taking college level classes.

Discussion:

None

C. **PERSONNEL**

Mr. Victor L. Abate

1. **EMPLOYMENT – CLASSIFIED**

Approval is requested to employ the following individual:

- a. Classified Employee – \_\_\_\_\_ – Full-time Night-shift  
Custodian – Mid-West Middle School – Effective: \_\_\_\_\_,  
2020, pending receipt of Act 34, 151, 114, 24 and 31 – Salary:  
\$12.05 per hour {Replacement/Aucker}

Discussion:

None

2. **LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

Approval is recommended of the following medical leave of absence:

- a. Mid-West High School – Effective: April \_\_\_\_, 2020, through  
approximately \_\_\_\_\_, 2020

Discussion:

None

D. **OTHER**

Mr. Victor L. Abate

1. **DISCUSSION ON AGREEMENT FOR 2019-2020 PAYMENTS TO  
TRANSPORTATION CONTRACTORS**

Mr. Abate stated Mr. Boonie did conduct a transportation meeting last week. Mr. Boonie, I'll just turn this over to you as the chair of that committee if you'd like to bring everybody up to speed on that.

Mr. Musselman inquired, Mr. Boonie? Mr. Boonie, could you give your report, please?

Mr. Boonie stated sorry. Did everybody get a copy of the Transportation Committee meeting minutes? I'm not sure if they went out to everyone or not.

Mr. Abate stated no, they did not.

Mr. Boonie inquired is it possible for me to share my screen? I'll just give the verbal description. Forget it. We discussed the Act 13 transportation payments with the state requirement that the bus companies if we were going to pay them, that they needed to keep their employees paid. We had discussion on that, and we decided that we would recommend that we would go ahead and pay them. They would need to provide weekly reports proving that they kept their people on payroll with benefits, and, Orris, if I'm getting something wrong, just chime in, and that we would ask them to sign an agreement saying that they would do that. Is there anything else I'm missing from that, Orris, or anything we need to tweak?

Attorney Knepp responded the only thing that I know is on Friday, PDE is supposed to be issuing guidelines according to PASBO as to the subsidies that are to be going to be paid out to the districts. It's presumed at this point that districts are going to get 100% of that subsidy money so long as they're paying their contractors. Everyone believes that's the case, but with everything else that's going on, everybody's very anxious until they actually get that directive from PDE that districts are going to get their money because otherwise, a lot of districts, including your own, will probably have to think about that because if you're not going to get the subsidy money, it's going to be difficult to pay those contractors, but as of now, knock on wood, it looks like it's good to go.

Mr. Boonie stated okay. So, I guess our recommendation is that we're going to ask them to sign this agreement. Rick, do you have anything you want to add to that?

Mr. Musselman responded some other school districts had some great Recommendations which I would like to follow. We do have an agreement that Orris has looked at as well as some information provided from another school district. It pretty much spells out what we would be expecting from each of the contractors. So, if the Board moves in that direction, we need assurances that they're paying their drivers. We need assurances that they're going to follow through with the requirements of getting paid.

Mr. Abate stated, Orris, one of the contractors I know had paid their employees for the first two weeks that the District had shut down, and then after those first two weeks, they were told to sign up for unemployment. How is that going to factor in if we decide to move forward with this?

Attorney Knepp responded well, what they're going to have to do is they're going to have to recall those employees, and those employees will be paid directly from the contractors once you pay them, but those employees will be required to reimburse the unemployment compensation funds that they received because of the fact that they were not legally have been entitled to them and nobody should get a windfall from the payments that come from the District to the contractor. In other words, you can't have public monies paying the bus drivers, and the contractors keep that money and not pay that to them for their regular hours that they would have received. So, it will be coordinated that they'll actually have to, the drivers themselves will have to pay back their unemployment benefits, and presumably that will be done with the wages that they receive from your bus contractors as they pay those individuals, and if not, what will happen is there will be a credit against any future unemployment benefits if those drivers would apply for, presumably over the summer months, when they're generally laid off.

Mr. Abate stated okay. Will that be then included in the agreement with the contractor, or is that just basic language?

Attorney Knepp responded there's language that's in there about if there's any other monies received by the contractors, such as under the care subsidies, or if they would apply for any small business loans to

cover payroll. If they do that, the contractors would then have an obligation to pay that money back to the school district. Since they got those funds from the federal government, they shouldn't receive those same amount of funds from the school district.

Mr. Abate stated okay.

Attorney Knepp stated so, there's a lot of moving parts in this. There's a lot of different government money; either the District money or unemployment money or from the federal government through the Small Business Association, but you know there's a lot of parts in play, but at the end of the day, the whole goal is to get everybody paid for your bus contractors, but there not be any windfall to anybody and the District to protect that subsidy money for next year.

Mr. Abate stated okay. Thank you.

Attorney Knepp stated you're welcome.

Mr. Abate inquired does anybody else have any comments or questions regarding the agreement with the busing contractors?

Mr. Haynes responded I'm good.

Mr. Pinci responded I'm fine with it as well.

Mr. Abate inquired what's that?

Mr. Pinci responded I have no problem with it at this point.

Mr. Abate stated we will be voting on this at our business meeting which will follow directly after the work session.

**VI. CLOSING CEREMONIES**

**VII. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Victor L. Abate

Comment from the public is limited to three (3) minutes per person, and at the discretion of the Board President.

*There was no public comment.*

**VIII. SCHEDULED SPEAKERS**

Mr. Victor L. Abate

*There were no scheduled speakers.*

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Victor L. Abate

There being no further business, Mr. Abate adjourned the work session at 7:27 p.m.

Recording Secretary:

Chairperson:

Date:

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**SPECIAL MEETING**

I. **CALL TO ORDER: 7:27 p.m.** Mr. Victor L. Abate

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Mr. Shawn A. Sassaman, Treasurer		X	
Mr. Terry L. Boonie	X		
Mrs. Julie R. Eriksson	X		
Mr. Justin T. Haynes	X		
Mrs. Wyona P. Lauver	X		
Mr. Christopher T. Nesbit	X		
Mrs. Sherryl L. Wagner		X	
Mr. Richard J. Musselman, Superintendent (Non-Voting Member)	X		
Ms. Allyson L. Folk, Secretary (Non-Member)	X		

**OTHERS**

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Mr. Abate inquired, Mrs. Folk, do we have a quorum?

Ms. Folk responded yes.

Mr. Abate inquired can the community hear me, Mr. Stroup?

Mr. Stroup responded yes.

Mr. Abate inquired does anybody in the community wish to make any public comment on any agenda items this evening?

