

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

September 23, 2020

Board Chair Mitch Burns called a regular Board of Trustees meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. on September 23, 2020. The meeting was in the conference room.

PRESENT: Mitch Burns and Michael Chandler. Absent: Chris Eide. Superintendent Keith Tresch, Principal Cass Cole, Dwight VonSchrittz and Clerk Roger Heimbigner were present.

GUESTS: Mike Chavers (zoom), Lorelei Rosales and Chris Myers

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance.

**HEARING OF
INDIVIDUALS/
CORRESPONDENCE**

None.

APPROVE ADDITION

A motion was made by Michael Chandler, seconded by Mitch Burns to add a ½ time custodial position to the agenda and to add 3d resignation of Brad Tippett. Motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Items for Action

Approve Minutes for August 19, 2020

Michael Chandler moved, seconded by Mitch Burns to approve the minutes of August 19, 2020. Motion passed unanimously.

Approve Bills for August

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

Approve Hiring

Michael Chandler moved, seconded by Mitch Burns to approve the hiring of the following:

Lisa Thacker - science sub teacher;
Hailey McFarlane, Cyrill Hergenrider, and Sydney Todd - paras;
Michelle Amoguis – P/T Relief transfer to full-time Behavior Specialist;

Hannah Casares – Behavior Specialist/Therapist
Motion passed unanimously.

Approve Resignations

Michael Chandler moved, seconded by Mitch Burns to approve the resignations of Brooke Lucas, Emily Marrin and Shannon McNerney. All were hired and didn't show up for work. Motion passed unanimously. Michael Chandler moved, seconded by Mitch Burns to approve the resignation of Brad Tippett as a Behavior Specialist. Motion passed unanimously.

Approve Tuition Agreements

Supt Tresch presented to the board a list of 5 new YBGR residential students and 62 Day School students for approval (Initials provided in board packet). Michael Chandler moved, seconded by Mitch Burns for approve the students as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Consideration of Suspension of District Policy 1310 for the Purposes of Consideration of Adopting Policy Section 1900 COVID-19 Emergency Policies

Supt Tresch recommended suspending District Policy 1310 for a period of time and replacing that policy with a set of unique policies that address the COVID pandemic. A motion was made by Michael Chandler, seconded by Mitch Burns to suspend District Policy 1310 and approving the following policies:

- 1900 Introduction and Emergency Policy Framework
- 1901 School District Policy and Procedures
- 1902 Alternative Grading
- 1905 Student, Staff and Community Health and Safety
- 1906 Student Instruction and Services
- 1907 School District Declaration of Emergency
- 1909 Human Resources and Personnel
- 1910 Personnel Use of Leave
- 1910F1 Emergency Paid Sick Leave Employee Request Form
- 1910F2 EFMLA Employee Request Form

Motion passed unanimously.

Approve ½ Time Custodial

Supt Tresch asked the board to approve an additional ½ time custodian position to help out with the extra cleaning that is required of COVID cleaning. A motion was made by Michael Chandler, seconded by Mitch Burns to approve a ½ time custodial contract to Hannah Ennis. Motion passed unanimously. Hannah is already a ½ time para so this will give her a full-time position.

Approve Next Board Meeting Time and Date

Michael Chandler moved, seconded by Mitch Burns to approve the next board meeting to be Wednesday, October 28, 2020 at 12:00 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Superintendent Report

Supt. Keith Tresch reported on the following:

- 1) Mike Chavers reported that there were no areas of concern with the recent Day Treatment audit. They received a 2 year recertification;
- 2) Supt. Tresch discussed with the board the cleaning process they are using in the lodges and classrooms which includes cleaning areas after each use. Temperature checks, hand sanitizer, and mask compliance are all part of the protocol for attending class;
- 3) Supt. Tresch stated that background checks for the Yellowstone Academy will be done at Lockwood Schools at a cost of \$10 per person;
- 4) MTSBA over the next 2 months will be bringing approximately 14 policies to the board for approval to address Title IX. Protocols will be going out to staff in a handout;
- 5) The board discussed the allocation from OPI for this year for Montana Residential students. No one is sure when this money will be coming and how.

Trustee Report

None

Adjournment:

Michael Chandler moved, seconded by Mitch Burns to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously. Adjournment was at 12:32 p.m. Next meeting is scheduled for October 28th, 2020 at noon.

Mitch Burns, Chairman

Roger Heimbigner, Clerk