

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

May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2026

Chair John Boeder called a regular Board of Trustees meeting to order at 12:00p.m. on May 20, 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 Schriltz, 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**

**Appointment of Trustees**

Chair John Boeder motioned to approve the appointment of trustee Eric Spelhaug by acclamation to a one-year term on the board of Yellowstone Academy. Second to the motion was Jerry Nash. Motion passed unanimously.

Chair John Boeder motioned to approve the appointment of trustee Jerry Nash by acclamation to a two-year term on the board of Yellowstone Academy. Second to the motion was Eric Spelhaug. Motion passed unanimously.

Business Manager Hickethier gave the Oath of Office to both Trustees elected by acclamation.

**Reorganization of the Board**

Supt. Tresch asked for nominations for Board Chair and Vice Chair. John Boeder nominated Eric Spelhaug as the Board Chair, no other nominations were made. Second from Jerry Nash, all members voting yes, Eric Spelhaug appointed to Board Chair.

John Boeder nominated Jerry Nash to serve as Vice Chair, no other nominations were made. Second from Eric Spelhaug, all members voting yes, Jerry Nash will serve as Vice Chair of the Board.

### **Appoint Clerk for 2026-2027**

John Boeder motioned to appoint Laurie Hickethier as the Clerk of the Board for 2026-2027. Second from Eric Spelhaug, all members voting yes, motion passed unanimously.

Supt. Tresch gave the Oath of Office to Business Manager Hickethier.

### **Approve Yellowstone County Elections Administrator to run Yellowstone Academy Elections for 2027**

John Boeder motioned to approve Yellowstone County Elections Administrator to run the Yellowstone Academy elections for 2027. Second to the motion was Eric Spelhaug. All members voting yes, motion passed unanimously.

### **Approve ITBR Solutions IT contract for 2026-2027 School Year**

John Boeder motioned to approve ITBR Solutions contract for 2026-2027 School Year. The contract is to pay a yearly maintenance fee of \$8,257.00 to maintain the system and pay for upgrades and for account/software support. Second to the motion was Eric Spelhaug. All members voting yes, motion passed unanimously.

### **Approve Minutes for April 22, 2026, regular meeting and Minutes for Special Meeting April 28, 2026**

A motion was made by John Boeder, seconded by Eric Spelhaug to approve the minutes of April 22, 2026, regular meeting and minutes for April 28, 2026, special meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Approve Bills for April 2026**

A motion was made by John Boeder, seconded by Eric Spelhaug to approve the bills for April 2026. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Approve Journal Entries**

A motion was made by John Boeder, seconded by Eric Spelhaug to approve the following Journal entries:

1. Retirement from Fund 15 to retirement Fund 14 for Day School \$109479.34
2. VOED to Vocational Rehab expenditures \$72000.00
3. Work Comp Transfer (all initially paid out of one line item) - \$16910.45.

Motion passed unanimously.

### **Approve New Hires**

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

1. Ivan Wells – Teacher Summer Only
2. Meghan Grenier – Para
3. Emma Noreck – Para Summer Only
4. Megan Moore – Para Summer only
5. Carina Flores – Para
6. Neal Peaton – Para Summer only
7. Monroe Spoja – Para back from Leave of Absence
8. Ava roe – Para summer only
9. Hailee Gertsch - Intern

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

### **Approve Summer Teaching Staff**

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

1. Lisa Thacker
2. Melissa Garcia
3. Jason Thomas
4. Lorelei Rosales
5. Lisa Vandersloot
6. Josh Kostelecky
7. Tim Bartholomew
8. Ruyan Frick
9. Sam Beall
10. Jevon Lulf
11. Jim Klempel
12. Able Baker

13. Bobby Sipes
14. Rich Feeley
15. Lou Larson
16. Ivan Wells – Non-YA
17. Becky Harp – non-YA
18. Kamee Hasler – non-YA
19. Mary Noel – Non-YA
20. Kate Gannon – non-YA

John Boeder motioned to approve the summer teaching staff. Second to the motion was Jerry Nash. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Approve Resignations**

Supt. Tresch presented the following resignation to the board effective June 5, 2026:

1. Rebecca Hoffbauer – Teacher
2. Amanda Hawley – Para
3. Susanna Lemmel – Teacher
4. Carrie Smith – Teacher

John Boeder motioned to approve the resignation. Second to the motion was Eric Spelhaug. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Consideration of non-tenured teacher contracts: none**

Supt. Tresch stated there are no non-renewals for 2026-2027.