**III. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS**

Public comment is restricted to three (3) minutes per speaker and on the subject of Agenda Action Items only. Any individual who wishes to address the Board on an agenda item should contact the Board Secretary by 1:00 p.m. the day of the Board meeting at (570) 837-0046, Ext, 1100.

*There was no public comment.*

**IV. CONSENT AGENDA**

*All matters taken under this section are considered to be routine, and action will be taken with one motion. There will be no separate discussion on these items. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered separately.*

Mr. Abate stated okay. Mr. Sassaman is not here this evening. We will take action items, Business and Fiscal, Items #V. A. on Page 3, the List of Bills, Bus Drivers, Bus Stops, Signatures and the Quote for Medlite ending on Page 4, Item 6. Is there a motion to accept those items?

**V. ITEMS FOR ACTION**

**A. BUSINESS AND FISCAL**

Mr. Victor L. Abate

**1. MINUTES**

- a. Approval is recommended of the minutes of the February 24, 2020, regular meeting of the Midd-West School District Board of School Directors.
- b. Approval is recommended of the minutes of the March 9, 2020, work session of the Midd-West School District Board of School Directors.

**2. LIST OF BILLS**

Approval is recommended of the list of bills for the period February 21, 2020, through March 19, 2020.

**3. BUS DRIVERS**

Approval is recommended for the following individuals as bus drivers for the 2019-2020 school year:

Weikel Busing, LLC

- Lori A. Bower effective February 26, 2020
- Tara A. McKenna-Olin effective February 28, 2020
- Dennis A. Mull effective March 10, 2020
- LeeAnn White effective February 25, 2020

4. **BUS STOPS**

Approval is recommended for the following bus stops:

146 Hetrick Road, Beavertown  
Intersection of Glen Iron Road & Route 235, Millmont

5. **FACSIMILE SIGNATURE AUTHORIZATION**

Approval is recommended to grant authorization for the following individuals to use the facsimile signature of the Board President and Board Treasurer for the 2019-2020 school year on behalf of the following funds as follows:

Activity Fund

Robin A. Kauffman and Ryan L. Wagner

Capital Reserve and Capital Projects Funds

Ryan L. Wagner

Food Service Fund

Ryan L. Wagner

General Fund

Ryan L. Wagner

Payroll Fund

Robin A. Kauffman and Ryan L. Wagner

6. **QUOTE FOR MEDLITE TRANSPORT BASIC MTB-101**

Approval is recommended of the quote to purchase a MEDLITE Transport Basic MTB-101 from Hilly Ridge Sales and Service, LLC, Mt. Pleasant Mills, PA, to be installed on the Hustler UTV in the amount of \$3,020.00.

Mr. Pinci moved and Mr. Nesbit seconded approval to accept those items.

Mr. Abate inquired is there anybody who wishes discussion on any of those items? We're going to go to a roll call vote on all these items this evening. Mrs. Folk, if you would, please.

Yes: Abate, Boonie, Eriksson, Haynes, Lauver, Nesbit, Pinci

No: None

Absent: Sassaman, Wagner

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MOTION CARRIED

B. **POLICY AND PROGRAMS**

Mr. Donald D. Pinci

Mr. Pinci stated under Policy and Programs, 1. through 4. first. We have the Calendar, 2020-2021, the second and final reading; Field Placement Memorandum with Drexel University. That's 2. 3., Agreement for Services – CCRES, Inc., and 4. is the Kindergarten Camp for this summer using Title I funds.



1. **2020-2021 SCHOOL CALENDAR – SECOND AND FINAL READING**

Approval is recommended of the 2020-2021 school calendar on second and final reading.

2. **FIELD PLACEMENT MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH DREXEL UNIVERSITY**

Approval is requested of a Field Placement Memorandum of Understanding with Drexel University to provide student teacher experience and to provide supervised field experience through observations and student teaching in schools and classes of the District to commence on February 6, 2020, and continue unless written notice is given by the District.

3. **AGREEMENT FOR SERVICES – CCRES, INC.**

Approval is requested of the Agreement for Services between the Mid-West School District and CCRES, Inc., to engage CCRES, Inc., as an independent contractor to provide certain services to Mid-West School District at the request and direction of Mid-West School District to commence on February 7, 2020, and shall terminate on June 30, 2021; provided, however, that the term of this Agreement shall automatically renew for successive one (1) year periods unless and until either party shall terminate this Agreement upon no less than ninety (90) days' prior written notice.

4. **KINDERGARTEN CAMP**

Approval is recommended to implement a Kindergarten Camp for all incoming kindergarten students beginning the 2020-2021 school year to be held June 8, 2020, through June 11, 2020, at Middleburg Elementary School and West Snyder Elementary School at a cost not to exceed \$15,000.00. *{This will be paid with Title I funds.}*

Mr. Haynes moved and Mrs. Eriksson seconded to accept under Policy and Programs, B., Items 1. through 4.

Yes: Abate, Boonie, Eriksson, Haynes, Lauver, Nesbit, Pinci

No: None

Absent: Sassaman, Wagner

7-0-2-0

MOTION CARRIED

Mr. Pinci stated under 5. and 6. is Continuity of Education for the. I'll put those two together.

5. **CONTINUITY OF EDUCATION (CoE) PLAN**

Approval is recommended of the submission of the Continuity of Education (CoE) Plan to the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) for the purpose of continuing education during the COVID-19 Pandemic through a multi-faceted approach beginning March 30, 2020.

6. **CONTINUITY OF EDUCATION (CoE) EQUITY GRANT – LETTER OF SUPPORT**

Approval is requested of the Letter of Support for the Continuity of Education (CoE) Equity Grant for the Midd-West School District requesting funds for computer equipment such as laptops, cellular internet connection devices and internet hot spots in homes if available.

Mr. Abate inquired is there a motion to accept Items 5. and 6. under Policy and Programs?

Mrs. Eriksson stated question. Did we see the letter? Did I miss that?

Mr. Abate responded oh, no, you did not. Let me read that. I'm sorry. I will read the letter to you.

Mrs. Eriksson stated okay.

Mr. Abate stated, "As president of the Midd-West School Board of Directors, my colleagues and I support the Continuity of Education Equality Grant submitted on behalf of the Midd-West School District. The additional funds will help our educators reach more students who do not have the technology or connections needed at home. The Board of Directors is very proud of the work our educators have accomplished during COVID-19 school closures, but we would like to see all of our students have the ability to take advantage of a free and appropriate education. I fully support the application and acceptance of granted funds from the Continuity of Education Equity Grant."

Mrs. Eriksson moved and Mr. Haynes seconded to accept Items 5. and 6.

