

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

April 16, 2025

Chair Michael Chandler called a regular Board of Trustees meeting to order at 12:10 p.m. on April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025. The meeting was held in the Board conference room.

PRESENT: Skyler Carroll, Lacey Jones and Michael Chandler were present at call to order. Superintendent Keith Tresch, Dwight Von Schriltz, Cass Cole and Business Manager/Clerk Laurie Hickethier were present.

GUESTS: Guests present were Lorelei Rosales and Jon Boeder.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance.

**HEARING OF  
INDIVIDUALS/  
CORRESPONDENCE**

None

**APPROVE ADDITION**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Items for Action**

**Rearrange Board Agenda**

A motion was made by Lacey Jones, seconded by Skyler Carroll to hold the Superintendents Report before the Superintendent Evaluation on today's agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

**Approve Minutes for March 26, 2025**

Chair Michael Chandler asked about the approval of the school calendar changes anything in regard to Summer Pay negotiations. Supt. Tresch stated that will not affect the negotiations.

A motion was made by Lacey Jones, seconded by Skyler Carroll to approve the minutes of March 26, 2025. Motion passed unanimously.

**Approve Bills for March 2025**

Chair Michael Chandler asked about paying to have locks replaced on the firesafe cabinet and whether that should fall under YBGR and have a maintenance request done instead. Supt. Tresch stated

he believed a locksmith would be needed and YA was under time constraints and needed the cabinet open.

Chair Michael Chandler also asked if a new YBGR bill would be paid soon. Business Manager Hickethier stated she had the bill in her mailbox today and will pay with the next round of checks.

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

### **Approve Resignations**

Supt. Tresch presented the following resignations:

1. Anna Moody – will resign as of June 30, 2025

Lacey Jones motioned to approve the resignations. Second to the motion was Skyler Carroll. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Approve New Hires**

Supt. Tresch presented the following new hires to the board:

1. Sydni Galligher – SPED Teacher will start with the summer session and continue through the 25-26 school year.
2. Dennis Pierce – SPED Teacher started on Monday April 14<sup>th</sup> and will be hired for the summer session and through the 25-26 school year.

Lacey Jones motioned to approve the resignations. Second to the motion was Skyler Carroll. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Superintendent Report**

Supt. Tresch reported on the following:

- 1) Summer Offerings – Supt. Tresch stated he is planning for some of the following for summer session: Culinary, VoEg, Art, Social Studies. At this point there will not be in person English, will be through an online platform. There will be around 6-8 students per class.
- 2) New Job Postings - Supt. Tresch stated he is opening up a CTE Teacher position for Marketing/Business Development and a Secretary position to succeed Ms. Deines when she retires in the next couple of years.
- 3) Summer Day School Budget – the classes are looking at \$300 per classroom, or \$500 for a larger classroom, to do outings off campus during the Summer Session. Supt.

Tresch stated that the Costco card has set up a rebate of around \$1100 that will be deposited soon.

- 4) Summer Day School Incentive – A letter to parents/guardians in regard to students receiving Amazon money as an incentive for attendance during the summer session. This costs around \$3000 for YA, but YA also receives money for student attendance through Medicaid money to help reimburse. Summer YA is focused on building relationships, boosting self-efficacy, maintaining academic skills, and exploring unfamiliar places in our community. Supporting our kids' social, emotional, and behavioral well-being is the focus at YA. A key component of our students' development is the summer session, which provides organized support time for honing these abilities.
- 5) OPI Report Cards – The MAPS testing for how students did is out. These tests are supposed to gauge how students are doing – and are provided for the K-8 population, which can show the lack of regulations skills in taking these tests. The results from the High School students and for those students that have had a longer stay at YA, the results show the ability to become learners. The accreditation results will be received in July from OPI and will be shared with the board.
- 6) Negotiations / Insurance Renewal Updates – Supt. Tresch and Chair Michael Chandler stated that the insurance rates will remain unchanged for Medical with only a slight increase in Dental/Vision for 2025-2026. YA has not seen an increase in insurance for almost 6 years!

Chair Michael Chandler stated he will not be available for the end of May for Graduation but will have another board member there.

Chair Michael Chandler asked about negotiations for Supt Tresch, Dwight VonSchriltz and Cass Cole. Supt. Tresch stated that after the Certified negotiations are completed those contracts will be brought to the board.

### **Superintendent's Evaluation – Possible Closed Session**

Board Chair Michael Chandler stated with regard to the Superintendent's Evaluation on the agenda, pursuant to Montana law, he has determined that the individual rights of privacy clearly exceed the merits of public disclosure. At 12:31 PM, he is convening the board in an executive, closed, session and will ask that all individuals, with the exception of the individual involved in

this matter, and their representative, and the administration, and the administration's representative, leave the room.

At 1:00 PM, Board Chair Michael Chandler re-opened the Board Meeting with no motions being made in closed session.

**Adjournment:**

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, Chair Michael Chandler called to adjourn. This meeting adjourned at 1:01 p.m. Next meeting is the scheduled for Wednesday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025, at 12:00 p.m.

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Michael Chandler, Board Chair

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Laurie Hickethier, Clerk