

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

April 22nd, 2026

Chair John Boeder called a regular Board of Trustees meeting to order at 12:02p.m. on April 22, 2026. The meeting was held in the Board conference room and via Teams.

PRESENT: John Boeder, Jerry Nash and Eric Spelhaug were present. Superintendent Keith Tresch, Dwight Von Schrlitz, Cass Cole and Business Manager/Clerk Laurie Hickethier were present.

GUESTS: None.

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 March 18, 2026

A motion was made by Eric Spelhaug, seconded by Jerry Nash to approve the minutes of March 18, 2026. Motion passed unanimously.

Approve Bills for March 2026

A motion was made by Jerry Nash, seconded by Eric Spelhaug to approve the bills for March 2026. Motion passed unanimously.

Approve New Hires

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

1. Rebecca Tucker – Para start 4/6/2026.
2. Sora Heckel – Para start 4/6/2026.
3. Schierlen Gotladera – J1 English Teacher start 8/24/2026.
4. Lisa Vandersloot – Business Ed Teacher – starts this summer.

A motion was made by Eric Spelhaug, seconded by Jerry Nash to approve the new hires. Motion passed unanimously

Approve Resignations

Supt. Tresch presented the following resignation to the board:

1. Cheyanne Carl – Behavior Specialist as of May 22nd
2. Karynn Campbell – Behavior Specialist – Leave of Absence April 13, 2026 – July 13th. Will work 2 days a week through the leave of absence – Back full time in July 2026.

Jerry Nash motioned to approve the resignation. Second to the motion was Eric Spelhaug. Motion passed unanimously.

Approve Assignment Changes

Supt. Tresch presented the following assignment changes to the board:

1. Dayshia Goodwin – Move from Para to Behavior Specialist as of 4/17/2026.
2. Cameron Iacovoni – Move from Para to Behavior Specialist as of 4/17/2026.

Jerry Nash motioned to approve the assignment changes. Second to the motion was Eric Spelhaug. Motion passed unanimously.

Add June 5th Early Out on 2025-2026 Calendar

Supt. Tresch asked the board to amend the 2025-2026 school calendar to have an early out at Noon on the last day of the school year, June 5, 2026. Eric Spelhaug motioned to approve the amendment to the 2025-2026 school year. Second to the motion was Jerry Nash. Motion passed unanimously.

MTSBA Policy Updates

Supt. Tresch presented the following policy updates to the board:

- 1) Policy 3311 – Firearms and Weapons. Jerry Nash motioned to approve the review of Policy 3311. Second to the motion was Eric Spelhaug. Motion passed unanimously.
- 2) Policy 2161 – Special Education and Procedure P1 2161. Jerry Nash motioned to approve the recommended updates from MTSBA. Second to the motion was Eric Spelhaug. Motion passed unanimously.

- 3) Policy 5321 – Leaves of Absences and Procedure P1 5321 and Policy 5334 P1 – Vacations. Business Manager Hickethier stated she will update the policy based on Montana law and remove the Superintendent language in the policies, as Supt. Tresch’s contract has his vacation benefits outlined in the contract. The updated policies will be sent to the board for the May meeting to be reviewed.

26-27 Insurance rates

Supt. Tresch presented the board with the updated rates from Marsh McLennan agency for the 26-27 school year. The rates increased for medical by 9.5% from the previous year. Amendment 19 Flex Compensation Plan was also presented to increase the Participant Dependent Care Flexible Spending Account limit to \$7500. Jerry Nash motioned to approve the 26-27 insurance rates and Amendment 19 for the Flex Spending with EBMS. Second to the motion was Eric Spelhaug. Motion passed unanimously.

Superintendent Report

Supt. Tresch reported on the following:

- 1) Para Negotiations – The para negotiations are underway and hope to have an agreement soon.
- 2) Summer School – Currently there will be around 6 teachers off of the YA campus that will help YA for summer school.
- 3) Summer School Incentive – YA is offering an incentive to students again for summer attendance. The incentive is an Amazon gift for the students to purchase something with the help of YA staff. The incentive is tiered at \$100, \$75 and \$50, with the \$100 for the highest attendance.

At 12:35 p.m. Chair John Boeder moved that the Board enter executive session pursuant to Article II, Section 10 of the Montana Constitution § 2-3-203, MCA, to discuss legal investigation results. Open discussion would compromise the Board’s litigation position and the privacy interests involved clearly exceed the merits of public disclosure.

Board Chair John Boeder stated with regard to the legal investigation on the agenda, pursuant to Montana law, he has determined that the individual rights of privacy clearly exceed the merits of public disclosure. At 12:35 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 12:47 PM, Board Chair John Boeder 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 John Boeder called to adjourn. This meeting adjourned at 12:50 p.m. A special school board meeting is set for Tuesday, April 28th at 10am to discuss further the legal investigation results. Next regular meeting is the scheduled for Wednesday, May 20, 2026, at 12:00 p.m.

John Boeder, Board Chair

Laurie Hickethier, Clerk