Yes: Abate, Boonie, Eriksson, Haynes, Lauver, Nesbit, Pinci

No: None

Absent: Sassaman, Wagner

7-0-2-0

MOTION CARRIED

C. **PERSONNEL**

Mr. Donald D. Pinci

Mr. Pinci stated under Personnel.

Mr. Abate inquired, Mr. Pinci, can you just take Item 1.?

Mr. Pinci responded that's what I was going to do.

1. **EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT – BUSINESS MANAGER**

Mrs. Eriksson moved and Mr. Nesbit seconded approval of the Employment Agreement for Ryan L. Wagner, Business Manager, to be effective on March 16, 2020, through February 28, 2023, and that authorization be granted to the Board President and Board Secretary to sign on behalf of the School Board.

Discussion:

None

Yes: Abate, Boonie, Eriksson, Haynes, Lauver, Nesbit, Pinci

No: None

Absent: Sassaman, Wagner

7-0-2-0

MOTION CARRIED

Mr. Pinci stated okay. We have then Items 2. through 6. I'll take now, and it's Employment – Classified. We're looking for a position for the Administrative Secretary, and we'll also have the authorization of the facsimile signature, and 3. is the Substitute Administrative Secretary – Payroll. This is for Robin Kauffman to finish out the year as well as training our next secretary. 4. is Appointments – Extra-Curricular; a baseball coach, Michael Wolfley, and Extra-Curricular, approval is requested for Lori Goodling and Christopher Sauer; and Extra-Curricular, approval is recommended of the following. This is for 20-21. Bradley Hatter, Mark Ferster, Jodie Sheaffer, Brian Beward, Stanley Share and Jennifer Mason, and d. is Extra-Curricular – Volunteers. We have two for lacrosse and track & field. That's for 19-20 school year, and e., Homebound/In-Home Instruction. We have one person; Brenda Stewart, and 5., Addition to Substitute List – Certificated. We have Peggy E. Hartman-Shields, All Instructional Areas, and 6., Leaves of Absence, we have a person for the Middleburg Elementary School and Mid-West High School effective March 17 and March 23 respectfully.

**2. EMPLOYMENT – CLASSIFIED**

Approval is requested to employ the following individual:

- a. Classified Employee – \_\_\_\_\_ – Administrative Secretary – Payroll/Tax Collection – Midd-West School District – Effective: \_\_\_\_\_, 2020, pending receipt of Act 34, 151, 114, 24 and 31 – Salary: \$\_\_\_\_\_ per hour *{Replacement/Wagner}*

Approval is recommended to grant authorization for \_\_\_\_\_ to use the facsimile signature of the Board President and Board Treasurer for the period \_\_\_\_\_, 2020, through the 2019-2020 school year on behalf of the Activity Fund, Capital Reserve and Capital Projects Funds, Food Service Fund, General Fund and Payroll Fund.

**3. SUBSTITUTE ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY – PAYROLL/TAX COLLECTION**

Approval is recommended of Robin A. Kauffman as a substitute administrative secretary – payroll/tax collection on an as-needed basis at an hourly rate of \$40.00 up to 30 hours per week to continue March 20, 2020, until a replacement is employed and to assist with training ending on June 30, 2021.

4. **APPOINTMENTS**

a. **EXTRA-CURRICULAR**

Approval is requested to appoint the following individual for the 2019-2020 school year:

Michael J. Wolfley Assistant Varsity Baseball Coach MWHS \$2,638.00

b. **EXTRA-CURRICULAR**

Approval is requested to appoint the following individuals for the 2020-2021 school year:

Lori A. Goodling Girls Soccer Co-Coach – Head MWHS \$1,988.00  
Christopher S. Sauer Girls Soccer Co-Coach – Head MWHS \$1,988.00

c. **EXTRA-CURRICULAR**

Approval is requested to reappoint the following individuals for the 2020-2021 school year:

Bradley D. Hatter Football Coach – Head MWHS \$3,898.00  
Mark P. Ferster Boys Soccer Coach – Head MWHS \$3,976.00  
Jodie L. Sheaffer Field Hockey Coach – Head MWHS \$3,976.00  
Brian A. Beward Golf Coach – Head MWHS \$3,314.00  
Stanley L. Share Cross Country Coach MWHS \$3,314.00  
Jennifer L. Mason Cheerleading Coach {fall season} MWHS \$1,089.00

d. **EXTRA-CURRICULAR – VOLUNTEERS**

Approval is recommended of the following individuals as volunteers for the 2019-2020 school year:

Nicole B. Horst Volunteer Lacrosse Coach MWHS  
Beth J. Keister Volunteer Track & Field Coach MWHS

e. **HOUBOUND/IN-HOME INSTRUCTION INSTRUCTOR**

Approval is recommended of the following individual as a homebound/in-home instruction instructor for the 2019-2020 school year at the hourly rate of \$23.00 as indicated in the Collective Bargaining Agreement:

Brenda A. Stewart

5. **ADDITION TO SUBSTITUTE LIST**

a. **CERTIFICATED**

Approval is recommended of the following individual as a certificated substitute at a rate of \$90.00 per day for the 2019-2020 school year:

Area of Certification

Peggy E. Hartman-Shields All Instructional Areas PK – 12

6. **LEAVES OF ABSENCE**

Approval is recommended of the following medical leaves of absence:

- a. Middleburg Elementary School – Effective: March 17, 2020, through approximately March 31, 2020
- b. Midd-West High School – Effective: March 23, 2020, through approximately April 6, 2020

Mr. Abate inquired is there a motion to accept?

Mrs. Eriksson stated I have a question before I make the motion. How are we handling the spring sports?

Mr. Abate inquired pardon?

Mrs. Eriksson stated if we don't have sports, we don't pay these people. How does that get handled?

Mr. Abate responded no, we are paying those people. I think it's under the CBA. They are part of the.

Attorney Knepp stated under Act 13 you're supposed to pay those individuals as if there's been no interruption in the education. That's one of the components of Act 13 is that your teachers and so forth would still be continued to get paid.

Mrs. Eriksson stated the teachers I get. I'm talking about the sports.

Attorney Knepp stated that's covered under your Collective Bargaining, so they would get paid also.

Mrs. Eriksson inquired darn, is there anymore empty spots?

*Laughter occurred at this time.*

Mrs. Eriksson stated wow, okay.

Mrs. Lauver inquired what if you don't hire the baseball coach? Are we forced to do that?

Mrs. Eriksson stated yeah, that's true. What if we don't hire one? Then we don't have to pay them. I don't know. It seems likes throwing money away. It's weird. I'm not used to that.

