

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

November 20, 2024

Chair Michael Chandler called a regular Board of Trustees meeting to order at 12:02 p.m. on November 20th, 2024. The meeting was held in the Board conference room.

PRESENT: Skyler Carroll and Michael Chandler were present. Trustee Lacey Jones was absent. Superintendent Keith Tresch, Cass Cole, Dwight Von Schriltz, Business Manager/Clerk Laurie Hickethier and outgoing Business Manager/Clerk Roger Heimbigner were present.

GUESTS: There were no guests present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance.

**HEARING OF
INDIVIDUALS/
CORRESPONDENCE**

There was no Public Comment or Correspondence.

APPROVE ADDITION

None

NEW BUSINESS

Items for Action

Approve Minutes for October 15, 2024

A motion was made by Skyler Carroll, seconded by Michael Chandler to approve the minutes of October 15, 2024. Motion passed unanimously.

Supt. Tresch mentioned that the policies from the minutes in October have been updated on the MTSBA website.

Approve Bills for October 2024

A motion was made by Michael Chandler, seconded by Skyler Carroll to approve the bills for payment. Motion passed unanimously.

Chair Michael Chandler asked if any of the bills for October are part of the foundation grants? Supt. Tresch stated there are not too many bills in October part of a foundation grant, but winter clothing is still being purchased for students in need of help in getting cold weather gear. Supt. Tresch also mentioned the

purchase of Go Guardian to help with security on technology and the purchase of a \$4000 Garage Door for the Vo-Ag building.

Approve New Hires

Supt. Tresch stated Isabell Hawley would like to come back over her Christmas Break from school to help. Supt. Tresch would like to recommend hiring Isabell Hawley back as a relief paraprofessional during her school breaks. Skyler Carroll motioned to approve the relief paraprofessional hire, seconded by Michael Chandler. Motion passed unanimously.

Approve Day School Tuition Agreements

Supt. Tresch presented the board with Day School Tuition Agreements from the following schools that have signed their agreement and returned the contracts to YA: Laurel, Joliet, Lockwood, Park City, Pioneer, Elder Grove, Hardin, Huntley Project, Columbus, Independent and Elysian. Skyler Carroll moved, seconded by Michael Chandler. Motion passed unanimously.

Superintendent Report

Supt. Tresch reported on the following:

- 1) Elder Grove has a high need, high risk student that has been approved by YA but is in need of a one-on-one aide. YA approved to try out the placement for a short period of time with the cost to Elder Grove at the daily tuition rate plus \$150 per day for the one-on-one aide. Business Manager Hickethier will reach out to our auditor to see how to handle the tuition agreement.
- 2) Thanksgiving Dinner is next Tuesday for the Day School students in the Chapel.
- 3) OPI meeting took place last Tuesday. OPI had staff such as Rob Stutz, Chief Legal Counsel and Julie Murgel, Chief Operating Officer present to discuss the dynamics of YA and how YA and YGBR work together. Supt. Tresch and Dwight stated the felt the meeting went well. Budgets, enrollments and YA expectations were discussed, and a future meeting is potentially planned as well. There may be a push to make YA a public K-12 school in the future.
- 4) Christmas Gifts for Day School students have started being purchased at \$30 per student. This is a foundation grant from YBGR.

- 5) The Christmas Tree in the mall is Friday morning. The community really helps out YA with items for higher need students and classroom supplies.
- 6) SPED Monitoring with OPI has been finished and the final report is completed.

Chair Michael Chandler stated the new precautionary alerts coming out from YA has been helpful and has seemed to work well.

There is no school next Wednesday through Friday for Thanksgiving break.

Adjournment:

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, Chair Michael Chandler called to adjourn. This meeting adjourned at 12:37 p.m. Next meeting is the scheduled for Wednesday, December 18th, 2024, at 12:00 p.m.

Michael Chandler, Board Chair

Laurie Hickethier, Clerk