

Transcription of March 31, 2020 WVCSD Board of Education Special Meeting

**Sharon Davis:** We have a quorum, we might as well start. Okay, we'll start with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**All:** I pledge Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for all.

**Sharon Davis:** I would like a motion to approve the resolution to amend the 2019-20 Warwick Valley Central School District Student Calendar as it appears on the agenda.

**Eileen Gagliano:** So moved – Eileen

**Sharon:** Eileen. Do I have a second?

**Lynn Lillian –** Second – Lynn.

**Sharon Davis:** Any discussion? I guess we'll have a discussion. David, do you want to explain what's going on?

**Dr. Leach:** Sure, I know that probably all of you are already aware based on the guidance documents that the New York State School Boards Association has been sending out as well as the New York State Council of School Superintendents and other organizations.

Throughout this challenging time, school districts, as you know, are subject of Executive Orders, which can create questions for which we need to get some direction. We've received now a couple of Executive Orders from the Governor, and we had even our County Executive, initially, with the Executive Order ,where we closed from the 15<sup>th</sup> of March through the 13<sup>th</sup> of April.

Yesterday, we learned that school districts must continue to provide remote instruction to receive waivers from the 180-day instructional required – even if they were scheduled to be on spring break during that time. You may be wondering why we need a waiver to meet the 180-day instructional requirement. Many of us have been working to provide a continuity of instruction since our schools closed on March 15. Due to the Governor's Executive Order, the districts will not have any of the teacher workdays between

March 18 and March 31, now extended to April 15, count against them in terms of satisfying the required count of 180-count of state and aid-bearing days. It recognizes that there will not be 180 days of in-school student instruction this year, but the period of closure ordered by the Governor will not cause the district to lose aid. However, this is contingent on the district continuing to provide alternative instruction (along with meals and childcare) during any vacation and unused snow days for instruction. This was confirmed by the State to include the need to use spring recess.

Therefore, the Warwick Valley Central School District has amended its 2019-2020 school calendar to comply with all Executive Orders issued by the Governor of the State of New York. April 6-10, April 13, and May 22 have been converted into instructional days to remain on track to receive full New York State aid allotments.

Next week, rather than primarily teaching new content, teachers will provide students the opportunity to complete classwork and seek guidance about concepts already taught. This approach should be reassuring to families and students as they adjust to distance learning. Beginning April 14, we will resume with our current delivery of instruction.

**Sharon Davis:** All in favor? Aye: Sharon Davis, David Eaton, Eileen Gagliano, John Garcia, Robert Howe, Lynn Lillian, Keith Parsons  
Any opposed? The motion is carried

**Sharon Davis:** I would like a motion to adjourn the meeting.

**Keith Parsons:** So moved – Keith.

**Lynn Lillian:** Second – Lynn.

Any discussion? All in favor? Aye: Sharon Davis, David Eaton, Eileen Gagliano, John Garcia, Robert Howe, Lynn Lillian, Keith Parsons  
Any opposed? The motion is carried.