

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

July 17, 2024

Chair Michael Chandler called a regular Board of Trustees meeting to order at 12:04 p.m. on July 17th, 2024. The meeting was held in the Board conference room.

PRESENT: Skyler Carroll, Lacey Jones and Michael Chandler. Absent: Roger Heimbigner. Superintendent Keith Tresch, Cass Cole and Dwight VonSchriltz were present.

GUESTS: Laurie Hickethier

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 June 19, 2024

A motion was made by Lacey Jones, seconded by Skyler Carroll to approve the minutes of June 19, 2024. Motion passed unanimously.

Approve Bills for June 2024

A motion was made by Lacey Jones, seconded by Skyler Carroll to approve the bills for payment and check listing. Motion passed unanimously.

Approve Appointment of District Clerk

Lacy Jones moved, seconded by Skyler Carroll to appoint Laurie Hickethier as Clerk of the Board. Laurie Hickethier replaces Roger Heimbigner who will be retiring from Yellowstone Academy at the end of 2024. Motion passed unanimously.

Approve New Hires

Lacey Jones moved, seconded by Skyler Carroll to hire the following:

- 1) Kylie Ler - Teacher beginning Fall 2024
- 2) Pauline Hammer - Behavior Specialist
- 3) Chance Lawrence – Para – beginning September 1, 2024

Motion passed unanimously.

Approve Resignations

Lacey Jones moved, seconded by Skyler Carroll to approve the following resignations:

- 1) Neal Peaton – resigning as of July 21st.

Motion passed unanimously.

Approve 2024-2025 YBGR/YA Contract

For the 2024-25 school year, the OPI will pay the contractor a daily rate per enrolled eligible child \$88.37 daily. The YBGR/YA contract states YA will bill monthly to YBGR the OPI daily rate for each eligible student. Lacey Jones moved, seconded by Skyler Carroll to approve the YBGR/YA contract. Motion passed unanimously.

Approve “3000” Series Policy Updates 3120-3310

Supt. Tresch stated that he has been reviewing 128 pages of policy which he will break down and bring to the Board in sections. The Academy hired MTSBA to review and recommend policies to the Academy as well.

Supt. Tresch stated the section of the 3000 series policies presented to the board today are all mandatory policies. Only Policy 3235 with the Video Surveillance was filled to state only YA Admin will have access to the system for monitoring, maintenance, and necessary retention. Currently YA only uses Bus Cameras from First Student and could utilize the YBGR outdoor cameras as needed. A motion was made by Lacey Jones, seconded by Skyler Carroll to approve Section 3000 of the Board Policy as submitted. Motion passed unanimously.

Review YA Integrated Strategic Action Plan

Supt. Tresch stated the Integrated Strategic Action Plan, ISAP, is being used for accreditation purposes with the State of Montana. Supt. Tresch has been working with Dwight VonSchriltz and Cass Cole to create Yellowstone Academy's Integrated Strategic Action Plan, with the help from MTSBA and Felt Martin lawyers.

Supt. Tresch asked the Board of Trustees to review the ISAP plan and bring and changes or additions to the August Board meeting for approval.

Adopt Policy 3141 – Non-Resident Student Enrollment

Supt. Tresch presented the Board of Trustees with the updated 3141 Policy – Non-Resident Student Enrollment. This policy has been updated with the help of MTSBA and Felt Martin. Lacy Jones motioned, second by Skyler Carroll to approve Policy 3141 – Non-Resident Student Enrollment. Motion passed unanimously.

Superintendent Report

Supt. Tresch reported on the following:

- 1) Larry Thompson will be at Yellowstone Academy on September 11th and 12th PIR Days for professional development for the staff. Larry Thompson speaks on keeping kids in class and moving in a positive direction. Larry Thompson has a responsibility centered approach.
- 2) SPED Monitoring – 2024-2025 school year is in place. This is an audit run by the state, guided by the Federal Government, on a 3- and 5-year cycle checking special education files.

Adjournment:

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, Chair Michael Chandler called to adjourn. This meeting adjourned at 12:42PM. Next meeting is the Budget meeting scheduled for Tuesday, August 6th, 2024, at 12:00 p.m.

Michael Chandler, Board Chair

Laurie Hickethier, Clerk