

**Kinsley-Offerle School District U.S.D. #347  
Special Board of Education Meeting Minutes  
Friday, November 20, 2020  
6:30 p.m., USD #347 KJSHS Band Room**

**CALL SPECIAL MEETING TO ORDER**

The special meeting was called to order at 6:31 pm by Board President, Brian Taylor.

**Member Present:**

Brian Taylor, President  
Andy Stegman, Vice-President, Via Zoom  
Kathy Brown  
Mitchell Craft – Via phone  
Linette Miller  
Kelsey Peterson  
Burke Schroeder  
Andy Stegman

**Staff Present**

Becky Burcher, Superintendent  
Brenna Dooley, Principal  
Alicia Hodges, Board Clerk

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Motion was made by Linette Miller, seconded by Kelsey Peterson, to approve the agenda as presented.

**Motion passed: 6-0**

**DISCUSSION**

1. Covid-19
  - a. November 23, 2020 & November 24, 2020

**Mitchell Craft joined the meeting via phone at 6:37 pm**

- b. Winter Sports – Update on KSHSAA Recommendations to be voted on by their Board of Directors on November 24, 2020.
  - c. Quarantine Exemptions

**ACTION ITEMS**

Motion was made by Andy Stegman seconded by Mitchell Craft to extend the Thanksgiving break to include November 23, 2020 and November 24, 2020. School would be closed, no practice or activities, but classified staff may work if they want to.

**Motion passed: 3-4.**

**(Voting no was Linette Miller, Kelsey Peterson, Kathy Brown and Brian Taylor)**

**Andy Stegman left the meeting at 7:05 pm**

Motion was made by Kathy Brown seconded by Linette Miller to adopt the quarantine exemption guidelines as presented.

**Motion passed: 6-0.**

The following are recommendations from Kinsley-Offerle USD 347 and the Edwards County Health Department for quarantine guidance in schools.

If there is a close contact in the classroom and the positive case and exposed person are both wearing an approved mask correctly for the entire duration of the close contact, in general, the exposed individual(s)

may be exempted from a 14 day quarantine. Each situation will continue to be evaluated on a case by case basis by the school district and the Edwards County Health Department.

The following are important points to note:

1. This exception for quarantine is only applicable to COVID-19 and no other reportable infectious disease.
2. A close contact is defined as one who is within 6 feet for 10 minutes or more consecutively.
3. Exposure outside the classroom will still require a 14 day quarantine period.
4. Quarantine exemption does not include close contact situation that occur during athletic and other school sponsored activities.
5. Household contacts of any positive case must quarantine.
6. Any student or staff with a positive COVID-19 diagnosis shall be excluded from school for the length of their isolation.

This recommendation is made with the understanding that quarantine of all exposed individuals is the safest and most effective way to stop the spread of COVID-19 and exemption from quarantine will potentially put other community members, students and staff at risk for exposure.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Kelsey Peterson seconded by Linette Miller to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 pm.

**Motion passed: 6-0.**

Approved on: Jan 11, 2021  
Board President Brian R. Stutz  
Board Clerk Alicia Hodges