### **Approve Hiring of Current Certified Staff**

Supt. Tresch presented the following certified staff to the board:

1. Lisa Vandersloot – Year 1
2. Kylie Ler – Year 3
3. Val Clause
4. Janelle Lulf
5. Dave Eckroth
6. Richard Feeley
7. Ryan Frick
8. Melissa Garcia
9. Jennica Hammond
10. Jevon Lulf
11. Jon Hicks
12. Jason Thomas – year 1

13. Jim Lkempel
14. Nicole Kostelecky .2 FTE
15. Jami Palchus
16. Lorelei Rosales
17. Robert Sipes
18. Lisa Thacker
19. Schierlen Gotladera – year 1
20. Lisa McDaniel – year 4
21. Louis Larson – year 4
22. Sam Beall – Year 3
23. Able Baker – Year 2
24. Timothy Bartholomew – year 2
25. Josh Kostelecky – Year 2

John Boeder motioned to approve the current certified staff. Second to the motion was Eric Spelhaug. Motion passed unanimously

### **Approve Hiring of Mental Health Staff**

Supt. Tresch presented the following Mental Health staff to the board:

Therapists:

1. Kacee Mikula
2. Mitch Burns
3. Kylie Merriman
4. Skyler Carroll
5. Jasmine Hansen
6. Catie Kolzac
7. Tammy Rea
8. Jose Reyes
9. Taylor Tuckett

John Boeder motioned to approve the current mental health staff. Second to the motion was Jerry Nash. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Approve Hiring of Paraprofessionals 2026-2027**

Supt. Tresch presented the following paraprofessionals to the board:

1. Pattye Del Pizzo
2. Matthew Dumas

3. Tom Harsha
4. Cindy Himmelspach
5. Kory Johnson
6. Sam O'Dell
7. Sean Myers
8. Sam Sherman
9. Robert Sipes Jr.
10. Teena Sipes
11. Logan Smiledge
12. Monroe Spoja
13. Amanda Sullivan
14. Rebecca Ward
15. Jessica Martinez .8FTE
16. Daniel Campbell
17. Aslynn Escobar
18. Amy Haymaker
19. Kodiak Koessl
20. Rebecca Tucker
21. Sora Heckel
22. Taylor Murray
23. Meghan Grenier
24. Carina Flores

John Boeder motioned to approve the current certified staff.  
Second to the motion was Eric Spelhaug. Motion passed  
unanimously

### **Approve Hiring of Behavior Specialists for 2026-2027**

Supt. Tresch presented the following Behavior Specialists to the  
board:

Behavior Specialists:

1. Alissa Hill
2. Derek Budge
3. Karynn Campbell
4. Tara Kirkegard
5. Dakota Sipes
6. Mackenzie Trudeau
7. Pauline Hammer
8. Steven Schanaman
9. Deyshia Goodwin
10. Cameron Iacovoni

John Boeder motioned to approve the current Behavior Specialists staff. Second to the motion was Jerry Nash. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Approve Hiring Current Administrative Leadership**

John Boeder to approve the contracts for Dwight VonSchriltz, Director of Special Services, and Cass Cole, Principal. Second to the motion was Eric Spelhaug. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Laurel FP14's and Contract**

John Boeder motioned to approve Laurel FP14's and Contract. 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 5321 – Leaves of Absences and Procedure P1 5321
- 2) Procedure 5334 P1 Vacations
- 3) Policy 3431 Emergency Treatment
- 4) Policy 3305 Seclusion and restraint
- 5) Policy 3310 Student Discipline
- 6) Policy 3310 P1 Student Discipline Major Incidents
- 7) Policy 1310 – District Policy 3311 Adding back the following paragraph:

#### Yellowstone Boys and Girls Ranch (YBGR) Policies

Where applicable to and appropriate for the operations of the District as determined by the Board, the Board shall adopt those policies and guidelines of YBGR which shall apply to District staff and students. In the event that any YBGR policies and/or guidelines conflict with Montana or Federal Law, they shall not apply.

Eric Spelhaug motioned to approve the above policy updates. Second to the motion was Jerry Nash. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Superintendent Report**

Supt. Tresch reported on the following:

- 1) End of Year – June 5<sup>th</sup> – ½ day of school with a BBQ in the park after for staff
- 2) Para Negotiations – Hope to have the document to the board at the June meeting. Essentially agreed to a .50 pay on the base and incentives for time worked.

- 3) Summer School schedule has been set. 8am – 2.20PM school day with 1 hour and 15-minute lunch rotation. The para negotiations are underway and hope to have an agreement soon.
- 4) Summer School Day School Field Trips – A Field trip is planned weekly for the students.

**Adjournment:**

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, Chair Eric Spelhaug called to adjourn. This meeting adjourned at 12:40 p.m. Next regular meeting is the scheduled for Wednesday, June 17, 2026, at 12:00 p.m.

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Eric Spelhaug, Board Chair

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Laurie Hickethier, Clerk