

Regular Meeting

Cascade School District 3B

Board of Trustees

January 20, 2015 - 6:00 pm

Board Members Present –

High School Board

Todd Mortag - Chair
Rick Cummings – Vice Chair
Jim Purdy arrived at 6:10
Charlie Hawn
Deanna Hastings
Chris Boland
Terri Bogden

Elementary Board

Rick Cummings – Vice Chair
Jim Purdy
Charlie Hawn
Deanna Hastings
Chris Boland

Others Present – Justin Barnes – Superintendent, Lucinda Woodland – District Clerk, Kevin Sukut, Kim Kellogg, Brooke Marko, Niki Thaut, April Pepos, Jodie Campbell, Felicia O'Brien, Darcy Schwindt, Jeff Grimes

Todd Mortag - Board Chair, called the Board of Trustees meeting to order at 6:01. Mr. Mortag asked for public comment on **non**-agenda items.

Jodie Campbell - Town of Cascade is proposing changes to water rates. Cascade schools now pays \$35 x 15 plus 2000 gallons for each base. \$535 30,000 gallons. Drop base rate to \$30 and don't give additional gallons of water. Public meeting tomorrow night.

Staff Report

- A. Kim Kellogg - Mr. Lowery settling in nicely, phenomenal; 4th and 5th grade field trip to MAGIE, ATV safety class; attending MAEMSP conference next week; second quarter complete, conferences next week; awards to be given out; MAP testing complete for elem (makeups ongoing), up 13% in reading, 5% in math, junior high now, hs next week; elementary math night; Common Core training in place for last couple of years, implemented with fidelity this year, specifically aligned to our state standards, scripted lessons, vocabulary rich, concepts and processes; MT Masonic Foundation awarded \$2321 to band and music program (interactive projector, wands, Apple TV, digital curriculum)
- B. Kevin Sukut - new semester started today; Great things happening within the walls of the school - Mr. Tilleman and Mr. Driessen award recipients, students of the month, PAWS awards at assembly; Geography Bee on Friday grades 4-8; NG coming on Friday
- C. Jeff Grimes - winter sports moving right along; wrestling team ranked 2nd in Class C; GB 8-1, BB making improvements; BPA region conference last Monday, lots of placers
- D. April Pepos - completed crafting season; focus on learning beginning with new year, Arctic animals this week, blubber experiment; roller skating at Wedsworth Hall this Friday; Heisey swimming activity for February?; national conference in Palm Springs

in April, \$1950 for PD to be used for expenses, concessions time and candy sales will help pay

New Business

- A. Testing 'Opt-Out' - Charlie Hawn moved, seconded by Rick Cummings **to approve upholding Mr. Barnes decision to follow state statute requiring all students to participate in testing, specifically MAP testing.** Jodie Campbell passed out information on US Code 1232h allowing parents to "Opt Out" of educational activities. Ms. Kellogg reiterated that assessments can be used to identify exact skills that each student needs. Brooke Marko asked if we follow guidelines of board, state, or US. Mr. Mortag said we need to draw a line in the sand so guidance is provided for administration and everyone can move forward. Mrs. O'Brien asked about state mandated tests versus optional tests, why can't there be an option available for optional testing programs. Mrs. Schwindt states that benefits of MAP testing helps eliminate some of the steps in preparing differentiated instruction, can compare our teachers/students to peers nationwide. Mrs. Hastings uses data on a daily basis and sees value of data derived from testing. No one is being harmed by participation, benefits to each child. Mr. Cummings pointed out that US Code was misread, pertaining to which "C" is being referenced in regards to opting out. Mr. Purdy asked for clarification on whether conversation has been had with teacher and can the teacher make assessments without data from test. Mrs. O'Brien stated that MAP should be called an assessment test, not an instructional process. Mr. Mortag states that when you start allowing people to opt out of any given activity, you start opening up a can of worms. **Passed Unanimously**
- B. McKinstry Resolution - Rick Cummings moved, seconded by Charlie Hawn **to approve selection of McKinstry as our energy performance contractor. Passed Unanimously**
- C. Junior High Wrestling Coach - Charlie Hawn moved, seconded by Terri Bogden **to approve hiring Dave McClain as Junior High Head Wrestling Coach and Levi Lowery as JH Assistant Coach. Passed Unanimously**
- D. Hunter's Safety Class - Terri Bogden moved, seconded by Rick Cummings **to approve Mr. Craig Moore's request to conduct Hunter Safety class at the school. Passed Unanimously**
- E. Consent Agenda - Rick Cummings moved, seconded by Terri Bogden **to approve consent agenda. Passed Unanimously** (Claims 6575-6623)

Superintendent Report

- A. Quality Schools Planning Grant Update
- B. Opt-Out Testing
- C. Arbitration Results - in favor of school
- D. Strategic Planning Update - groups formed
- E. Title I Conference Presentation - April 22-23 schoolwide presentation, Ms. Weems, Ms. Kellogg, Mr. Barnes, RTI, finances
- F. MT Legislative Session Report - HB27 inflationary increases through ANB 2.33% SY16, 1.79% SY17
- G. Board Hours
- H. General Fund Snapshot

Committee Report

- A. Finance and Budget -
- B. Policy Review
 - 1. Policy 1310 District Policy and Procedures – no action taken, no motion made
 - 2. Policy 3231 Search and Seizures - Jim Purdy moved, seconded by Terri Bogden **to approve first reading of Policy 3231 Search and Seizures. Passed Unanimously**
 - 3. Policy 3600P Records Procedure - Chris Boland moved, seconded by Terri Bogden **to approve first reading of Policy 3600P Records Procedure. Passed Unanimously**
 - 4. Policy 3210 Equal Education, Non-discrimination and Sex Equity - Charlie Hawn moved, seconded by Chris Boland **to approve first reading of Policy 3210 Equal Education, Non-discrimination and Sex Equity. Passed 5-1, Terri Bogden dissenting.**
- C. Transportation -
- D. Facilities and Grounds - Feb 16 8:30 am
- E. Negotiations - February 16 @ 4
- F. Technology -

Announcements

- A. Next Board of Trustees Meeting is February 17, 2015
- B. MTSBA HR Symposium January 28, 2015 Helena
- C. MT-PEC Day of Advocacy March 16, 2015 Helena

Executive Session - Rick Cummings moved, seconded by Charlie Hawn **to move to executive session. Passed Unanimously.** closed at 7:15

- A. Expulsion Hearing - Student A

opened at 8:46 - Charlie Hawn moved, seconded by Rick Cummings **to accept recommendation of the superintendent to expel Student A indefinitely for a minimum of 4 and a half weeks at which time Student A will meet with the re-admittance committee. Passed Unanimously**

Mr. Mortag asked to be excused to go home with his children. He turned the meeting over to the direction of Mr. Cummings.

Executive Session - Chris Boland moved, seconded by Terri Bogden **to move into closed session. Passed Unanimously** closed at 8:50

- A. Niki Thaut

opened at 8:55 - no action taken

Executive Session -

- A. Superintendent Evaluation - Jim Purdy moved, seconded by Charlie Hawn **to move evaluation to February board meeting. Passed Unanimously**

Adjournment

9:17 p.m. Deanna Hastings moved, seconded by Chris Boland **to adjourn. Passed Unanimously**

Todd Mortag, Board Chair
Date Signed _____

ATTEST: Lucinda Woodland, Clerk