**ECHO Charter School Board of Education**

Emergency Meeting Minutes

6:00 p.m.

Monday, September 21, 2020

*The purpose of the meeting is to discuss action plan given continuous rise in COVID cases in Yellow Medicine County.*

**Our Vision** is to be the most highly respected school in Southwest Minnesota noted for caring, innovating and preparing students to succeed.

**Our Mission:** ECHO Charter School’s Mission is to be your school of choice by preparing students to achieve to their highest potential through an innovative and uniquely flexible curriculum.

1. **Call to order @ 6:00 p.m.**

**Members present**: Judy M., Nikki H-S., Lynn S., Eric K-M. On Zoom: Deb E., Michell H., Katie G.

**Others present**: Helen B-R.

**Members not present: None**

Lengthy discussion was held concerning newest per-10,000 case rate for Yellow Medicine County. Through 9-5-20, this rate was 55.74/10,000, a rate exceeding recommendation by Minnesota Departments of Health and Education for conducting any in-person learning in Minnesota schools. Given the vulnerability of ECS, we want to avoid COVID cases at all costs.

Lynn S. explained her position that these are guidelines and are not hard and fast. Eric K-M. and Chairman Eakes took the position that the guidelines are there for a reason and we ought to consider full distance learning for a period of two weeks, to be discussed once again at the regular October 8 meeting. “Homework clinic” will also be closed to in-person programming, to be revisited at the October 8 meeting.

* 1. Approve Scenario 3 (Distance Learning) for grades K-2 and conduct no in-person programming for “Homework Clinic” through October 8, 2020. (Distance Learning already in place for grades 3-12 through October 22, 2020.)

Action: Approved

Motion by: Eric K-M. Second by: Katie G.

Vote: 6-0-1 (Lynn S. opposing)

Roll call: Deb E: Aye; Michell H: Aye; Katie G.: Aye

**Approve Adjournment of meeting @ 7:29 p.m.**

Motion by: Nikki H-S. Second by: Lynn S.

Vote: 7-0-0

Roll call: Deb E: Aye; Michell H: Aye; Katie G.: Aye

The next regular meeting will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 8, 2020.