

**SOUTHSIDE SCHOOL DISTRICT
SPECIAL MEETING, BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Wednesday March 20th, 2020
4991 Southside Road, Hollister, CA 95023
Art Room**

OPEN SESSION – 6:30 p.m.

AGENDA

I. Special Session 6:30 p.m.

a. Call meeting to Order

b. Roll Call

Present:

Katie Evans

Michael Ruth

Sarah Alford

Carina Freeman

Laura Forth

-Absent:

c. Pledge of Allegiance

d. Approval of the Agenda

e. Comments from the Public – This is a time for the public to address the Board. A maximum of 5 minutes will be allotted to each speaker.

II. Discussion/Action Items

a. School Closure-Approval of Southside School Closure beyond 3/20 (ACTION)

Recommendation: The board approve the district recommendation of the closure of Southside School from the dates of 3/23 to 4/2.

Recommended Motion: The board approve the closure of Southside School from Monday March 23rd to April 2nd.

Rationale: In order to maintain the health and safety of our students, families, and staff, school districts throughout the county of San Benito are recommending closure to prevent the exposure and spread of the coronavirus COVID-19. Between 3/23 and 4/2 students will not be on campus. To the extent possible, staff will provide educational opportunities

through a variety of options such as distance or on-line learning and independent studies for students. The two-week period will allow Southside to retain Average Daily Attendance. Staff will work with individual students on retention and instruction to prevent academic regression. Essential staff will be on campus and teachers will have the option to work from home or in classrooms. Over 5 million students representing about 84 percent of all K-12 students in the state are affected by school closings as of March 15th. 29 of the largest 30 districts in the state are closed. Based upon the spread of the virus and the recommendation from our State and local health departments, other developments may transpire that requires board actions to ensure the safety of students, families, staff, and our community.

Budget Source: N/A

III. Closing Items

- a. The next Regular Meeting of the Board is Wednesday April 1st , 2020 at 7:00 pm.
- b. Adjournment

PUBLIC COMMENTS –

Individuals wishing to address the Board on a non-agenda item may do so during the Comments from the Public. However, no action may be taken on an item, which is not on the agenda. The public is welcomed to address the Board on agenda items and may do so at the time it is presented. Guidelines for Comments from the Public will be as follows: A maximum of 5 minutes will be allotted to each speaker with a maximum of 20 minutes to a subject area.

No disruptive conduct will be permitted at any Southside School Board of Trustees meeting.

AGENDA ITEMS –

Individuals wishing to have an item appear on the agenda must submit the request in writing to the Superintendent/Principal two weeks prior to the regularly scheduled meeting. The Board President and Superintendent/President will determine what items will be included in the agendas. Regular meetings are held the first Wednesday of each month.

Items listed under the Consent Agenda are considered routine and are acted on by the Board of Trustees as one motion. It is understood that the Administration recommends approval on all consent items. Each item on the Consent Agenda approved by the Board of Trustees shall be deemed to have been considered in full and adopted as recommended.

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