

**WYOMING CENTRAL SCHOOL
WYOMING, NEW YORK
BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING
MARCH 17, 2020 @ 4:00 P.M.**

- Members present:** Mr. Chamberlain, Mrs. Merrill, Mrs. Raines, Mr. True, Mrs. Washburn,
Mr. Wetherwax
- Members absent:** Mrs. Bush
- Others present:** Mrs. Schuessler, Mrs. Stroud, Mrs. Norton
- Guests:** Michele Pearce
- Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Mr. True, Board President.
- Approval of Agenda:** Be it resolved, the Board approves the agenda on motion by Mrs. Merrill and second by Mrs. Raines.

Yes-6 No-0 (motion carried)
- New Business:** Be it resolved, the Board approves the following resolution, on motion by Mrs. Merrill and second by Mrs. Washburn:
- WHEREAS, On March 14, 2020, the Wyoming County Department of Health recommended that school Districts in Wyoming County close to students, effective as soon as practicable, and until further notice due to the COVID-19 virus;
- WHEREAS, As of 12:00 AM on Sunday, March 15, 2020, the Wyoming County Board of Supervisors in collaboration with the Wyoming County Department of Health declared a state of emergency in response to the COVID-19 pandemic;
- WHEREAS, On March 16, 2020, Andrew Cuomo, Governor of the state of New York, signed an executive order closing schools statewide for two (2) weeks beginning on March 18, 2020 and ending on April 1, 2020;
- WHEREAS, the Wyoming Central School District complied with these orders and closed to students beginning March 16, 2020;
- WHEREAS, the Board of Education recognizes the undue hardship this unprecedented event may have on its community;
- WHEREAS, the Board of Education recognizes the undue hardship this situation may have to safely maintain and operate its facilities;
- WHEREAS, the Board of Education recognizes the need to provide its vulnerable student populations with meals during the mandated closure;

WHEREAS, the Board of Education recognizes the need to continue the essential functions of the Main Office, District Office, Business Office, Transportation Department, Custodial and Building Maintenance;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education authorizes Kathleen Schuessler, Superintendent of Schools, to take the necessary measures, including waiving current District policies, to ensure the continuity of the Business Office functions including but not limited to purchasing, bill payment, banking and continued regular payroll for all District employees and long-term substitutes who have been approved for a specific term of employment;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Education authorizes Kathleen Schuessler, Superintendent of Schools, to designate select staff, faculty and administration as essential to address the aforementioned concerns;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this resolution shall remain in effect until such time as the District is allowed to reopen to students and non-essential personnel and resume functions as prescribed by regulatory authorities.

Yes-6 No-0 (motion carried)

The district will assist families with childcare options within the district. The district will not recommend childcare providers.

Be it resolved, the Board approves the following: Plan for Instructional Options, Meal Availability and Childcare, on motion by Mrs. Raines and second by Mrs. Washburn:

Wyoming Central School is ready to assist parents in the health care profession or first responders who are critical to the COVID-19 response effort. This is in addition to any parent of a student that is in need of help also. Wyoming CSD has put into place the following:

-INSTRUCTIONAL OPTIONS: On Monday, March 16, 2020, all teachers gathered and prepared instructional packets together with additional instructions for those students with IEP's and 504's for every student in Wyoming CSD. Many teachers also prepared a "Phase II" Packet in the event the closures are extended for any reason. Using the Emergency Outreach System, and the District's website, all families were notified Instructional Packets would be personally delivered by the District on Tuesday, March 17, 2020.

-MEAL AVAILABILITY: On Sunday, March 15, 2020, all Wyoming CSD families were notified that beginning Thursday, March 19, 2020, lunch and breakfast bags would be available to those families wishing to participate. This notification went out through the District's Emergency Outreach System and the District's website.

CHILD CARE: Wyoming CSD is ready and available to assist those families in locating appropriate child care during the COVID-19 Emergency. Any parent

that is in need of help is to contact the District so that we may handle their specific needs accordingly, i.e. babysitting. Again, this information was distributed via the Emergency Outreach System and the District's website.

Yes-6 No-0 (motion carried)

Executive Session

Be it resolved, the Board approves to retire into executive session at 4:15 p.m. for the purpose of contractual, on motion by Mrs. Raines and second by Mrs. Washburn.

Yes-6 No-0 (motion carried)

Out of Executive Session

The Board reconvened regular session at 4:23 p.m.

Be it resolved, the Board approves letter of non-renewal of the 2019-2020 current contract for the 2020-2021 school year, between Jessica Scheidt, MS, CCC/SLP and Wyoming Central School District, on motion by Mr. Wetherwax and second by Mr. Chamberlain.

Yes-4 Chamberlain, True, Washburn, Wetherwax

No-1 Merrill

Abstain-1 Raines

(motion carried)

Be it resolved, the Board approves the Terms & Conditions for Senior Automotive Repairman for 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 school years, on motion by Mrs. Merrill and second by Mrs. Raines.

Yes-6 No-0 (motion carried)

Adjournment

Be it resolved, the Board approves to adjourn the meeting at 4:28 p.m. on motion by Mrs. Raines and second by Mrs. Merrill.

Yes-6 No-0 (motion carried)

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Norton
District Clerk