Attorney Knepp stated well, you're paying bus contractors who aren't driving buses pursuant to Act 13 also, and then you have a CBA in place that dealt with those positions. So, under Act 13 the whole point is is the school districts are going to get funding from various federal and state sources to cover that while these people continue to get paid. That's what the state legislature has passed.

Mr. Pinci stated it's either that or go on unemployment.

Mrs. Eriksson inquired to be a baseball coach?

Mr. Pinci inquired, excuse me?

Mrs. Eriksson inquired to be a baseball coach. That's the one I'm referring to. If we don't have a baseball season, why are we spending \$3,000.00? I'm not used to that. It's just different.

Attorney Knepp stated well, Act 13 requires the District to continue on as if everything was normal and pay those individuals pursuant to your contracts, and your contract with your Union includes that coaching position, so.

Mrs. Eriksson inquired I'm saying if we don't hire that coach, do we have to pay that?

Attorney Knepp responded well, you might have to take that up in front of the Labor Relations Board at some point because that might be an unfair labor practice because you got a position in your Collective Bargaining Agreement that says you're going to hire a coach, and you have legislation saying that you'll pay your coaches as required so that may be something that your Union takes issue with down the road, and I would be guessing to tell you what that Union is going to do or not do.

Mrs. Eriksson stated okay. I get it, but it makes no sense whatsoever.

Mr. Pinci stated okay. Well, can we go on, or?

Mr. Abate responded yeah. Did we get a motion, Mrs. Folk?

Ms. Folk responded no.

Mr. Abate stated no, we did not. We're still looking a motion to approve those items.

Mr. Nesbit inquired can I ask another question, please?

Mr. Abate responded sure.

Mr. Nesbit stated regarding Item 2., Employment – Classified. I don't have a name listed on the agenda for a classified employee – administrative secretary.

Mr. Abate stated we don't have one. We'll have to pull that item.

Mr. Nesbit inquired so, we're pulling Item 2.?

Mr. Abate responded we're pulling Item 2. So, we're going to be voting on Item 3. through 6.

Mr. Nesbit stated thank you.

Mr. Abate stated sorry, Chris. I missed it.

Mr. Nesbit stated no problem.

Mr. Abate stated we did not get a motion.

Mr. Boonie moved and Mr. Nesbit seconded to accept Item 3. through 6.

Mrs. Lauver inquired, Mr. Abate, can I ask you a quick question yet?

Mr. Abate responded sure.

Mrs. Lauver inquired under the homebound instruction instructor, how will you figure how many hours they would have if they're not being utilized? Is that in the contract how many hours they will be?

Mr. Musselman responded yes.

Mrs. Lauver inquired it is? Okay.

Mr. Musselman stated actually it's already set up that they will have at least five hours or actually not to exceed five hours of instruction per week.

Mrs. Lauver stated okay. Will she be able to do that online perhaps with that student?

Mr. Musselman responded she's going to have to utilize some different methods to do that but yes.

Mrs. Lauver stated okay. That's all I need to know. Thank you.

Yes: Abate, Boonie, Haynes, Lauver, Nesbit, Pinci

No: Eriksson

Absent: Sassaman, Wagner

6-1-2-0

MOTION CARRIED

Mr. Pinci stated Number 7. there are two Articles VI., Section K., one is for Corey A. Aucker, Supervisory Certificate, and the other is for Edward Gunkle for a Doctorate Program.

7. **SUMMER STUDY PROGRAMS**

- 1) As per Article VI., Section K., of the Collective Bargaining Agreement, the Administration has received an "Application for Summer Study Program" from Corey A. Aucker to pursue a two-year Certificate Program in PK-12 Principal and a PK-12 Supervisory Certificate in Curriculum and Instruction at Bloomsburg University beginning with the summer of 2020 contingent upon satisfactory completion of the 2019-2020 school year.
- 2) As per Article VI., Section K., of the Collective Bargaining Agreement, the Administration has received an "Application for Summer Study Program" from Edward W. Gunkle, II, to pursue a four-year Doctor of Education in Educational Leadership and Administration at Immaculata University beginning with the summer of 2020





David A. Fadale Mathematics Teacher Middle-West High School	Effective: Last teacher work day of the 2019-2020 school year
Ann M. Murray School Nurse Middle-West Middle School/ Middle-West High School	Effective: Last day of the 2019- 2020 school year
Sandra K. Richie Secondary Guidance Counselor Middle-West High School	Effective: Last day of the 2019- 2020 school year
Brenda L. Saylor Elementary Clerical Assistant Middleburg Elementary School	Effective: June 2, 2020
Shirley B. Spangler Transition/Work Study Coordinator and Special Education Teacher Middle-West High School	Effective: May 29, 2020, pending extension of the school year due to weather or other circumstances
Kathleen A. Troutman Special Education Teacher Middleburg Elementary School	Effective: Last day of the 2019- 2020 school year

Mr. Nesbit moved and Mrs. Lauver seconded approval to accept Items 8. and 9., Resignations and Retirements.

Discussion:

Mrs. Lauver stated I have one quick question. For the teachers, because the schools were closed down, does that effect their days that they have of service for retirement?

Mr. Musselman responded no, they actually will get full credit for this year. That was part of the Act that the legislation has approved, but I would just like to make a comment, too. That's a lot of experience that are walking out of our doors, and a lot of those folks have served our District very admirably for the past umpteen years. So, they will be greatly missed, but I certainly can understand and wish them the best as they enter into retirement.

Yes: Abate, Boonie, Eriksson, Haynes, Lauver, Nesbit, Pinci

No: None

Absent: Sassaman, Wagner

7-0-2-0

MOTION CARRIED

**D. OTHER**

Mr. Victor L. Abate

**1. STUDENT DISCIPLINE**

Mr. Pinci moved and Mr. Nesbit seconded approval of the adoption of the Administration's student discipline recommendation and directs the

Superintendent to give notice of the action to Student 01-2020 and the parents and advise them of the disciplinary recommendation.

Discussion:

None

Yes: Abate, Boonie, Haynes, Lauver, Nesbit, Pinci  
No: None  
Absent: Sassaman, Wagner  
Abstain: Eriksson  
6-0-2-1  
MOTION CARRIED

2. **GRADUATE RECOGNITION SIGNS**

Mr. Boonie moved and Mr. Pinci seconded approval to allow Villager Realty, Inc., to place "Congratulations Signs" on District property recognizing each graduating senior. The signs shall be placed along Shuman and Wagenseller Streets, and seniors may take his/her individual sign after the commencement ceremony.

