

LITTLE AXE BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING
MINUTES
March 20, 2020

The Little Axe Board of Education met in special session, Friday, March 20, 2020 at 6:00p.m. in the Administration Building meeting room. Cathey Miller, Board Clerk, posted the agenda and meeting notices between 1:00p.m. - 3p.m. Wednesday, March 18, 2020. The President, Beverly Felton, called the meeting to order. Roll call was made with the following members present:

Beverly Felton – President Tessa Proffitt – Vice President
Rickey Gourley – Member Tommy Hamilton – Member

Let the records reflect Al Heitkamper was absent.

FLAG SALUTE

Mrs. Felton led the flag salute.

Recognition of visitors and reading of correspondence

No visitors signed in.

Update from Superintendent Thomas regarding school cessation and currently planned resources for students.

Superintendent Thomas explained starting Monday, March 23, 2020 buses will go to each bus stop, breakfast and lunches will be given to any child 18 years and younger at the stop Monday through Thursdays. On Thursdays they will be given extra food for the weekend. This will be done with as few support personnel as possible. Mr. Thomas also said he will close the daycare as of Monday, 23, 2020.

Discussion and possible action regarding policies and procedures in place during required state cessation of educational activities.

On motion of Mr. Hamilton, and seconded by Mr. Gourley, the Board voted to approve the following Resolution to Grant Emergency Powers to Superintendent, Jay Thomas:

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Little Axe Public School Board of Education grants to Superintendent Thomas the following temporary powers to address the COVID-19 emergency:

1. Authority to temporarily waive such Board policies or provisions of Board policies as the Superintendent shall deem necessary to comply with guidance from appropriate health or governmental authorities or necessary for other effective response, provided such action is consistent with all applicable State and Federal laws.

2. Authority to take any lawful actions necessary to ensure the continuation of public education, to provide for the health and safety of students and employees, or to respond to direction from appropriate health and government authorities. Such actions may include, but are not limited to: adjustments to the curriculum and the provision of alternative educational program options; adjustments to employee

work schedules and assignments; modifications to the school calendar; adjustments to the delivery of school-provided meals; limitations on access to property owned or controlled by the Board of Education; applying to any governmental body for financial or other aid as may be available; and applying to any governmental body for waiver of regulations or requirements, compliance with which is affected by the COVID-19 emergency, provided such action is consistent with all applicable State and Federal laws.

3. Authority to enter into contracts without prior Board approval for any dollar amount necessary for the purchase of materials, equipment, supplies, or services for sanitation, cleaning, technology, or other needs directly related to the COVID-19 emergency situation, provided such action is consistent with all applicable State and Federal laws.

NOW, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Superintendent is directed to keep the Board of Education informed of any actions taken under this emergency authority as soon as is practicable in light of the circumstances.

NOW, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the temporary powers authorized by this Resolution are in effect for the duration identified in Governor's Order 2020-07 of March 15, 2020, and any subsequent extension of that order, unless otherwise rescinded or extended by the Board upon a majority vote.

NOW, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that execution of this Resolution is conclusive evidence of the Board's approval of this action and of the authority granted herein.

Beverly Felton – aye Tessa Proffitt – aye
Rickey Gourley – aye Tommy Hamilton – aye

Discussion and possible action regarding granting ten (10) days of administrative leave to all support personnel working for Little Axe Public Schools.

On motion by Mr. Hamilton, and seconded by Mr. Gourley, the board approved the amended the ten (10) days to ten (10) paid days of administrative leave to all support personnel working for Little Axe Public Schools.

Beverly Felton – aye Tessa Proffitt – aye
Rickey Gourley – aye Tommy Hamilton – aye

Ms. Beverly Felton Adjourned the meeting at 6:34p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Cathey Miller

Board Clerk

APPROVAL OF MINUTES




