



Board Brief – March 27, 2020

Communications & Community Relations Department

Special Board Meeting

Due to health and safety concerns related to COVID-19, the Board of Trustees held its first virtual board meeting via Google Hangouts on Friday, March 27, 2020 at 11:00 am. The entire board was present virtually as well as Superintendent Barry Edwards and all cabinet members.

Staff Presentations

Closure Cleaning/Disinfecting

Sandra Callahan shared a report on cleaning and disinfecting of schools and other facilities. Custodial managers in each feeder pattern are using campus maps to guide custodial staff through campuses to ensure no space is missed during deep cleaning and disinfecting. Groundskeeping teams are handling gyms, locker rooms, weight rooms, offices and other athletic spaces. SSC uses a CDC-recommended and EPA-registered disinfectant for maximum effectiveness. In addition to regular cleaning, this product will be used to clean floors, vents, chairs, desks, cubbies, pencil sharpeners, exposed wall spaces, sinks and counters. All bathrooms will be re-sanitized with Kaivic machines.

Closure Feeding

Sandra also shared with the Board that we have eight sites operational for feeding students during closure. We have given out approximately 7,700 meals in this first week. The Bastrop County Emergency Food Pantry also continued their Nibbles backpack program for students at Red Rock Elementary, Lost Pines Elementary and Bastrop Intermediate. Those packs were distributed today.

At-Home Learning

Dr. Olivarez shared [BiSD's at-home learning plan](#) for students. This plan was shared with all staff and parents yesterday. It outlines our plan for instructional continuity during the weeks we are closed and provides for a combination of online and offline learning.

clarification of Policy DEA(LOCAL)

Due to the fact that Bastrop ISD is experiencing emergency closure, Penné Liefer provided clarification of policy DEA(LOCAL) with regards to non-exempt employee pay. The clarification provides that only those non-exempt employees who are required to work onsite to perform essential job duties be paid at a rate of one and one-half times their regular rate. Otherwise, employees will continue to be paid their regular rate.

Board Action

The Board of Trustees approved a [Resolution Regarding Wage Payments During Emergency School Closings](#). This resolution acknowledges the emergency declaration and resulting school closure and authorizes the Superintendent to continue paying all employees through the school closure. The Board also approved an [Order Declaring Postponement](#) of the May 2, 2020 board election and bond election to November 3, 2020, unless and until such time as the Board is authorized by law to cancel the bond election or postpone it to a date beyond the reasonably anticipated period of operational and financial challenges inflicted by COVID-19.

In comments, the Board of Trustees expressed their deep appreciation for all of the work being done by teachers, principals and all staff to ensure that students are taken care of during this public health crisis!

TO OUR STUDENTS, STAFF and PARENTS ... We Miss You!

#StaySafe

#BeWell