Discussion:

None

Yes: Abate, Boonie, Eriksson, Haynes, Lauver, Nesbit, Pinci  
No: None  
Absent: Sassaman, Wagner  
7-0-2-0  
MOTION CARRIED

3. **AGREEMENT FOR 2019-2020 PAYMENTS TO TRANSPORTATION CONTRACTORS**

Mr. Boonie moved and Mr. Haynes seconded approval of the Agreement for 2019-2020 Payments to Transportation Contractors for the Mid-West School District to continue to make payments to the transportation contractors during the closure of the 2019-2020 school year due to the COVID-19 shutdown.

Discussion:

Mrs. Lauver inquired did I read that on the contract? Can you hear me?

Mr. Abate responded yep.

Mrs. Lauver inquired did I read that? It was on the second page, and I can't remember if it was revised or not, but if they received other funds, then they would pay back something?

Mr. Abate responded yes, they have to do that.

Mrs. Lauver inquired and this will be a new formulated or whatever the state allows us to do? I mean. How? I don't know we're paying it. It's a

new formula. Am I correct? Because that was something we discussed.

Mr. Abate responded we're paying them as if school is still in session. Mrs. Lauver inquired but the state formula is based somewhat on? Isn't it on loaded miles?

Mr. Musselman responded we will follow the agreement that came out from the legislation and also from PDE. They will not actually have to submit all of the same documentation because they will not have miles. They will not have loaded and unloaded miles so we will actually follow the guidelines that as per that came out from PDE and basically there are assurances that are built in there that if there's any other funding, that they are not able to collect that. They would have to pay us back. So, they're not making any additional money on this other than what they would have made if they had transported our students. They are actually losing money because they would not be getting the spring trips as far as field trips or any of the athletics that we typically would pay. So, this would just be the transportation for the school year not any of those additional bidded services.

Yes: Abate, Boonie, Eriksson, Haynes, Lauver, Nesbit, Pinci

No: None

Absent: Sassaman, Wagner

7-0-2-0

MOTION CARRIED

## VI. CLOSING CEREMONIES

## VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Victor L. Abate

Comment from the public is limited to three (3) minutes per person, and at the discretion of the Board President.

Mr. Abate inquired, Mr. Stroup, any comment from the community?

Mr. Stroup responded no comments on these that I saw.

Mr. Abate stated alright. Can they hear me? Okay, if anybody from the community wishes to make public comment at this time, it is limited to three minutes. Just raise your hand, and Mr. Stroup will take care of you from there.

Mr. Stroup stated there was one question that went through the "Chat" sometime earlier that asked if we had any final decision on closing ceremonies for the school year which there has been no final decisions on any of those. We're going to try to maintain everything we can to the best of our ability. That's the only question that I saw come through the "Chat" as I've been scrolling it.

Mr. Musselman inquired did you guys hear the comment that Mr. Stroup made?

Mr. Boonie responded no, he's muted.

Mr. Musselman stated he's muted, so they didn't hear what you had to say.

Mr. Stroup stated I have two different screens here I'm trying to do, and you'll get feedback if I have them both on. Basically, there was a question that went through the "Chat" that asked if we had any final decision on closing ceremonies which we do not. We're going to try to maintain them to the best of our ability, but there are none at this time. We do have a question here as well. There's a person with their hand up. I am going to unmute their mic, and let Kristy go ahead and ask her question.

Mr. Abate inquired, Mr. Stroup, who was first question from?

Kristy stated hi, I'm a parent, and I have a daughter in ninth grade, and I'm just curious. I know that right now I've read the Continuity Plan of Education, and there aren't going to be grades posted. Is there going to be a change in that, or will there be no grades for the last semester of school? Just as a parent, I think we're just concerned about accountability and, you know, my student *{remaining sentence was inaudible.}*

Mr. Stroup responded fourth marking period will be an ungraded marking period. We are currently providing it through the online materials or packets that are being sent out. The final grades will be made up of a combination of the first three marking period grades, and we are trying to find ways to incentivize completion of those activities right now which are not mandated but are highly recommended at this point.

Kristy stated okay. Thank you.

Mr. Stroup stated you're welcome. Thank you.

Mr. Abate inquired, Mr. Stroup, who was the first question from for the minutes?

Mr. Stroup responded Brooke Shockey had the first question, and the second question was Kristy Veitch, I believe. The name went off here as I unmuted her. V-e-i-t-c-h.

Mr. Abate stated, Mr. Stroup, I don't believe that the woman's question was heard by the Board. Could you basically try to paraphrase what she asked?

Mr. Stroup responded she asked how grades were going to be assigned given our new online format, and the first three marking periods are graded marking periods in the District. We ended the marking period three on the 12<sup>th</sup>. We forgave any late assignments all the way back to the beginning of March, and then we calculated a final grade for that marking period. So, the students' grades will be made up of those grades from those three marking periods equally contributing to that, and the fourth marking period is going to be ungraded. The work that we are pushing out, the content, is voluntary. It's not mandatory, but we hope that all take advantage of it, and we're trying to find ways to incentivize the completion of that work which each level, each grade level group are going to have a slightly different plan which will be communicated to everyone here in the next couple days. See, the trouble with that is we just found out right before the Easter break that we were going to be no longer coming back, and if we were back in the brick and mortar setting, we had to have a very different plan because then there would have been some fourth marking period and fourth marking period grades. So, that's where we are as of today current moment.

Mr. Abate inquired do we have anybody else, Mr. Stroup?

Mr. Stroup responded let me check the "Chat" to see if any others came through. There's a specific question about a specific. Basically, in a nutshell, this question in

the "Chat" is asking, if there is a low grade, will there be opportunities to pull it up for a person, and the answer is yes, we're working on that. So, if their third marking period grade may have not been what it was hoped, then they can earn some incentives from doing the work this marking period online to help that grade. So, that's the answer to the question from the "Chat."

Mr. Abate inquired is that all there is, Mr. Stroup?

Mr. Stroup responded that's all I see at the moment.

Mrs. Eriksson stated, Joe, as a parent to ask you that question, so there's still opportunity for kids to improve themselves over their third marking period grade? There's still opportunity to fix those grades that are still in the system?

Mr. Stroup responded yes, they can go up. They won't go down based upon anything they do from here on out, but if they're logging on and doing the assignments, that will certainly be a step in the right direction. We will have specific details coming out in the next few days. I asked the building principals to work on this last week one day. Thursday, I believe it was, and then today and tomorrow, and 1 o'clock tomorrow we'll be discussing all the plans and bring them together.

Mrs. Eriksson stated that's good for the kids, yeah. That will give them some incentive.

Mr. Stroup stated yes.

