

NOTICE OF EMERGENCY BOARD MEETING

3/16/2020

7:30 am

Three Forks Conference Room

To: Three Forks School Board
From: Lori Sayers, Board Chair
Re: Special Emergency Board Meeting at 7:30 am on 3/16/2020 in the
Three Forks Conference Room.

Trustees: Superintendent Jeff Elliott asked that I call an emergency meeting of the Board to discuss issues related to the possible temporary closure of Three Forks Schools due to the presence of COVID-19 in the Gallatin Valley area. The Board may take action.

I am therefore calling a meeting at the time and place listed above. The meeting is called pursuant to MCA 20-3-322(3), which provides “Special meetings of the trustees may be called by the presiding officer or any two members of the trustees by giving each member a 48-hour written notice of the meeting, except that the 48-hour notice is waived in an unforeseen emergency or to consider a violation of the student code of conduct, as defined in accordance with district policy, within a week of graduation.” An unforeseen emergency is defined in law as “a storm, fire, explosion, community disaster, insurrection, act of God, or other unforeseen destruction or impairment of school district property that affects the health and safety of the trustees, students, or district employees or the educational functions of the district.” I have determined that the outbreak of Covid-19 is sufficiently akin to a community disaster that I am permitted to call this meeting.

We wish to provide the opportunity for the public to observe and participate; however, we also do not want to present a further danger to our community by creating a gathering that could undermine the advice and direction our health professionals are giving us. We will provide the opportunity to observe the meeting by Facebook Live . I will also accept comments in writing via email before and during the meeting. I will read written comments to the Board. Please

identify yourself in your email. Since we are working under a tight schedule, I encourage you to submit succinct statements.