



NOTICE OF EMERGENCY BOARD MEETING

March 15, 2020 - 5:00 PM.
May Butler Administrative Center
55 S. Rodney Helena, MT. 59601

To: Trustees
From: Chair
Re: Special Emergency Board Meeting at 5:00 PM at the May Butler Administrative Center

Trustees: Superintendent Tyler Reem asked that I call an emergency meeting of the Board to discuss issues related to the possible temporary closure of Helena Public Schools due to the presence of COVID-19 in the greater Helena area. The Board may take action.

I am therefore calling a meeting at the time and place listed above. The meeting is called pursuant to MCA 20-3-322(3), which provides “Special meetings of the trustees may be called by the presiding officer or any two members of the trustees by giving each member a 48-hour written notice of the meeting, except that the 48-hour notice is waived in an unforeseen emergency or to consider a violation of the student code of conduct, as defined in accordance with district policy, within a week of graduation.” An unforeseen emergency is defined in law as “a storm, fire, explosion, community disaster, insurrection, act of God, or other unforeseen destruction or impairment of school district property that affects the health and safety of the trustees, students, or district employees or the educational functions of the district.” I have determined that the outbreak of Covid-19 is sufficiently akin to a community disaster that I am permitted to call this meeting.

We wish to provide the opportunity for the public to observe and participate; however, we also do not want to present a further danger to our community by creating a gathering that could undermine the advice and direction our health professionals are giving us. We will provide the opportunity to observe the meeting in person but ask that anyone interested consider other avenues of input/feedback. Please know that I will accept comments in writing via email before and during the meeting. I will read written comments to the Board. Please identify yourself in your email. Since we are working under a tight schedule, I encourage you to submit succinct statements.



The Helena Public Schools educate, engage, and empower each student to maximize his or her individual potential with the knowledge, skills and character essential to being a responsible citizen and life-long learner.

Board of Trustees Emergency Meeting

May Butler Center

55 S. Rodney Ave

Sunday, March 15, 2020 – 5:00p.m.

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AGENDA

- I. CALL TO ORDER / INTRODUCTIONS
- II. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT: *This is the time for comment on public matters that are not on the agenda. Public matters do not include any pending legal matters, private personnel issues or private student issues. Please do not attempt to address such issues at this time or you will be ruled out of order. The Board cannot enter into a discussion during General Public Comment.*
- III. REVIEW OF AGENDA
- IV. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION/DISCUSSION
 - A. School/District Impacts Associated with the COVID-19 Coronavirus
Update and discussion school and district plans related to the ongoing crisis associated with the COVID-19 Coronavirus
- V. BOARD / SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS
- VI. ADJOURNMENT