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RESOLUTION 04-20

PIONEER CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY CENTER BOARD OF EDUCATION

A RESOLUTION DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND MODIFYING PROCEDURES FOR BOARD MEETINGS

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is a respiratory disease that can result in serious illness or death and can easily spread from person to person between individuals who are in close contact with each other (within about 6 feet) or through the touching of a surface that has the virus on it then touching one's own mouth, nose or eyes; and

WHEREAS, Governor DeWine and the 133rd General Assembly of the Ohio Legislature have declared a state of emergency with respect to the spread of the novel coronavirus; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio Department of Health has ordered that all K-12 schools be closed to students through 11:59 p.m. on May 1, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio Department of Health has further ordered that mass gatherings, defined as any event or convening that brings ten or more persons in a single room or space at the same time, are prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to auditoriums, stadiums, arenas, meeting halls, conference rooms, and any other confined indoor or outdoor space; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio Department of Health and the Center for Disease Control each recommend limiting gatherings to no more than 10 persons in a single space; and

WHEREAS, in order to permit the fair and orderly expression of public comment at its meetings, the Board has adopted a public participation policy; and

WHEREAS, the Am. Sub. H.B 197 includes a provision permitting governmental entities to meet remotely including by electronic means; and

WHEREAS, while the Board intends to continue to conduct the business of the School District and to keep the community informed of its discussions and decisions related to the official business of the School District, the Board must also act to protect the health and safety of its members, staff, students and other community members who may enter on to school premises.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education for the Pioneer Career and Technology Center, a Joint Vocational School District:

Section 1. The Board hereby finds that an emergency exists with regard to the spread of a serious communicable disease, COVID-19,

Section 2. In order to prevent against the further spread of the novel coronavirus, the Board hereby temporarily suspends its Public Participation Policy 0164 which shall no longer be in effect upon adoption of this Resolution by a majority of the Board. Such policy may be reinstated through a subsequent action taken by the Board,

Section 3. In order to enable the Board to continue with District operations during the public health emergency and in accordance with the provisions of Am, Sub, HB 197, the Board may meet telephonically or through other electronic means, including conference calls or other meeting technology to conduct the public business of the public body while emergency orders of the federal and/or state government are in effect limiting public gatherings. Such meetings will be properly noticed to the public through the established and usual method of notice to the public.

Section 4. In order to provide an opportunity for attendance by the public, news media, and any other person that has requested notification of meetings, access will be made available to the extent reasonably possible and feasible. The means of technology and information on how to access the meeting as a member of the public will be made available. The Board intends to fully honor its obligations under the Open Meetings Act.

Section 5. The Board hereby finds and determines that all formal actions relative to the adoption of this resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Board, and that all deliberations of this Board and of its committees, if any, which resulted in formal action, were taken in meetings open to the public, in full compliance with applicable legal requirements, including Section 121.22, ORC.

Section 6. This resolution shall be in full force and effect from and immediately after its adoption and shall supersede any prior resolution or act of this Board that may be inconsistent or duplicative with the provisions of this resolution.

_____ seconded the motion

VOTE: YEAS:

NAYS:

Adopted this 20th day of April, 2020

Pioneer Treasurer

Pioneer Board President

Pioneer Superintendent

