

**MINUTES
LAMOTTE SCHOOL DISTRICT 43
BOARD OF TRUSTEES EMERGENCY MEETING
JANUARY 12, 2021 5:00 p.m.**

The emergency meeting of the Board of Trustees, LaMotte School District #43 was held on January 12, 2021 for the purpose of considering business to come before the Board of Trustees.

Per Policy 1400: “Emergency Meetings-In the event of an emergency involving possible personal injury or property damage, the Board may meet immediately and take official action without prior notification.

Special Meetings-...except that the 48-hour notice is waived in an unforeseen emergency as stated in 20-3-322(5), MCA...”

Vice Chair Knoff called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

Trustees Present: Birgen Knoff, Ken Miller, Collin Duneman, Edward Kronfuss,

Staff Present: LeeAnn Burke-Superintendent, Sue Becker-District Clerk/Business Manager

Public Present: None

Pledge of Allegiance-Electronic Zoom meeting, no flag available-forgo Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda Action/Discussion Items

1. Board Consideration of Boys’ Basketball Program

Board Discussion: Trustee Duneman informed the Board that the 7/8 Ophir School boys’ basketball game scheduled for 1/13/21 was cancelled by Mt. Ellis. Earlier in the day, Superintendent Burke communicated to the Mt. Ellis Athletic Director that, due to COVID related circumstances at Ophir, she didn’t want the LaMotte students to participate in the game. Superintendent Burke has the authority to make these decisions and was doing what she thought was in the best interest of the students. Vice Chair Knoff relayed that Chair Ivester thinks that the Board should develop metrics to look at when making these decisions. This would give the Superintendent guidance on what to do going forward. The Board agreed that the metrics needn’t be complicated. When the Board approved the boys’ basketball season, they discussed that schools have adopted guidelines regarding decreasing potential exposure that are in line with MHSA/NFHS and if there are enough coaches and players to play a game, the game would be played. The County will get involved if the school gets above a certain positivity rate and the Board will meet at that time to discuss participation. The Board realizes that there could be new issues in the future. They would like to discuss the possibility of additional metrics at the next board meeting. Superintendent Burke appreciates the discussion with the Board. She explained her concern as there are two classes currently out because of quarantine. She supports the Board decision to play if there are enough participants/coaches to field a team. The Board appreciates that Superintendent Burke has only the best interest of the staff and students in mind.

2. **Annex**

Board Discussion: Trustee Duneman said he has heard of a few students who are in class in the Annex who have been complaining of headaches. Superintendent Burke said she just heard about it this week. Some students have had COVID and per the doctor, it could be a residual effect from COVID. Trustee Kronfuss has a sensitive carbon monoxide sensor that he will bring in to test for carbon monoxide in the Annex. Superintendent Burke will talk with CT Handyman to see if he is aware of cleaning agent, tile or mold issues. She will also have Air Quality Control come back to make sure everything is working properly and to check the air filter.

3. **Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn at 5:45 p.m.

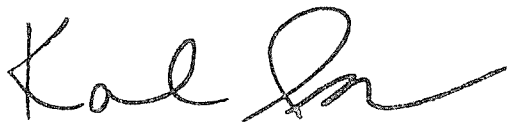
Motion: Trustee Miller

Second: Trustee Duneman

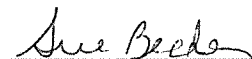
Public Comment: None

Motion passed unanimously.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees is scheduled for Wednesday, January 20, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.



Katie Ivester, Board Chair



Sue Becker, District Clerk/Business Manager