

**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF FILER  
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 413,  
TWIN FALLS COUNTY, STATE OF IDAHO  
OCTOBER 20, 2020**

A special meeting of the Board of Trustees of School District No. 413, Twin Falls County, State of Idaho was convened at 6:00 p.m. on October 20, 2020 at the Filer Intermediate School Library and via Zoom platform in said district, pursuant to authority provided by Section 33-510 and 67-2340 through 67-2347, Idaho Code, and pursuant to affirmation by the Clerk that notice of the special meeting had been given to each trustee and had been announced by written public notice posted at the school district office and at least two or more public buildings within the school district not less than twenty-four hours before such meeting was to be convened. The Affidavit of Posting of Notice and a copy of the notice of a special meeting of School Trustees were entered into the record and are attached hereto.

Present at the meeting were Chairman Aaron Williams, Trustees Judy Hoffman, Julie Koyle, Bob Burnham, Superintendent Kelli Schroeder, Business Manager Kyle Pryde, and Clerk Teresa Kullhem when the meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairman Williams. Trustee Deetz was reached by phone to be a part of the meeting.

Trustee Hoffman made a motion to approve the agenda as posted. Trustee Koyle seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**Hearing Section**  
**Emergency Response Advisory Committee Updates**

Superintendent Schroeder presented some current numbers from the South Central Health District regarding COVID. She shared the increase in the number of hospital patients, per St. Luke's. Superintendent Schroeder presented the board with a number of letters from concerned teachers as well as a couple of current press releases on COVID.

Matt Lassen, Co-President of the FEA, shared some numbers from a survey that went out to the certified staff. Matt said the biggest fear of the staff is their safety. Matt is asking for a mask mandate.

The health district has begun putting schools in colors, using Harvard metrics. The health district is looking at numbers daily and meeting weekly to make changes to school colors. Superintendent Schroeder explained the new operating plan that is being presented and explained the colors and where each school building would fall. Hybrid models were discussed at the upper grade levels. If adequate staff cannot be found for a building, that building will need to go remote.

Discussion was held on the substitute shortage. The high school seems to be the school that has needed the most subs and had the most staff absent.

There is an athletic plan that would mandate masks as well as limit the number of spectators should the school building move to a color other than green.

The hybrid model was discussed but is not a favorable option since there seems to be no less risk for staff in a hybrid situation.

Principal Peters shared how masks seem to be working well in the elementary school. Principal Huff shared a few opinions on masks and feel a mask mandate would alleviate many issues at the high school regarding mask use.

**Action Section I**  
**Action Regarding Emergency Response Advisory Committee Updates:**

Trustee Burnham made a motion to make masks mandatory for all schools. There was no second. The motion failed.

Trustee Burnham made a motion that the district communicate to the community that we need their help to control the spread of the virus so that our students can remain in school. Trustee Deetz seconded the motion. Discussion was held on the motion. Trustee Burnham voted aye. Trustees Williams, Deetz, Koyle and Hoffman opposed the motion. Motion failed.

Trustee Koyle made a motion that the board accept the COVID19 operating plan as written and edited, with the clarification that when a building is in yellow, all students would remain in school with masks mandatory and removing "completely remote" from the yellow category. Trustee Hoffman seconded the motion. Discussion was held on the changes and possible push back from the parents. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Williams adjourned the meeting at 7:23 p.m.

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Aaron Williams  
Chairman

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Teresa Kullhem  
Clerk