

**MINUTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE CORNBELT EDUCATIONAL COOPERATIVE**

A meeting of the Board of Directors for the Cornbelt Educational Cooperative was held via teleconference (Zoom) at the Cornbelt Educational Cooperative office in Sioux Falls, South Dakota on Tuesday, September 22, 2020 at 9:30 A.M. The following members were present: Bridgewater-Emery – Harberts; Canistota – Larson; Ethan - Vogel and Hawkins; Hanson – Jarding and Bridge; Marion - Schmidt and Colberg; McCook Central - Stiefvater; Montrose – Miles and Johnson; and Parker – Chester and Dr. DeBoer. Also in attendance were Dean Kueter, Director; and Pamela Selken, Business Manager. Absent: Bridgewater-Emery – Bailey; Canistota - Nebelsick; Freeman - Weier and Kunz; McCook Central - Alley.

At 9:30 A.M. President Jarding called the meeting to order, had the roll called, and determined a quorum was established for conducting business.

**Action # 21-17 - Agenda** - Larson moved seconded by Harberts to approve the September 22, 2020 Agenda as presented. On roll call **ALL VOTED YES.**

President Jarding asked for any possible conflict of interest disclosures. There were none presented.

President Jarding asked for any persons wishing to address the Cooperative Board. None were present.

**Action #21-18 – Critical Infrastructure Workers** Stiefvater moved seconded by Miles to approve the following resolution #21-01.

To ensure continuity of operations of essential functions, the Cornbelt Educational Cooperative Board of Directors designates all Cooperative employees as **Critical Infrastructure Workers** for the duration of the COVID-19 pandemic and while the Cooperative is utilizing face-to-face instruction. The Cornbelt Educational Cooperative does not have available the necessary substitute staff in sufficient numbers, nor the necessary personnel to fill in for absent staff members, to keep the Cooperative’s services in operation. The CDC advises that critical infrastructure workers may be permitted to continue working following potential exposure to COVID-19, provided they remain asymptomatic and additional precautions are implemented to protect them and the school community.

A potential exposure means being a household contact or having close contact within 6 feet of an individual (for 15 continuous minutes) with confirmed or suspected COVID-19. The timeframe for having contact with an individual includes the period of time of 48 hours before the individual became symptomatic.

Critical infrastructure workers who have had an exposure but remain asymptomatic will adhere to the following practices prior to and during their work shift:

**Pre-Screen:** The employee’s temperature will be measured and recorded and symptoms assessed prior to the employee starting work in morning and after lunch.

**Regular Monitoring:** As long as the employee does not have a fever or other symptoms associated with Covid-19, the employee should self-monitor under the supervision of their employer’s health program.

**Wear a Mask:** The employee will wear a face mask at all times while in the workplace for 14 days after last exposure.

**Social Distance:** The employee should maintain a social distance of 6 feet and practice social distancing as work duties permit in the workplace.

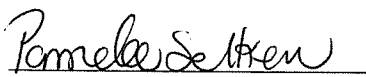
**Disinfect and Clean Work Spaces:** All work areas such as offices, bathrooms, common areas, and shared equipment will be cleaned routinely.


If the employee becomes ill with Covid-19-like symptomology during the school day, the employee will be sent home immediately. Surfaces in their workspace will be cleaned and disinfected. Appropriate notification to the SD Department of Health will be made following established protocols. Others at the school facility with close contact within 6 feet of the employee during this time would be considered a close contact.

Sources: CDC Interim Guidance for Implementing Safety Practices for Critical Infrastructure Workers Who May Have Had Exposure to a Person with Suspected or Confirmed COVID-19; U.S. CISA Ensuring Essential Critical Infrastructure Workers have the Ability to Work Safely.

On roll call vote **ALL VOTED YES.**

**Action # 21-19 - Adjournment** - At 9:41 A.M. Chester moved seconded by Larson to adjourn the Board of Directors Meeting with the next Advisory Board Meeting to be held on Wednesday, October 21, 2020 at 9:45 A.M. at the Cornbelt Cooperative office in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. On roll call vote **ALL VOTED YES.**

  
Pamela Selken, Business Manager

  
Gary Jarding, President Board of Directors

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