

**Board of Health**

3/15/2020 Special meeting

**Present:**

- Jill Domek-GMC
- Stephen Schreiber- Glendive Schools
- Cindy Heidt- Mental Health
- Joe Leal- Medical Officer
- Dennis Zander- Commissioner
- Justin Cross- licensed establishment
- Jerry Jimison- City of Glendive
- Brett Irigoien- County Attorney



**Staff present:**

- Timber Dempewolf
- Naome Wright

**Guests:** Shawna Sargent, Gary Kartevold, Joe Sharbono, Geri Cullinan, Jason Bunn

Agenda item	Discussion	Follow-up
<p><b>New Business:</b></p> <p>COVID-19</p>	<p>Discussion on School closure for Glendive Public Schools:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The purpose would be to protect hospitals and vulnerable populations</li> <li>• With staff being out due to illness or self-isolation it may become difficult to have enough substitute teachers for all schools</li> <li>• Currently there are 6 staff and 8 students in isolation related to travel</li> <li>• So far 18 states have closed schools</li> <li>• Mr. Schreiber has been preparing administrators and staff for potential closure and looking at how education would be provided through distance learning.</li> <li>• To truly make an impact schools would need to be closed for 8-20 weeks</li> <li>• Dr. Leal suggests to symptom screen students daily and continue to provide onsite education.</li> <li>• Justin reports Laurel is waiting to see if the Governor will order school closures</li> <li>• Brett reports the Chief Justice is suspending courts and doing business over video</li> <li>• MCA 10-3-402 allows for an order or resolution declaring a state of emergency</li> <li>• Shawna is able to close Head Start</li> <li>• Geri expressed concerns about the effect a quick closure of schools would have on parents and employers</li> </ul>	<p>Commissioner Zander made a motion to close Glendive Public Schools for one week, March 16-March 20, 2020. Motion seconded by Brett.</p> <p>Vote: 6 in favor, 1 opposed</p>

	Note: At the closure of the meeting a notice was received from the Governor ordering the closure of schools across the state for 2 weeks.	
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Next meeting – 3-20-20

**Notes by: Timber Dempewolf**



BOH Chair Signature

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Date