



**Minnesota New Country School**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Wednesday, March 25, 2020 at 6:30 P.M.**  
**210 Main Street, Henderson, MN**



**Approved Special Meeting Minutes**

**A. Called the meeting to order by: 6:34pm (via Zoom)**

**B. Attendance:**

**P Paul Jaeger (2020)      P Jennifer Brunick (2021)      A Melissa Huntington (2022)      P Allison Kim (2022)**  
**P DeAnna Stevens (2020)      P Nichole Kotasek (2021)      P Dee Thomas (2022)      P Jane Hibscher (2022)**

**Others Present:** Lauren Neisen, Casey Boone, Denise, Zahilya Austin, iphone (anonymous),

**C. Educational Data (typically requires closed meeting procedures):**

none

**D. Approval of Agenda:**

Motion to approve the agenda for the Special Meeting on Wednesday, March 25, 2020

<b>M/</b> Jaeger	<b>S/</b> Thomas	<b>A/</b> none	<b>Motion/</b> carries
Y Jaeger	Y Brunick	--- Huntington	--- Kim
Y Stevens	Y Kotasek	Y Thomas	Y Hibscher

**E. New Business:**

- Name Change: DeAnna Petersen name is changed to DeAnna Stevens
- Update from Distance Learning Team
  - plan will be shared with MNCS staff, students, parents and guardians on Thursday, March 26, 2020
    - via email
    - link to posting on website
    - link to website posting from Facebook
  - senior team is in process of determining how to move forward with planning for a celebration with the goal of having a ceremony when it is possible
  - Communication from Chair Stevens -
    - when this is over - we should look at how communications were done so if we are in this situation again, we have the plan and can make improvements
    - hopefully having a policy in place will help us handle a similar situation
    - how can we navigate sharing information with parents when we are not certain -
  - MACS is asking charters to collect data over the process - what did and did not work, best practices
  - Thomas - in communication with an MNCS graduate who homeschools - any learning they do is good - academics do not have to be the only focus

- 610 DISTANCE LEARNING DURING A PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY

- Review and approve policy

The need to expedite this policy approval is in response to the Governor Walz’s Emergency Executive Order 20-02 Authorizing and Directing the Commissioner of Education to Temporarily Close Schools to Plan for a Safe Educational Environment

Motion to approve the 610 DISTANCE LEARNING DURING A PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY as written and presented.

<b>M/</b>	Thomas	<b>S/</b>	Brunick	<b>A/</b>	none	<b>Motion/</b>	carries
Y	Jaeger	Y	Brunick	---	Huntington	Y	Kim
Y	Stevens	Y	Kotasek	Y	Thomas	Y	Hibscher

**F. Next Meeting/s:** Monday, April 20, 2020 at 5:30pm (planning to be online - through Google Hangout/Meet)

**G. Adjourn Meeting: 6:57pm by Jaeger**

**Motion to adjourn the meeting at:**

<b>M/</b>	Jaeger	<b>S/</b>	Brunick	<b>A/</b>	none	<b>Motion/</b>	carries
Y	Jaeger	Y	Brunick	---	Huntington	Y	Kim
Y	Stevens	Y	Kotasek	Y	Thomas	Y	Hibscher

**Clerk:** *N. Kotasek*

**Date:** 4/20/2020