Mrs. Eriksson stated and the parents, too.

Mr. Stroup stated right. I hope so, and even if their grades are really, really good, we're hoping they're accessing these materials and using them and resources because they're good in other ways, too, not just for maintaining really good grades.

Mrs. Eriksson stated absolutely. Good work.

Mr. Stroup stated thank you.

Mr. Abate inquired anything else?

Mr. Stroup responded that's all I have.

Mr. Abate stated okay. We're finished. We have no more public comment. I don't believe, Mr. Stroup? Nothing?

#### VIII. **SCHEDULED SPEAKERS**

Mr. Victor L. Abate

*There were no scheduled speakers.*

Mr. Abate stated okay, we will go with the Reports. The building principals e-mailed their reports to the Board prior to the meeting this evening, and we will have Mr. Musselman give his report.

Mr. Musselman stated I don't have a lot of share. I got to apologize for the sound. We're trying this out for the first time and learning stuff as we go. So, I apologize for the delay and also for our sound, but we'll continue to work on this as long as we need to.

## IX. REPORTS

### 1. SUPERINTENDENT

Mr. Richard J. Musselman

Mr. Musselman reported on the following items:

#### 1) Solar Farm Status Update and Stadium Progress Update

I did want to let the Board know that we have been in contact with the solar company that is putting in our solar field. Things continue to move forward with that. They have come and started to lay out some things out here (Middleburg); one being a transformer. They have it marked where it's going to be going, and I also had a meeting with them. Part of the solar field is a building structure. What they budgeted for that, we're not going to be able to get maybe something the size that we had hoped for. So, it's being scaled back a bit. I know we had talked about the possibility of having some restrooms over there and some different things. It's going to have to be scaled back, but what it can do is get the majority of it taken care of and later on, if the District so desires, we can add on to that, and make it what we want. What they had budgeted into it wasn't enough to complete everything. Unfortunately, when school districts do work, we have a lot of requirements to follow, and if we're going to bring students in there, it has to now come up to the standards of a public building which increases the cost tremendously. So, we'll continue to move forward with that. Everything else looks good as far as that goes, and I also had a chance to get some input from Jay Darkey, our Architect, for the progress on the stadium. They're continuing to move forward with getting all of their different plans approved from the different agencies. Some of those agencies have a hold on until the first of May. So, there is a little bit of a delay with some of that, but they're continuing to get data and information that they need to get everything set up. Once they have those, and they're hoping here in May, they can maybe somehow meet with us to get more details on the structure, details on what you want. We have an overall plan, but the details are not there. So, he's going to have to try to get back with us hopefully here in May, but there is a little bit of delay on that because some of the agencies they need to get approval from are not doing work until May. So, just wanted the Board to be updated on that. So, a little bit of a delay on that.

#### 2) Staff Doing Great Things

Other than that, I believe Mr. Stroup was going to for the rest of that then give a lot more information on some of the great work our teachers and the folks are doing, but, you know, not just that, but we've had people here serving our kids food; John Rosselli, his staff. We had volunteers that came in and doing a fabulous job. Just everything is really. Everybody is just stepping in to try to help and do great things. I know you guys all hopefully got that e-mail and had a chance to look and spread it on what our music department teacher did, and that video has gone kind of viral, I guess. It's up to 70 some thousand views, and so, a lot of good stuff happening, and people really stepping up to make things wonderful for our kids. So, that's all I really have, and I know Joe's got a lot more details to share.

2. **DIRECTOR OF CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION**

Mr. Joseph W. Stroup

Mr. Stroup reported on the following item:

1) Thank You to Staff

I don't have a lot more details because Rick took a lot of what I was going to say. I just wanted to thank our staff. They have been wonderful through this whole process, all members of the Administration. The principals have done great work in getting their buildings to help push forth an online educational program and what we're calling our mobile learning platform for all students in K to 12. March 12 came, and we were sitting in a meeting, and it got real for us real fast. We had been looking at things out on the horizon, and that day we were sitting in the office, and now we have to plan to go online instruction K-12, and everybody has just stepped up and done a fantastic job. I go in every day, and I check the teacher sites, and they're doing really, really some wonderful things. So, I encourage you as parents to have your kids working on this content and these activities for them because they are really, really good stuff and productive stuff, and they're not just there to help them improve their grades, but they're going to help them engage and learn the new skills, and it's really good things that we have going on. So, I thank everybody. Paraprofessionals and other people that work in our school district have been assisting in many ways, and secretaries that just all stepped up and chipped in however they could. So, it's been a real blessing. I e-mailed Board members specifics with the rest of my list. The one big thing that we're moving here forward from is trying to incentivize completion of work in this ungraded marking period. It's kind of new territory. Why do kids want to complete this given the big announcement that we're not coming back to school? It's because it's the right thing to do in this situation. We're confined to our homes at least until the end of the April. Here's some material to learn that you would be working on in the traditional school setting, and it's provided for you, and the teachers are coming up with really creative ways to do it. So, give it a shot. Again, I want to give all the credit where credit is due to the principals and their staffs for really coming through, and I thank them for all their accomplishments in this very short period of time.

Mr. Abate inquired do we have any questions for either Mr. Musselman or Mr. Stroup?

Mr. Nesbit stated I have a question. I have a question, Mr. Musselman, regarding the building the solar company is building. Can you hear me?

Mr. Musselman responded sure.

Mr. Nesbit stated okay. You said that they were scaling it back. Are they reducing the overall size of the structure?

Mr. Musselman responded yes, the overall size of the structure it's a number of square feet of the building needs to be reduced to fall in line with the overall cost of the building. They only budgeted \$300,000.00, and one would think \$300,000.00 should build you a pretty nice sized building, but when you have to have it to the point where it's for students to come in, that makes it more difficult because we had initially we had those restrooms that

were in there and for the public to use, and now it becomes a public building. So, that's what drove the cost up. So, we may have to take some of those out. We can't even hook up to the water right now anyways. We may have to take some of those out and then later on maybe try to add some things back in or add onto that building, but the size of it has to be reduced to fall in line with their \$300,000.00 they had in their budget.

Mr. Nesbit stated if it's possible to make the building as large as possible and still leave some other things "undone" that we can easily go back and retrofit at least we would have as large a structure as possible.

Mr. Musselman stated that was my request of them was to go ahead and give us the biggest shell that they could give us, and that way we could go back and address some of those later on. I just wanted to be open with you guys that we're probably not going to get as big a building as what we had hoped to get out of that. Now I will say that when we had discussion at Grounds meetings the past couple of years when Mr. Rubillo was on, we had talked about the District building an additional building back at the farm to put some of this equipment in and have a place for those folks to work. So, this gets us part of the way there, but it doesn't get us all the way there, unfortunately. I will tell you the building that Jay helped us lay out and draw was close to \$600,000.00.

