

Board of Education Office
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The Old Saybrook Board of Education met remotely in Special Session on Wednesday, March 17, 2020, at the Board of Education Office, Old Saybrook, CT 06475.

Board Members

Tara Barros
Jim Henderson
Karina Julius
Cindy Sultini
George Chang
Karen Brodeur
Eileen Baker

Others

Jan Perruccio, Superintendent of Schools
Amity Goss, Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment

I. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Barros called the meeting to order at 3:04PM.

II. EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP

Empowering the Superintendent to Enter into Memorandums of Understanding with Personnel during the Declared State of Emergency

Due to the declared state of emergency related to COVID 19, the Superintendent of Schools requested the authority from the Board of Education to enter into Memorandums of Understanding with all the District's collective bargaining units and individual employees, as needed. This authority would be temporary and extend only to memorandums related to the COVID 19 emergency and the District's ability to accommodate for changes caused by COVID 19. This authority will be automatically revoked at the end of the declared state of emergency without any need for action by the Board.

Baker/Brodeur

“Move to grant the Superintendent the authority to enter into Memorandums of Understanding with all the District's collective bargaining units and individual employees, as presented”

MOTION: CARRIED (7-0-0)

Update on Current COVID 19 Actions

Superintendent Perruccio thanked the Board for their participation in this meeting.

Superintendent Perruccio stated that we have been communicating with staff and families daily at this time. Teachers have been volunteering their time and modifications have been made to twelve-month clerical staff schedules. The District is also working with the Teachers' Union and Paraeducators' Unions on scheduling pay during this time. The Superintendent is in contact with the Chief of Police and the First Selectman daily, as well as our elected representatives. Today was the District laptop and Wi-Fi hotspot distribution to the community. With the technology, we included instructions for use and a waiver of responsibilities for those who are borrowing District property. The Superintendent also

updated the Board regarding the District food distribution plan. The District conducted an opt out survey regarding food distribution so that we can accurately assess the true need of meals that need to be provided to our families. Our waiver to serve food at remote sites was approved by the state of Connecticut. Operating procedures for our food distribution was created by Director Pendleton and Food Services Director Nuzzo. Superintendent Perruccio also informed the Board of the work that has been done Districtwide to prepare for distance learning, including professional development time used by teachers to create and prepare their Google Classrooms. Additionally, the District has taken steps to deliver other services remotely, such as providing District phones for Guidance Counselors. The District is also working with attorneys regarding student data privacy and FERPA issues related to conducting distance learning and delivering services to the various student populations.

Director Goss informed the Board that we are providing optional, supplemental learning materials to students. If we move to a distance learning situation, attendance would be taken and there would be a minimum amount of time expected for students to participate in the learning. The District is working on the standards for this learning, which would apply to students in pre-kindergarten through twelfth grade.

COVID 19 Waiver Application for Distance Learning

The Superintendent informed the Board that the waiver requirement for distance learning was withdrawn by the Commissioner of Education on Tuesday, March 16, 2020.

III. REMINDERS

- District – Board of Education Meeting – March 24, 2020 – 7:00PM
- All Events and Meetings May be Cancelled or Conducted Remotely

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Baker/Sultini

“Move to adjourn at 3:50PM”

MOTION: CARRIED (7-0-0)

Karen Brodeur, Secretary
Old Saybrook Board of Education

Minutes recorded and typed by:
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*DRAFT - Subject to approval at the next BOE meeting