

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

June 24th, 2026

Chair Eric Spelhaug called a regular Board of Trustees meeting to order at 12:02p.m. on June 24, 2026. The meeting was held in the Board conference room.

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: Michael Chandler and Lorelei Rosales were present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance.

**HEARING OF
INDIVIDUALS/
CORRESPONDENCE**

None

APPROVE ADDITION

Supt. Tresh asked the board to approve the following additions to the board agenda:

1. 3F Amy Haymaker – move from Para to Behavior Specialist
2. 4C Discussion of Private School Accreditation

Eric Spelhaug made a motion to add the additions. Seconded by Jerry Nash, motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Items for Action

Reorganization of the Board

Supt. Tresch stated a reorganization of the board was requested. Supt. Tresch asked for nominations for Board Chair and Vice Chair. Jerry Nash nominated John Boeder as the Board Chair, no other nominations were made. Second from Eric Spelhaug, all members voting yes, John Boeder appointed to Board Chair. John Boeder nominated Eric Spelhaug to serve as Vice Chair, no other nominations were made. Second from Jerry Nash, all members voting yes, Eric Spelhaug will serve as Vice Chair of the Board.

Approve Minutes for May 20, 2026

A motion was made by John Boeder, seconded by Eric Spelhaug to approve May 20, 2026, minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Approve Bills for May 2026

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

Approve Cancelled Warrants 2026

John Boeder moved, seconded by Eric Spelhaug to approve the canceled warrant list that was presented as part of the agenda packet. Motion passed unanimously.

Approve Journal Entries

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

1. Teacher Salaries from Title to General 115 Fund \$11915.47

Motion passed unanimously.

Approve Assignment Changes

A motion was made by John Boeder to approve the following assignment changes:

1. Pauline Hammer – Teacher BA+30 Provisional from Para
2. Robert Sipes Jr – Para to Custodian
3. Amy Haymaker – Para to Behavior Specialist

Eric Spelhaug seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.

Approve 2026-2027 YA Admin Contracts Average % Teacher increase raise

Supt. Tresch presented to the board the following raises and changes proposal for the admin contracts as follows:

1. The admin staff, certified and classified, receive the average % Teacher increase raise at 4%, with the exception of Becky Robertus.
2. Becky Robertus raise at 8% for 26-27 school year for all of the work she does to keep YA records.
3. Supt. Tresch, Dwight Von Schriltz and Cass Cole receive the average 4% pay increase and add an additional 2 vacation days allowed to be accrued and banked starting with the 26-27 school year.

John Boeder motioned to approve the recommendation from Supt. Tresch for the 26-27 YA Admin Contracts. Seconded by Eric Spelhaug, motion passed unanimously.

Approve Para Contract 2026-2028

John Boeder motioned to approve the Para Master Agreement Contract for 2026-2028 as part of the board packet. Second to the motion was Eric Spelhaug, motion passed unanimously.

Approve Lane Advancement 2026-2027

John Boeder motioned to approve the following lane advancements for the 2026-2027 school year:

1. Melissa Garcia – Teacher BA+10
2. Jason Thomas – Teacher MA

Supt. Tresch mentioned that Jason Thomas was not employed by YA for the 2025-2026 school year and received his Masters prior to returning to YA.

Second to the motion was Eric Spelhaug, motion passed unanimously.

Approve Hiring School Counselor – Jennica Hammond

John Boeder motioned to approve Jennica Hammond as the YA school counselor for the 2026-2027 school year. Second to the motion was Eric Spelhaug, motion passed unanimously.

Approve New Hires

Supt. Tresch stated there were no new hires.

Approve Resignations

Supt. Tresch presented the following resignation to the board:

1. Taylor Brown - Para
2. Tamara Bowden - Custodian
3. Samantha Sherman - Para

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

Superintendent Report

Supt. Tresch reported on the following:

- 1) Confidential Settlement – YA has settled on a lawsuit filed against them.
- 2) ESSA OPI State Report Card – The test scores show YA is comprehensive needs. YA works with OPI each year on this in regard to the trauma informed care needed at YA.
- 3) Private School Accreditation – YA is working with OPI to look at getting YA High School Diploma accredited – and no longer viewed as a Private School. This process will be working with OPI through 26-27 school year.
- 4) The August Budget Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 5th at Noon.

Adjournment:

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, Chair John Boeder called to adjourn. This meeting adjourned at 12:40 p.m. Next regular meeting is the scheduled for Wednesday, July 15, 2026, at 12:00 p.m.

John Boeder, Board Chair

Laurie Hickethier, Clerk