

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

June 25, 2025

Chair Michael Chandler called a regular Board of Trustees meeting to order at 3:23p.m. on June 25th, 2025. The meeting was held in the Board conference room. This meeting was moved to a later time due to the board's request to hold a board meeting quarterly at a later time in the day. This meeting was scheduled to begin at 3PM but was late to start due to an emergency callout for two of the board members.

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 was Jon Boeder.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance.

**HEARING OF
INDIVIDUALS/
CORRESPONDENCE**

Larry Thompson addressed the Board of Trustees regarding meeting with staff all day in observations with his Responsibility Centered Discipline approach.

APPROVE ADDITION

None

NEW BUSINESS

Items for Action

Resignation of Trustee

Supt. Tresch stated that Trustee Skyler Carroll will resign from the board due to being hired by Yellowstone Academy as a Therapist beginning July 1, 2025. Lacy Jones motioned to approve the resignation. Second to the motion was Michael Chandler. Motion passed unanimously.

Appointment of Trustee

Lacey Jones motioned to approve the appointment of trustee John Boeder to fill the open seat left by the resignation of Skyler Carroll. In May 2026, this seat will be up for election for a three-year term. Second to the motion was Michael Chandler. Motion passed unanimously. Business Manager Hickethier gave the Oath of Office.

Approve Minutes for May 2025

A motion was made by Lacey Jones, seconded by John Boeder to approve the minutes of May 21, 2025. Motion passed unanimously.

Approve Bills for May 2025

Chair Michael Chandler stated the Education Rates for YBGR will be raised to around \$98 beginning July 1, 2025.

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

Approve Cancelled Warrants 2025

A motion was made by Lacey Jones, seconded by Jon Boeder to approve the cancelled warrant list for 2025. The reason for the checks being cancelled is because a replacement check was either sent and the original not cancelled or failure of person/vendor to cash/deposit check or charged to credit card and then duplicate written. Motion passed unanimously.

Approve New Hires

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

1. Skyler Carroll – 7/1 Therapist
2. Jasmine Hansen – 7/1 Therapist

Lacey Jones motioned to approve Skyler Carroll and Jasmine Hansen as Therapists beginning 7/1/2025. Second to the motion was John Boeder. Motion passed unanimously.

Approve Resignations

Supt. Tresch presented the following resignations:

1. Brittany Simonsen – Therapist
2. Lyndsey Flores – moving to Wyoming
3. Alexis Reyes – will become a relief staff through the summer.

Lacey Jones motioned to approve the resignations. Second to the motion was John Boeder. Motion passed unanimously.

Approve Leave of Absence

Supt. Tresch stated Monroe Spoja is requesting a leave of absence to join the Jesuit Volunteer Corps for a year of service. The leave of absence will begin on 8/8/2025 and plans to return to YA in the fall of 2026. Lacey Jones motioned to approve the leave of absence. Second to the motion was John Boeder. Motion passed unanimously.

Approve 2025-2026 Contracts: Therapists and YA Admin

Supt. Tresch presented the following contracts for 2025-2026:

Therapists

- Mitch Burns
- Skyler Carroll
- Jasmine Hansen
- Catherine Kolczak
- Kylie Merriman
- Kacee Mikula
- Tammy Rea

YA Admin

- Keith Tresch
- Dwight Von Schriltz
- Cass Cole

Supt. Tresch stated the raise is up to the average of the teacher raise for 25-26 which is 4%. Lacey Jones motioned to approve the Therapists and YA Admin for 25-26. Second to the motion was John Boeder. Motion passed unanimously.

Approve Summer Teaching Staff

Supt. Tresch presented the following summer teaching staff to the board:

1. Samual Sheets
2. Lisa Vandersloot
3. Kamee Hasler
4. Mary Noel
5. Kate Gannon
6. Dan Porisch
7. Carly Haskel
8. Samuel Beall
9. Able Baker
10. Lisa Thacker
11. Richard Feeley

12. Robert Sipes
13. Jim Klempel
14. Jon Hicks
15. Jevon Lulf
16. Ryan Frick

Lacey Jones motioned to approve the summer teaching staff. Second to the motion was Jon Boeder. Motion passed unanimously.

Approve Hiring Current Paraprofessionals

Supt. Tresch presented the following current paraprofessionals to the board:

1. Hannah Roche – summer only
2. Teena Sipes
3. Becky Ward
4. Taylor Fischer
5. Alyx Davis
6. Mandi Sullivan
7. Rebecca Criddle
8. Aaron Flores
9. Monroe Spoja
10. Cindy Himmelspach
11. Sam Sherman
12. Matt Dumas
13. Hannah Bentzel
14. Taylor Gertsch
15. Amanda Hawley
16. Cameron Iacovoni
17. Kory Johnson
18. Cierra Loudon
19. Camrron Miller – Relief
20. Sean Myers
21. Samantha O'Dell
22. Robert sipes Jr.
23. Logan Smiledge
24. Mariah Webb

Supt. Tresch stated the paraprofessionals are in their remaining contract for the 25-26 school year. Negotiations for the paraprofessionals for the 26-27 school year will most likely start to take place in January 2026. Lacey Jones motioned to approve the paraprofessionals. Second to the motion was Jon Boeder. Motion passed unanimously.

Approve Hiring YA Administrative Staff

Supt. Tresch presented the following YA Administrative Staff to the board:

1. Becky Robertus – Records
2. Brenda Dienes – Secretary
3. Laurie Hickethier – Business Manager
4. Tamara Bowden – Custodial

Lacey Jones motioned to approve the YA Administrative Staff. Second to the motion was Jon Boeder. Motion passed unanimously.

Approve Hiring YA Counselor

Supt. Tresch presented the following YA Counselor to the board:

1. Jennica Hammond

Lacey Jones motioned to approve the YA Counselor. Second to the motion was Jon Boeder. Motion passed unanimously.

Approve update 2510 School Wellness

Supt. Tresch presented an updated Policy 2510 School Wellness to the board. During the OPI Nutrition audit, YA was asked to update their School Wellness policy annually. YBGR runs the food program for YA students and YBGR and YA has a partnership on the payment of that program. Lacy Jones motioned to approve the updated 2510 School Wellness Policy. Second to the motion was John Boeder. Motion passed unanimously.

Superintendent Report

Supt. Tresch reported on the following:

- 1) The Responsibility Centered Discipline meeting with Larry Thompson was all day today at YA. The Responsibility Centered Discipline works to help the staff with giving the students tools in their pockets to help with moving forward in life outside of YA. Larry Thompson stated that he sees that the kids feel safe and want to interact with the staff at YA. Larry also noticed how calm it is and sees that the staff has their hearts and minds in the right place.

Adjournment:

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, Chair Michael Chandler called to adjourn. This meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m. Next meeting is the scheduled for Wednesday, July 16th, 2025, at 12:00 p.m.

Michael Chandler, Board Chair

Laurie Hickethier, Clerk