

**WASHINGTON SCHOOL BOARD
EMERGENCY MEETING**

Tuesday, March 31, 2020 – 6:30pm

VIRTUAL LOCATION: <https://zoom.us/j/389595404>

Meeting ID: 389 595 404

Audio by Phone Only: +1 929 205 6099

MINUTES

In Attendance:

Board Members:

Linda Musmanno

Karen Belanger

Arin Mills

Kathy Atkins

Administration:

Robert Hassett, Superintendent

Patricia Parenteau , Assistant

Superintendent

Jean Mogan, Business Manager

Kelli. Colarusso, Teaching Associate

Principal

Jennifer Crawford, Consulting Principal

/Director of Curriculum Instruction and

Assessment

1.0 CALL TO ORDER @ 6:44pm

- 1.1 As Chair of the Washington School Board, I find that due to the State of Emergency declared by the Governor as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and in accordance with the Governor’s Emergency Order #12 pursuant to Executive Order 2020-04, this public body is authorized to meet electronically.

Please note that there is no physical location to observe and listen contemporaneously to this meeting, which was authorized pursuant to the Governor’s Emergency Order. However, in accordance with the Emergency Order, I am confirming that we are:

- a) Providing public access to the meeting by telephone, with additional access possibilities by video or other electronic means:

We are utilizing Zoom for this electronic meeting. All members of the Washington School Board have the ability to communicate contemporaneously during this meeting through this platform, and the public has access to contemporaneously listen and, if necessary, participate in this meeting through dialing the following phone 1-929-205-6099 and meeting ID 389 595 404# or by clicking on the following website address: <https://zoom.us/j/389595404>

- b) Providing public notice of the necessary information for accessing the meeting:

We previously gave notice to the public of the necessary information for accessing the meeting, including how to access the meeting using Zoom or telephonically. Instructions have also been provided on the website of the

Washington School Board at:
<https://www.hdsd.org/domain/233>

c) Providing a mechanism for the public to alert the public body during the meeting if there are problems with access:

If anybody has a problem, please call Carol Fogarty or email at: cfogarty@hdsd.org.

d) Adjourning the meeting if the public is unable to access the meeting:

In the event the public is unable to access the meeting, the meeting will be adjourned and rescheduled.

Please note that all votes that are taken during this meeting shall be done by roll call vote.

Let's start the meeting by taking a roll call attendance. When each member states their presence, please also state whether there is anyone in the room with you during this meeting, which is required under the Right-to-Know law.

1.1.1 Roll

- 1.1.1.1 Linda Musmanno - Present
- 1.1.1.2 Karen Belanger - Present
- 1.1.1.3 Arin Mills - Present
- 1.1.1.4 Kathy Atkins - Present
- 1.1.1.5 Cameo Mulliner - Absent

1.2 Pledge of Allegiance

1.3 Moment of Silence

2.0 OPEN FORUM

2.1 None

3.0 NEW BUSINESS

3.1 Employee Pay During Continued Shut Down

3.1.1 Hassett

3.1.1.1 Commends all of the people who have done a fantastic job in keeping up the quality of services being provided to the students

3.1.1.2 Estimating \$189,568.38 in expenses to pay everyone for the rest of the year.

3.1.1.3 Gives a net of \$203,205 in anticipated revenue

3.1.1.4 Vermont has already shut their schools down for the remainder of the year.

3.1.2 Musmanno

3.1.2.1 Should be approved through May 4th or the remainder of the year?

- 3.1.3 Atkins
 - 3.1.3.1 Feels that we should approve to pay the staff through May 4, 2020
 - 3.1.3.2 Would also like to approve paying everyone
- 3.1.4 Belanger
 - 3.1.4.1 Feels we should approve pay through May 4th
 - 3.1.4.2 Can re-evaluate when we get more information, or when anything changes
- 3.1.5 Mills
 - 3.1.5.1 Would also like to approve pay through May 4th and re-evaluate at that time.
 - 3.1.5.2 This would include all of the staff?
 - 3.1.5.2.1 Yes
- 3.1.6 Vote
 - 3.1.6.1 Atkins moved to approve employee pay during continued shut down through May 4, 2020. Belanger seconds. Motion passed 4-0
 - 3.1.6.1.1 Vote
 - 3.1.6.1.1.1 Linda Musmanno - Yes
 - 3.1.6.1.1.2 Karen Belanger - Yes
 - 3.1.6.1.1.3 Arin Mills - Yes
 - 3.1.6.1.1.4 Kathy Atkins - Yes
- 3.2 Colarusso put out a survey to parents and has received a lot of positive feedback about the transition to remote learning.
- 3.3 Special Ed
 - 3.3.1 There is potential grant money that will become available to help providing special education services remotely
 - 3.3.2 The school counselors are still working and are available to students to reach out to
 - 3.3.2.1 Need to make sure that parents are aware that these services are available, and how they can be accessed
- 3.4 Hassett
 - 3.4.1 Will be sending out an email to inform the community what the Board has decided
 - 3.4.1.1 If there are any services that you would like to include in the letter, please let me know.

4.0 ADJOURNMENT

- 4.1 Belanger moved to adjourn. Atkins seconds. Motion passed 4-0 @ 7:13pm
 - 4.1.1 Linda Musmanno - Yes
 - 4.1.2 Karen Belanger - Yes
 - 4.1.3 Arin Mills - Yes
 - 4.1.4 Kathy Atkins - Yes

Respectfully Submitted,
Megan Fleagle