

Regular Meeting

Cascade School District 3B

Board of Trustees

December 19, 2017 - 6:00 pm

Board Members Present –

High School Board

Rick Cummings - Chair
Chris Boland - Vice Chair
Deanna Hastings
Erin Wombold
Blake Standley
Val Fowler

Elementary Board

Rick Cummings - Chair
Chris Boland - Vice Chair
Deanna Hastings
Erin Wombold
Blake Standley

Others Present: Justin Barnes - Superintendent, Karsen Drury - District Clerk, Lara Tait, Ruth Mortag, Brooke Marko, Angela Johnson, April Pepos, Rita Hood, Iain McGregor, Susan Ahlers, Carol Brady, Ken Brady, Jay Pribyl, Jodie Campbell, Nancy McGonigal, Katey Marquis, Farrah McGregor, Christina Eike, Kandra Ludvigson, Shane Ludvigson, Josh Munsck, Elaine Wood, Nelone Nilson, Frank LaLiberty, Teresa Weems, Mindy Schrecengost, Dil voss, Tina Mann, Julie Arnold, September Cope, Scott Munrae, Tracy Creveling, Tracy Taft, David Taft, Marjorie Pribyl, Chayleen Person, Pam Marquis, Emily McCormick, Barbara Parsons, Wesley Seabolt, Emily Seabolt, Tena Cobb, Maureen Dachs, David Dachs, Ethan Moss, Laurence Kenik, Sandra Kenik, Crystal Lemenski, Linda Cotton, Drew Floerchinger, Brian Brunelle, David Brunelle, several others whose names were illegible.

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

Public Comment

- Jay Pribyl commented on the renewal of the Superintendent's contract.
- Mindy Schrecengost expressed her support of the school administration.
- Nelone Nilson commented on the legality of the petition and distribution of the "Did You Know?" documentation and the allegations against the school.
- Elaine Wood commented on the petition, the distribution and allegations of the "Did You Know?" document and expressed support for the School Board, Superintendent & Administration.
- Pam Marquis presented a petition for non renewal of Superintendent Justin Barnes.
- Carol Brady commented on the increase in her property taxes, the deferred maintenance of the building, and the usage of the District funds.
- Chayleen Person asked if the District applied for the Montana Comprehensive Literacy Program grant.
- Jodie Campbell commented on the the approval process of the Board, division of the community, and the petition and the "Did You Know?" document.

- Wesley Seabolt commented on the division of the community.
- April Pepos commented on the public's perception of the ongoings of the school, the maintenance and upkeep of the school, the decisions made by the Superintendent, and her support for the Board & Superintendent. .
- Teresa Weems commented on the Montana Comprehensive Literacy Grant aforementioned in the meeting and gave an explanation of the strict requirements and guidelines of a District when involved in the grant.
- Dave Dachs commented on the petition and the division of the community.
- Brooke Marko commented on the petition and asked the Board to clear up the allegations on the "Did You Know?" document.

Informational

- A. Board Evaluation Report by Justin Barnes

Staff Report

- A. Booster Club -
- B. Tracy Creveling, PTSA - Candy Cane Fun Run was successful, \$100-\$200 were earned in Box tops, with 3rd Grade bringing in the most.
- C. Sonja Mazaira, AD - Winter Season sports underway, Boys Basketball are 2-2, Girls Basketball are 3-1, the wrestling team has faced injuries thus far in the season, Kaicey Oliver was awarded athlete of the week in the Great Falls Tribune, Josh Pepos was featured in the Senior Standout, the Tip Off Tournament and Badger Invitational went well with support from the community, K-12 band/choir concerts were held the previous week.
- D. April Pepos, XCELL - New Snap Circuit sets, Fitness Game to be used once a week in XCELL, OPI opened portion of 21st Century Grant for next year, possible consortium with Ulm/Wolf Creek.
- E. Mandy Eike, Head Maintenance - Attended Indoor Air Quality Training, knowledge of air quality systems of the school, continue working on actuators, installing stair treads, obtained remaining "on site boiler training" hours to be qualified to take exam for Boiler Licensure, expansion tank in boiler room failing and needs to be replaced.

