

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SD #58 YELLOWSTONE COUNTY
BILLINGS, MT 59106

January 24th , 2024

Vice Chair Michael Chandler called a regular Board of Trustees meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. on January 24th , 2024. The meeting was in the conference room.

PRESENT: Chris Myers, Lacey Jones and Michael Chandler (late a few minutes). Absent: none. Superintendent Keith Tresch, Cass Cole, Dwight VanSchriltz (late) and Roger Heimbigner were present. No one was absent.

GUESTS: Lorelei Rosales

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance.

**HEARING OF
INDIVIDUALS/
CORRESPONDENCE**

None

APPROVE ADDITION

None

NEW BUSINESS

Items for Action

Approve Minutes for January 24th , 2024

A motion was made by Chris Myers, seconded by Lacey Jones to approve the minutes of January 24th , 2024. Motion passed unanimously.

Approve Bills for January/February 2024

A motion was made by Chris Myers, seconded by Lacey Jones to approve the bills for payment and check listing. Motion passed unanimously. The bills had some payroll warrants included that are not normally part of the bill approval process.

Approve New Hires

A motion was made by Chris Myers, seconded by Lacey Jones to approve the following hires:

- 1) Franklin No Runner as of Feb 21st ;
- 2) Isabel Hawley as of Feb 15th.

Motion passed unanimously.

Resignations

A motion was made by Chris Myers, seconded by Lacy Jones to approve the resignations of the following:

- 1) Isabella Nunberg as of March 15th;
- 2) Lainey McKay as of March 22nd;
- 3) Lee Munyon as of Feb 16th.

Motion passed unanimously.

Approve 24-25 School Calendar

Supt Keith Tresch presented the school calendar for the 2024-25 school year. The calendar mirrors the Billings Schools calendar except for the beginning and end dates as they needed to be changed because of the summer session dates. There are a couple PIR dates that are different as well. A motion was made by Chris Myers, seconded by Lacey Jones to approve the school calendar for the 2024-25 school year. Motion passed unanimously.

Approve New Cost Structure for iCloud Hosting of the ITBR Solutions Data

Roger Heimbigner discussed with the Board that his business ITBRSolutions currently has a server stored at his house. Because of safety and the need to purchase a new server because of lack of space he received a quote from Tyler Tech to transition to the iCloud. Many school districts are moving to this concept. Tyler doesn't even sell servers or install software on them anymore. The cost to do this is a one-time conversion cost of \$9,600 and an increase of \$17,482 to the annual maintenance fee. The school district and coops that are part of the business met and discussed options to pay for this with the consensus to spread the cost based on budget each year. For the Yellowstone Academy the cost would be \$10,869 for year one which includes the conversion cost – this is an increase of \$7,369. The following year the annual cost would be \$8,257. Roger stated each board needs to address the cost increase because all of the entities would have to agree to get the cost presented. There is an additional web portal that will be available to employees to check their pay slips, W2 forms, and to enter their leave requests. A motion was made by Chris Myers, seconded by Lacey Jones to approve the proposal to move to the

ICloud with the Tyler Tech software through ITBRSolutions.
Motion passed unanimously.

Approve Para Contracts February 1, 2024 – June 30, 2026

Supt. Keith Tresch reviewed the new salary schedule that was negotiated with the paraprofessionals. There will only be one lane for everyone. Employees that move over from YBGR will be allowed to keep their years of experience to be placed on the salary schedule. The overall percentage increase is about 13%. An estimated cost is \$160,000 more per year. The contract will start February 1st and go through June 30th, 2026. Chris Myers moved, seconded by Lacey Jones to approve the new paraprofessional contract as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Approve Next Board Meeting Time and Date

Chris Myers moved, seconded by Lacey Jones to approve setting the next board meeting for Wednesday, March 20th, 2024 at noon. Motion passed unanimously.

Superintendent Report

Supt. Tresch reported on the following:

- 1) There are 5 teacher opening for the summer positions;
- 2) Supt. Tresch stated that he has been working with a CNA from OPI. The Academy needs to develop plans on what a 12th grader looks like when they graduate from the Academy. There are accreditation changes coming to schools and this is part of that process. A survey has been put out to staff and they responded they like what they are currently doing in the classroom;
- 3) Supt. Tresch talked about possible options in the future for the Academy. This includes making the Academy a K-12 school or even a charter school. Supt Tresch suggesting asking Lance Melton from MTSBA to come to our campus and give us advice on our options.

Adjournment:

Michael Chandler moved, seconded by Chris Myers to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously. Adjournment was at 12:57 p.m. Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 20th, 2024 at 12:00 p.m.

Michael Chandler , Board Chair

Roger Heimbigner, Clerk