

**Jefferson West USD #340  
Minutes of April 2, 2020**

**I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

The virtual ZOOM meeting was called to order by President Jensen at 5:16pm. Members were present via ZOOM were: Scott Gibson, Morgan Hall, Dave Jensen, Betty Majors, Katherine Petesch, John Thelen and Kristopher Tuck. Others present: Pat Happer, Superintendent; Amy Adams-Mitchell, Board Clerk.

**II. WAIVER OF NOTICE**

Board members in virtual attendance will sign the waiver of notice.

**III. AGENDA APPROVAL**

Motion made by Gibson, second by Petesch to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

**IV. BOARD ISSUES**

**A. Temporary Suspension of Public Comments**

Motion made by Gibson, second by Tuck to approve the temporary suspension of public comments section held at the beginning of each regularly scheduled board meeting per recommendation from KASB. Comments can be sent via email to the Superintendent or Board Clerk during this temporary suspension. Motion carried 6-0.

Morgan Hall joined the meeting at 5:20pm.

**B. Approve the District's Continuous Learning Plan**

Motion made by Gibson, second by Petesch to approve the District's Continuous Learning Plan as presented to be submitted to KSDE for State Board Approval. Motion carried 7-0.

**C. Resolution to Suspend Excess Graduation Credits for the 2019-20 School Year**

Motion made by Hall, second by Gibson to approve the Graduation Credit Requirement Resolution as presented and read aloud:

**RESOLUTION**

**Suspension of Excess Graduation Credit Requirements**

**WHEREAS**, subject to Kansas statutes and regulations, the Board of Education has the authority to adopt by written policy requirements for graduation;

**WHEREAS**, students must meet the minimum requirements set out in K.S.A. 72-3217 & -3218 and K.A.R. 91-31-35 for graduation which include a minimum of 21 units of academic credit;

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Education has by policy, increased the minimum number of units of academic credit required to graduate to 26 units;

**WHEREAS**, on March 17, 2020, the Governor of the State of Kansas issued Executive Order No. 20-07 closing all Kansas school buildings for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year because of the dangers associated with the COVID-19 coronavirus; and

**WHEREAS**, the closure of school buildings and curtailing of operations as a result of the Governor's Executive Order and other actions taken in connection with the COVID-19 coronavirus may adversely impact the ability of students who would otherwise be on track to graduate at the end of the 2019-2020 school year.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that all credit requirements previously set by the Board of

Education which are above and beyond those minimum required credits set by Kansas law or by the Kansas State Department of Education, shall be suspended for the graduating class of 2020. Students must still meet all standards set out in Kansas statues and regulations to include K.A.R. 91-31-35, unless otherwise modified by the Kansas Governor, Kansas legislature, Kansas State Board of Education or the Kansas State Department of Education, to qualify for graduation in May 2020.

**ADOPTED** by the Board of Education of Unified School District No. 340, Jefferson County, Kansas, the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of April, 2020.

Motion carried 7-0.

**V. ADJOURN**

The virtual meeting was adjourned at 5:35pm by President Jensen.

Respectfully submitted,

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Amy Adams-Mitchell, Board Clerk

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Dave Jensen, Board President

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