**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING**

**MITCHELL SCHOOL DISTRICT 17-2**

**April 13, 2020**

The regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by President Deb Olson at 5:01 PM at the Mitchell Career Technical Education Academy 821 N. Capital Street, Mitchell South Dakota, Davison County.

Roll call of members present: Deb Olson, Neil Putnam, Matthew Christiansen, Lacey Musick, and Kevin Kenkel. All were present via video/phone conferencing. Absent: None. Others present: Dr. Joseph Graves Superintendent, Steve Culhane, Business Manager.

At this time, Board President Olson asked for a moment of silence in memory of student Ayla Barna, a student at GBR, who tragically died last week.

All motions are made by a roll call vote. All votes are unanimous, unless otherwise noted.

**Motion #3351402**

Motion by Putnam, seconded by Kenkel to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

**Motion #3351403**

Motion by Christiansen, seconded by Musick to approve the consent agenda which includes the minutes of the regular board meeting on April 13, 2020. These minutes had been furnished to the Daily Republic in unapproved form all in accordance as per SDCL 13-8-35. Also on the consent agenda were the claims, and personnel items.

**New Certified Hires:**  McKenzie Mertins, 5th Grade Teacher/LO, $43,250 effective for 2020-21 school year. Danielle Schoenefeld, 0.5FTE Begindergarten/GBR and 0.5 Title 1/GBR, $43,250, effective 2020-21 school year. Karli OConnor, Meth Teacher/MMS, $43,250, effective for 2020-21 school year. Amanda Sonne, 6th grade Teacher/MMS, $54,678, effective for 2020-21 school year. Kaitlyn Huska, Social Studies Teacher/MHS, $43,250, effective for 2020-21 school year. Caitlyn Way, Freshman Volleyball Coach, $2,535, effective for 2020-21 school year. **Hire:** Tressa Wede, 5th grade Teacher/LBW, $55,973, effective for 2020-21 school year. **Resignation:** Kaitlin Todd, 6th grade Teacher/MMS, effective end of 2019-2020 School year. Lisa Switzer, Kitchen Manager/LBW, effective end of 2019-2020 school year. **MTI New Hires**: Jesse Royston, Wi-Fi Broadband instructor, $58,362, effective August 2020. Brandon Puetz, Electrical Construction & Maintenance Instructor, $54,189, effective August 2020.

Motion carried.

Motion by Christiansen, seconded by Kenkel to support the decision of the Senior Class Leaders of the Graduation Ceremony by either a Virtual Ceremony or a live-limited ceremony located at the Drive-in Theater. After many questions and concerns by board members of a live ceremony, board member Christiansen withdrew his motion.

**Motion #3351404**

Motion by Kenkel, seconded by Musick to approve the recommendation of the Administration to move forward with the Virtual graduation ceremony. Motion carried.

At this time the school board discussed the issues raised with the school closures. The board expressed thanks to all employees during this time.

**Motion #3351405**

Motion by Putnam, seconded by Musick to approve on 2nd reading the minor changes to school board policies 400-600. Motion carried.

**Motion #3351406**

Motion by Kenkel, seconded by Christiansen to approve the participation agreement and renewal motion with ASBSD for the Workmen’s Compensation Fund for the 2020-2021 school year. Motion carried.

**Motion #3351407**

Motion by Putnam, seconded by Musick to approve the participation agreement and renewal motion with ASBSD for the Protective Trust South Dakota School District Benefits Fund for the 2020-2021 school year. Motion carried.

At this time the Board members reported on meetings they had attended since the last school board meeting.

Dr. Graves gave his Superintendent report, by announcing that EMBE is now using the Child Development Center for daycare for health workers. The 2nd board meeting in May is scheduled for Memorial day on May 25th and the school used the Crisis Management plan during the death of the student at GBR.

There was no public commentary at this time.

There being no further business, President Olson adjourned the meeting at 5:46 p.m.