Mr. Nesbit stated wow. Okay.

Mr. Musselman inquired any other questions?

Mrs. Lauver inquired can you hear me?

Mr. Musselman responded yes.

Mrs. Lauver stated I have a quick question. For like the vo-tech kids who were to be certified say like in the field of welding, they don't have the hands-on experience to get the certification. Has vo-tech communicated how that will be completed for those students? If it's lifted, will they do special classes?

Mr. Musselman responded well, I think Mr. Boonie or actually Mrs. Eriksson could. Maybe they could share some of that. I know that the SUN Tech has been working hard educating students. They're still trying to conduct some classes. There are some courses that students take such as cosmetology that require hours. I'm not exactly sure how they had planned on addressing those, but I will defer to Mrs. Eriksson or Mr. Boonie if they have any additional information.

Mrs. Eriksson stated actually, we have a meeting coming up on Thursday night, and I'll get a little bit more info on that because they're still learning the Zoom thing and that kind of stuff, but, yeah, their cosmetology was one that they were concerned about is the hours, and then there's some other ones where they're working with the. Was it PC now? Penn Tech, and some of those things they have to continue because that's a graded thing because they're working through Penn Tech, and some of these kids have gone out and actually are working as internships, too. So, yeah, I'll know a little more on Thursday night. I don't know if Terry knows more from the inside scoop at all or not.



Mr. Boonie stated well, I would say that yes, there are certain programs that the hours a concern. I know in nursing they still had a certain number of hours, 25 or 30, that they had to do clinical for the students to be able to get their, I believe, CNA certifications. My students with the Penn College NOW, they are continuing on at Penn College NOW. I'm meeting with them several times a week. They're doing a majority of the curriculum through Penn College's website which for my program that worked out well because that, you know, that's what we normally do in the computer networking, but some programs, yeah, there are some difficulties because it's hard to teach how to strike a weld and strike a bead and, you know, or fix a car over the computer. So, there are certainly some difficulties there, and I'm not sure how every program is handling it, but each teacher, we're trying to do the best we can.

Mr. Abate inquired, Mrs. Eriksson, could you do the Board a favor then? Could you just update us after your meeting on Thursday to kind of answer Mrs. Lauver's question? And, Mr. Boonie, if you happen to find anything you could add to that, it would be a big help.

Mrs. Eriksson responded yes, will do.

Mr. Abate stated thank you. Do any of the administrators? Oh, I'm sorry. Does anybody else have any questions for either Mr. Stroup or and actually any of our administrators this evening? I believe they're still on.

Mrs. Lauver stated I have one more question or suggestion. Has anybody thought about contacting or as a unified, like all the superintendents or all the districts, to contact the PUC and ask them about giving us better? They could do more, I think, to make Wi-Fi available to students in rural areas, especially if we need to do this continuing of the education online.

Mr. Stroup responded that's a great point, and that's something we're trying to work on here with some of the grant monies and different things to get that direction going. We have the Continuity of Education Grant where we're trying to spend to get resources for our special education, our homeless population, and we're looking for all kinds of ways. The truth is we contact a lot of these companies, and they can't provide the hotspots right now. There's such a demand for them, and they can't get them for us until June. So, that's the thing we're trying to balance. Do we order them and have them in case there's something in the fall? And you made some great points there, and I appreciate that.

Mr. Haynes stated I can say that from my point my view in my day job as so to speak the IU has reached out to school districts in the area regarding what the coverage looks like in their district. I think they may be doing that on a personal, one-by-one basis, but they're trying to get a handle on that to report back to probably the PUC. You know, with our trouble is with a lot of rural infrastructure still in parts of this county and a lot of the parts of the county we serve, it's difficult. This will be a, I'm sure, a springboard to help with that from a utilities perspective, but at this point, you know, all we can do is report our information to those folks.

Mrs. Lauver stated I just think the squeaky wheel gets the grease. So, the districts need to all fuss about it and make a point.

Mr. Boonie stated I know I did contact Representative Rowe. Not sure how you pronounce his last name, but I've had some discussions with him online concerning Internet access for our area and the need to improve broadband for the entire region.

Mrs. Eriksson inquired do we have a number of families that? An actual number of the people that were not able to get the Internet access? Do we know that number? For the kids?

Mr. Stroup responded we don't have a solid number. If you look at the bottom of the notes that I sent out to you, we had some access data. We're doing sweeps of kids and the percentage that access. So, we're looking at 90% of our students can access the content online; however, then you get into the quality and speed of the service that you have and the building to run some of the programs that we need. I would guess from our packet requests and requests for hotspots that, you know, at the elementary level it's around 75% have access. The high school and middle school level, that is significantly better than that, but, you know, somewhere between 90% and 100% that they have some type of Internet service for them to be able to get online.

Mrs. Eriksson stated I was curious where we were if we knew where we stood.

Mrs. Lauver inquired are the students allowed to take, like if they have an iPad, can they go to the school parking lot and pick up the Wi-Fi from the school? No? Yes?

Mr. Stroup responded absolutely. They would need to take their school computer that we assigned them. A random iPad probably would not get them in, but their school computer definitely would.

Mrs. Lauver stated I think Juniata County did that. That's why I'm asking. For students who lived out that had no Wi-Fi access, if they the transportation to the parking lot, they made the Wi-Fi available outside of the school there in the parking lots.

Attorney Knepp stated Mifflin County did that as well. I can tell you that. That memo went out to the parents for that very reason. You know, you're all rural school districts around here, and absolutely, you need better infrastructure, and that's something I know rural superintendents have been lobbying the state for for a while, and it's fallen on deaf ears up until now, so.

Mrs. Lauver stated thank you.

Attorney Knepp stated you're welcome, and also while you all are talking there, I wanted to say that under Act 13, there are certain waivers for vocational and career and technical education programs relating to certain content, and there's also a waiver of the NIMS assessment and the NOCTI exam, and that's contained within the Act itself. I don't know what practical applications. Mr. Boonie, you would know that much better than I since that's where you work, but that's at least mentioned in that legislation. I don't know how it's going to actually be applied though in the real world.

Mr. Boonie stated the NOCTI assessment is similar to the state test in the academic world that you do. It's not the PSEAs anymore. What is the current one that they use for like math/algebra?

Mrs. Eriksson responded SATs.

Mr. Boonie stated thank you. Well, the.

Mr. Abate stated Keystone.

