

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

**Joint Hagerman School District No. 233
Gooding and Twin Falls Counties, Idaho
Minutes of Special Board Meeting
October 21, 2020**

The special board meeting was called to order by Chairman Bryan Whitmarsh at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom for the purpose of: Extended soft closure (online only) for Hagerman Jr/Sr High School through October 29, 2020, due to staffing concerns. Roll call was taken by District Clerk Cathy Bridwell and a quorum was present with other trustees in attendance being Teri Dorchuck, Phil Gossi, Brian Moore, and Monte Osborne. Also present were Superintendent Jim Brown and Principal Jaren Wadsworth.

Trustee Dorchuck moved to approve the current agenda as presented; seconded by Trustee Osborne; motion carried.

Dr. Brown reported there has been a confirmed COVID-19 case among staff, which required quite a few other staff members who were exposed to be quarantined. Two staff members are out with COVID and another twelve are either ill with something else or are being quarantined. There are not enough substitutes to cover all the staffing needs. The jr/sr high school has been closed starting tomorrow and going through October 29 and will be doing online classes during this time. Staff who test positive for COVID-19 and are able to continue teaching online will continue to receive regular salary. If they are too ill to work at all, they can use two weeks of COVID-19 leave. Parents are being asked to keep children home if they are ill, even if it's not COVID-19. Dr. Brown is back-tracing as much as possible to eliminate risk of passing on the virus. Teachers in both buildings are taking more precautions at this time. Trustee Dorchuck noted that the state considers teachers essential workers and they can be brought back to work even if they have been exposed as long as they are asymptomatic. Students who don't have the resources for online learning and those with IEPs or 504 plans are being allowed to come to school.

Elementary students are expected to be at school as normal. Precautions are in place and staff is doing more social distancing.

Moved by Trustee Moore to close the jr/sr high school for six days with online only instruction until November 2, 2020; seconded by Trustee Gossi; motion carried.

Chairman Whitmarsh adjourned the meeting at 7:26 p.m.

District Clerk