

Regular Meeting

Cascade School District 3B

Board of Trustees

March 24, 2015 - 6:00 pm

Board Members Present –

High School Board

Todd Mortag - Chair

Rick Cummings – Vice Chair

Charlie Hawn

Deanna Hastings

Chris Boland

Terri Bogden

Elementary Board

Rick Cummings – Vice Chair

Charlie Hawn

Deanna Hastings

Chris Boland

Members Not Present - Jim Purdy

Others Present – Justin Barnes – Superintendent, Lucinda Woodland – District Clerk, Kevin Sukut, Kim Kellogg, Jeff Grimes, April Pepos, Eric Tilleman, Becky Smith, Tracy Taft, Jen Wright, Jodie Campbell, Kristin Skasik, Jen Standley, Loretta Standley, Andrea Ethridge, Nick Ethridge, Boyd Standley, Blake Standley, Felicia O'Brien, Cooper Hibbard

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

Non- Agenda discussion - Andrea Ethridge spoke about Ms. Standley not being rehired, her children have had Ms. Standley and she was hoping next children could have her as a teacher, that is one of the reasons they moved to this community because of the stability of the teaching staff; April Pepos added that Jennifer is able to be firm without being overly controlling, Ms. Standley is vested in community and has a daughter enrolled in school

Old Business

1. Policy 3210: Equal Education, Non-discrimination and Sex Equity, 2nd Reading - Rick Cummings moved, seconded by Charlie Hawn **to approve 2nd reading of Policy 3210. Passed 5-1, Terri Bogden dissenting.**
2. SY16 Calendar - Terri Bogden moved, seconded by Charlie Hawn **to approve Calendar for 2015-16 School Year. Passed Unanimously**

Informational

- A. Audit Report Presentation - Sarah Stanger, unable to come due to busyness of tax season

Staff Report

- A. Kim Kellogg - Strategic Planning team issue of Pre-School (contingent upon passage in

Montana Legislature), drafted possible survey, feedback from team already possible changes, paper/online/website survey options, possibly self funded, reviewing applications for elementary special ed position, interviews will be April 10, Smarter Balance testing still not ready to launch, elementary teachers have had discussions on departmentalization or moving with classes (looping)

- C. Kevin Sukut - finished third quarter today, grades were due by 4 pm, drivers ed starting next week, calendar change-Senior graduation 17 with last day of May 15th 2 pm
- D. Jeff Grimes - lots of good things being done by students and advisors/coaches, numerous awards earned, Linda Cotton state's first BPA Advisor of the Year, BPA national fundraisers, FFA going to State in Billings tomorrow, chapter to broadcast awards on radio, MS Mass Band, Girls Basketball finished 4th at state tournament (top four so close, anyone could have won), high school track began last week with 30+ kids, jh basketball winding down and getting ready for track, Winter Sports Banquet April 7 at 6:30
- E. April Pepos - trucking right along! Rainbow Jars (density), cleaned up playground, Flippin' Family Fun field trip, hydroponics test tube experiments, transplanting with Mr. Tilleman, reading time with chapter books, Readastastic goal of 50 million words read, Exploration Works in Helena on April 17, April and Liz attending national conference in Palm Springs

New Business

- A. Retirement - Rick Cummings moved, seconded by Terri Bogden **to accept retirement of Mark Juden at the conclusion of SY15. Passed Unanimously**
- B. Resignation - Charlie Hawn moved, seconded by Terri Bogden **to approve resignation of Dena Bennett as of March 12, 2015. Passed Unanimously**
- C. Resignation - Terri Bogden moved, seconded by Rick Cummings **to approve resignation of Jesse Allan as HS Head Football Coach. Passed Unanimously**
- D. Recommendation to hire - Charlie Hawn moved, seconded by Terri Bogden **to approve hiring Tracy Taft as Main Office Secretary . Passed Unanimously**
- E. Recommendation to hire - Rick Cummings, seconded by Terri Bogden **to approve hiring Becky Smith as Administrative Assistant. Passed Unanimously**
- F. Election Resolution - Charlie Hawn moved, seconded by Deanna Hastings **to approve resolution to hold annual School Trustee Election. Passed Unanimously**
- G. Recommendation to hire - Rick Cummings moved, seconded by Charlie Hawn **to approve spring sports coaches as noted: Shantell Wirtzberger-Head HS Girls Track, Shane Jackson-Head HS Boys Track, Jenna Dalla Mura-Asst HS Track, Darcy Schwindt-Head JH Girls Track, Ken Brady-Head JH Boys Track, and Levi Lowery-Asst JH Track. Passed Unanimously**
- H. Recommendation to hire - Charlie Hawn moved, seconded by Deanna Hastings **to approve hiring Kevin Sukut and Scott Hartman as Driver's Ed Instructors. Passed Unanimously**
- I. Consent Agenda - Charlie Hawn moved, seconded by Rick Cummings **to approve consent agenda . Passed Unanimously (Claims Warrants 6687-6737)**

Superintendent Report

- A. Science CRTs and SBAC Testing underway - testing being postponed due to

information from OPI

- B. Gifted & Talented Intent approved through E-Grants - application already submitted
- C. Quality Schools Planning Update - McKinstry planning grant work in progress, domestic hot water heat, one new boiler (instead of 2), old locker rooms tied into new hot water system, elementary wing needs temps stabilized, CTA possibly moving front office to safer place
- D. Montana Legislative Update
- E. Certified Openings Update - tying to open coaching positions
- F. Deadline for Trustee Election filing - March 26th
- G. Preliminary Budget Projection for SY16
- H. Board Hours - everyone got required hours, we should earn Golden Gavel Award at MCEL in October
- I. General Fund Snapshot

Committee Report

- A. Finance and Budget -
- B. Policy Review
 - 1. Policy 2510 1st Reading - Terri Bogden moved, seconded by Rick Cummings **to approve first reading of Policy 2510 School Wellness. Passed Unanimously**
- C. Transportation - Charlie Hawn moved, seconded by Terri Bogden **to approve new Adel bus route. Passed Unanimously**
- D. Facilities and Grounds -
- E. Negotiations - met March 9, purely wordsmithing, salary negotiations waiting for word from budget committee
- F. Technology -

Announcements

- A. Next Board of Trustees Meeting is April 21, 2015
- B. MTSBA School Budgeting and Finance Symposium March 26, 2015

Adjournment

7:05 p.m. Rick Cummings moved, seconded by Charlie Hawn. **to adjourn. Passed Unanimously**

Todd Mortag, Board Chair

ATTEST: Lucinda Woodland, Clerk

Date Signed _____