Mr. Boonie stated Keystones. Thank you. Sorry, I could not think of that. The Keystone Exam. So, it's similar to that except ours is both a written and a practical, but they have waived that this year because of the lack of time. So, we will not have to take them.

Mrs. Eriksson stated I have another question. How about? Have we heard anything about SATs for juniors and? Have you heard anything of whether they're going to be doing those at all for the kids? Any timeline?

Mr. Nesbit stated that's not handled through the school district. That's a secondary organization.

Mrs. Eriksson stated well, that's what I just wondered if they had heard anything otherwise.

Mr. Stroup stated for this year's, they were not requiring them for college entrance at many universities, and I think that would be a local decision, but the state universities here, they were not requiring them, and it just depends when we open up. I'm sure there will be places that are willing to host them. So, kids will just have to wait and see what's available and as soon as we're a little back to normal, but there is a year waiver.

Mr. Abate inquired okay, do any of our administrators wish to add anything this evening?

Mr. Pinci inquired can I just add something?

Mr. Abate responded yes, Mr. Pinci.

Mr. Pinci stated I just wanted to get back to you. I contacted the representative, our representative Senator, and our Senator Gordner got back to me, and I just wanted to pass this on. He assured me that he would fight for every dollar for our school districts. So, I just wanted to make sure that's clear.

Mr. Abate inquired do any of our administrators wish to add anything this evening?

Mr. Rosselli stated if I could have a few minutes, I just wanted to kind of update you guys on what we were doing in the food distribution realm, if that's okay. So, when this all started, we were distributing meals on a daily basis, and the first couple days of our service were not. The numbers weren't as high as they have become. We were doing about 90 out at West Snyder and not even 40 some days at the high school. Since we went to the

two-day week model in an effort to try to minimize exposure and kind of balance out the workloads a little bit, we have seen those numbers creep up and up and up. We are almost at 100 at the high school now and over 150 daily at West Snyder, and we're giving multiple days' worth of meals in each bag that we give kids breakfast and lunch. So, like today, we were giving out two days' worth of foods. They were getting four complete meals, and a lot of the families that are coming are very appreciative. I think they're enjoying the ability to just get out of the house for a few minutes, but they're all very friendly and very thankful. We've had great volunteer help from staff, principals, my staff. Just in general the entire Midd-West community has really come together, and from my perspective, it's nice to be able to collaborate with everybody and kind of do some different things. It's unconventional, and it's always a little bit different and interesting every day, but really has been a small silver lining in this gray cloud. So, I just wanted to update you guys, and if you have any questions about what we're doing, I'd be happy to answer them.

Mrs. Lauver stated I have one quick question. Do you serve milk? Are we giving the school milk to the kids, or does that stop?

Mr. Rosselli responded yes, yes. I'm sorry. My two-year old is going to want to be involved in this. So, sorry, she is. She's approaching bedtime. Yes, normally in our school lunches, milk is not a requirement. They are required to take three components, and fruit or vegetables being their main requirement. With this, they changed that where we are to. It's no longer an offer versus served. It is we're giving them every component of every meal, and we have to give them milk. So, they are getting two milks for breakfast and two milks for lunch like today. So, however many meals we give out in that day, that's how many milks they get. Not if that answered your question, but that's how we're doing it.

Mrs. Lauver responded yes. Thank you. I just know the demand for milk has been down, and a lot of farmers have had to dump their milk. So, I was just kind of wondering.

Mr. Rosselli stated we were able to for the first week that we ran, we didn't actually even have to purchase any milk. We actually ended up throwing. We had to discard I think it ended up being like two cases of strawberry milk and a couple cases of skim milk because they were out of date, but we had enough that we didn't have to make any purchases. In fact, we've only had to make a few small purchases for bread items and milk. We have been serving mostly deli sandwiches, but we're starting to try to give ourselves some freezer space. Like this week, we're doing mozzarella sticks, and we're going to. My staff is being ambitious, and they want to do walking taco a day for the kids. So, we're trying to use up stuff that we already have in-house so we don't have to spend money that we're not really recouping from our normal sales and things like that. So, we're trying to provide them with some variety other than just a deli sandwich, but they're getting. For breakfast they're getting yogurts and granola bars and pop-tarts, cereal, and then for lunches, we're giving them fresh fruits and vegetables; apples, bananas, oranges, things like that, and then they're also getting just a general whole grain deli sandwich and other things like that. I should. I forgot to mention Lori Weir. She works. She does the Meals for Seals. She's a liaison with them. She does stuff with the Children & Youth. She has

orchestrated donations that she has come pretty much every, at least once a week, and dropped off big tubs full of oranges and apples, and she calls me and texts me, you know, hey, what do you need this week? And she has been a valuable, valuable resource, so, and everybody has been very helpful. Mr. Abate stated, Mr. Rosselli, thank you very much for you and your staff. You don't know how much we appreciate what you're doing for our students.

Mr. Rosselli stated not a problem. That's what my job is. We all have to do our job when it's times like this, and it's not a problem at all.

Mr. Abate stated well, we still thank you, sir. Does anybody else have anything from the administrators this evening?

Mr. Haynes stated I have a comment, just one more comment before we go.

Mr. Abate stated sure.

Mr. Haynes stated I just want to take a moment to thank all of our faculty, our staff, our administrators, our volunteers, our families and everyone including especially our IT staff that are kind of working behind the scenes as well just to get through this. This is all uncharted territory for all of us in general and definitely in the K-12 world. I want to take a moment to thank everyone; the faculty, staff, administrators, family for the hard work that everyone's doing right now. So, I just wanted to say thank you.

Mrs. Eriksson stated I second that, Justin.

Mr. Nesbit stated Amen.

Mr. Boonie stated well said, Justin.

Mr. Abate inquired does anybody, any other Board member wish to bring anything up at this time? I do want to mention that on March 9 we did hold an Executive Session in which we did discuss a student discipline. So, that is done.

3. **BOARD AND/OR ADMINISTRATOR COMMENTS** Mr. Victor L. Abate

X. **ADJOURNMENT** Mr. Victor L. Abate

Mr. Nesbit moved and Mr. Haynes seconded a motion to adjourn the special meeting at 8:18 p.m.

Yes: Abate, Boonie, Eriksson, Haynes, Lauver, Nesbit, Pinci

No: None

Absent: Sassaman, Wagner

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MOTION CARRIED

Mr. Abate stated I want to thank each and every one of you for your time that you're putting in this evening. I believe we will still hold our next meeting virtually, and I guess we'll just take it one day at a time, and I want to thank all of you. It's good to see you all again, and stay safe.

Recording Secretary:

Chairperson:

Date:

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