

**ADIRONDACK CENTRAL SCHOOL  
BOONVILLE ELEMENTARY  
DISTRICT OFFICE  
BOONVILLE, NY 13309**

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING – Executive Session - March 18, 2020**

<b>MEMBERS PRESENT</b>	<b>OTHERS PRESENT</b>
Michael Kramer, President	Edward Niznik, Superintendent
Almanda Sturtevant, Vice President	Sharon Cihocki, Business Administrator
John Abdo	
Bruce Brach	
Mark Emery	
Richard Gallo – <i>remotely</i>	
Doug Muha	
<b><u>MEMBERS ABSENT:</u></b>	

Mr. Kramer, President, led the recitation of the pledge of allegiance and called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Mr. Abdo moved and Mr. Emery seconded, carried 7-0 to go into executive session to discuss the employment of particular personnel. Mr. Niznik was appointed Clerk Pro-Tem in the absence of the District Clerk.

Board members returned from executive session 8:43 p.m. Mr. Abdo moved and Mrs. Sturtevant seconded; carried 7-0, to go into regular session.

**Resolution:**

Board members discussed the following resolution regarding disaster emergency with respect to the COVID-19 virus:

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Brach, who moved its adoption, seconded by Mr. Abdo, to wit:

**WHEREAS**, COVID-19 has resulted in the Federal, State and County governments declaring a state of emergency; and

**WHEREAS** the Governor has ordered, pursuant to Executive Order No. 202.4, the closure of schools statewide for a period of two weeks ending April 1, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, the County Executives have previously ordered the closure of Oneida, and Lewis County schools;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Board of Education resolves as follows:

1. The Board of Education hereby declares the COVID-19 virus is an emergency for the School District.
2. The school district is closed for students as of March 16, 2020 and ending pursuant to the Governor’s Order and any applicable County order.
3. During the period of school closure for students, all District stakeholders shall establish plans to ensure the continuity of learning to the extent feasible and appropriate in accordance with consultation with the State Education Department, Department of Health and the Office of Children and Family Services consistent with Executive Order 202.4.
4. The Board of Education may be required to amend the school calendar to address these extraordinary circumstances and make up instructional days.
5. The Board of Education meetings from March 16, 2020 forward until further notice shall be closed to the public under Governor Executive Order 202.1. The school district shall make the meeting accessible to public participation through video streaming or by conference call at the time of the meeting and the school district will record the Board of Education meeting and post the video, audio or transcript on the district website.
6. To the extent not already provided for in a collective bargaining agreement, hourly employees shall continue to be paid during the School District closure for students, provided such employees are available for work and report to work when directed to do so. This is meant to make

such employees whole for missed work due to the school closure and shall be consistent with such employees' regular compensation during normal school district operations. This authorization of payment shall apply only for the specific and limited purpose of addressing the unique challenges presented by the outbreak of COVID-19. It shall not set any precedent or practice.

7. The Superintendent of Schools is authorized to follow the Federal, State and County orders and to take such action as necessary and proper to operate the school district during this time of emergency.

At 8:48 p.m. Mr. Emery moved and Mr. Muha seconded; carried 7-0; the Board adjourned to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Regular Meeting to be held on Tuesday, March 31, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in the Boonville Elementary cafeteria.

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**Edward S. Niznik, Clerk Pro-Tem**