New Business

- A. Consideration and action on a process for the Board to respond to the allegations contained in the petition.
 Chairman Rick Cummings stated that the Board would not be discussing the merits of the petition at the time. The Board formed a committee comprised of Trustees Valerie Fowler-Chair, Deanna Hastings, and Blake Standley to work with the District's legal counsel, Debra Silk, to formulate a response to the petition to be delivered at the January 16th Regular Meeting of the Board.
 Marquis asked if it were possible to add community members to the committee.
 Chairman Cummings stated that the community would not be on the committee since it is Board business.

Campbell asked if the public were to be allowed to comment on the Committee's findings.

Chairman Cummings stated that the findings would be reported at the next Board Meeting.

Kenik commented on the process of discussion between the community and the Board.

Chayleen Person asked if the meeting would be open.

Chairman Cummings stated that the meetings would be open
Unanimous consensus.

B. Recommendation for SpEd Para position

Erin Wombold moved, seconded by Blake Standley to accept the recommendation to hire Mrs. Carol Wells for the SpEd Paraprofessional position.

Passed unanimously.

C. Recommendations for General Kitchen position

Chris Boland moved, seconded by Deanna Hastings to accept the recommendation to hire Janet Morrow for full time kitchen position, pending physical and background check.

Passed unanimously.

D. Recommendation for JH Wrestling Assistant

Blake Standley moved, seconded by Erin Wombold to accept the recommendation to hire Glen Ferguson for JH Wrestling Assistant coaching, pending background check.

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E. Recommendation for Custodian

Erin Wombold moved, seconded by Deanna Hastings to accept the recommendation to hire Tina Hunter for full time custodial position, beginning January 1, 2018.

Passed unanimously.

F. School Safety Transfer

Chris Boland moved, seconded by Blake Standley to accept the recommendation to transfer \$14,732.27 from the Elementary Bus Deprecation Fund and \$14,732.28 from the High School Bus Depreciation Fund to the Building Reserve Funds permissive by MCA 20-9-236 School Safety Transfer.

Carol Brady asked how the District would replenish the Bus Depreciation Fund. Justin Barnes stated from the FY19 SB307 Levy.

Passed unanimously.

G. Consent Agenda

1. Minutes Regular Board Meeting November 21, 2017
2. Business Claims **(5262-5314, EXCLUDING: 5272, 5284, 5299)**
3. Student Activity Account
4. Transportation Contracts
5. Sub List

Deanna Hastings moved, seconded by Erin Wombold to approve the consent agenda.
Passed unanimously.

Superintendent Report

- A. Christmas Maintenance Schedule
 - a. Routine maintenance
 - b. Bus inspections
- B. Teacher Hunt
- C. Mr. Tilleman
 - a. CASE--National Council for Agriculture Education - group that oversees curriculum for secondary agricultural education
 - b. Affords the ability to count some Ag credits for Science credit
 - c. 10 Day Workshop
- D. Legislative Outlook
 - a. Looks like money that was hoped would return in the form of "Match" (state lease money) under 307 will not be available next year
 - b. Some block grants were eliminated this year, more will be eliminated next year as result of the special legislative session that was called. The need for this money will still be roughly in the exact same spot we were at the beginning of this past legislative session.
 - c. Tax WILL likely go up over the next three years as a result of our current legislation. Community members are advised to speak to local representatives about these tax increases.
- E. Board Hours
- F. GF Snapshot

Committee Report

- A. Finance and Budget
- B. Policy Review
- C. Transportation
- D. Facilities and Grounds
- E. Negotiations
- F. Technology

Announcements

- A. Regular School Board Meeting January 16, 2018 at 6:00 pm

Executive Session

- A. Superintendent Evaluation
 - Chairman Rick Cummings declared the individual's right of privacy exceeded the merits of public disclosure and declared the meeting closed. Present during the closed session were Trustees Rick Cummings, Chris Boland, Valerie Fowler, Deanna Hastings, Blake

Standley, Erin Wombold, Superintendent Justin Barnes, and District Clerk Karsen Drury.
The meeting entered executive session at 7:34 and was reopened to the public at 9:50.

Board Meeting Evaluation

Adjournment

At 9:53 pm Erin Wombold moved, seconded by Chris Boland **to adjourn.**

Passed unanimously.

Rick Cummings, Board Chair

ATTEST: Karsen Drury, District Clerk

Date Signed _____