

Regular Meeting

Cascade School District 3B
Board of Trustees
January 18, 2021 - 6:00 pm

Board Members Present

High School Board

John Rumney - Chair
Iain McGregor - Vice Chair (virtual)
Ruth Mortag
Rick Cummings
Chris Wilson
Val Fowler

Elementary Board

John Rumney - Chair
Iain McGregor - Vice Chair
Ruth Mortag
Rick Cummings
Chris Wilson

Others Present: Karsen Drury - District Clerk, Rick Miller - Superintendent, Nichole Pieper, Michelle Price, Sonja Mazaira, Brittany Hruska, Ray Castellanos, Kendra Lane, Jeremy Butcher, Becca Cooper, Andrea Ethridge, Heather Wilson, Jason Raether, Pam Marquis, Enrico Baker, Kim Boetteger, Mr. Boetteger

John Rumney - Board Chair, called the Board of Trustees meeting to order at 6:09 pm. The Board said the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Rumney asked for public comment on non-agenda items.

Informational

Correspondence

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

There was no public comment.

Staff Reports

- A. Brittany Hurksa, XCELL Director
 - a. XCELL! Program Evaluation
- B. Michelle Price, Elementary Principal
 - a. Christmas program, Christmas activities
 - b. PTA - helped out a lot and provided treats
 - c. SBAC results from 2020-2021
- C. Nichole Pieper, JH/HS Principal
 - a. Started second semester
 - b. Fastbridge assessments finished before break
 - c. Behavioral data & MTSS
- D. Sonja Mazaira, AD

- a. Annual MHSAA Meeting:
 - i. 8th grade rule: leaving it up to individual school to whether 8th graders can play HS sports
 - ii. Shot clocks - next season. Need to buy for next year.
 - iii. Baseball was approved as MHSAA sanctioned sport
 - b. Football Division change - South/Central Division - travel comparison is similar to current - looking into JH & JV games
 - c. District basketball in Conrad; divisional basketball in Great Falls
 - d. District, Divisional, & State track in Great Falls
 - e. Hosting Divisional VB tourney in 2023
 - f. Basketball Standings: Boys - 4th; Girls - 5th
 - g. Elementary ski trips
- E. Rick Miller, Superintendent
- a. COVID - staying open regardless of illness
 - b. Alluvion - room set up and ready to go, starting to move in, list of staff members, walk in clinic every Thursday.
- F. Karsen Drury, Business Manager
- a. 2022 Election Information
 - b. General Fund Budgets - sitting at 35% expended at the end of November, compared to the 4-year average of 35%.

Board Report

- A. Policy Committee Report
 - a. Ruth Mortag presented the minutes of the Policy Committee Meeting.
- B. Board Training Hours
- C. Board Evaluation
 - a. December Board Evaluation

New Business

- A. Consideration of Recommendation for Salary Lane Changes
Rick Cummings moved, seconded by Chris Wilson to approve the requests for salary lane changes for Amanda Brown and Becca Cooper for SY2022-2023.
Passed unanimously.
- B. Consideration of Recommendation for XCELL Aides
Ruth Mortag moved, seconded by Rick Cummings to approve the recommendation to hire Cassidy Sewak and Ellie Ward as XCELL Aides for SY2021-2022.
Passed unanimously.
- C. Consideration of Recommendation for Coaches
Iain McGregor moved, seconded by Chris Wilson to approve the recommendation to hire the

coaches as listed for SY2021-2022.

Passed unanimously.

D. Consideration of Adoption for SY2022-2023 Calendar

Ruth Mortag moved, seconded by Rick Cummings to approve and adopt the calendar A for SY2022-2023.

The Board discussed all calendar options and decided they'd like to see a calendar with a later start date in August, a shorter winter break, and the school year ending before Memorial Day. Requested the Calendar Committee meet again to make changes.

Ruth Mortag moved, seconded by Iain McGregor to table the calendar until the February 15, 2022 meeting.

Passed unanimously.

E. Consideration of Adoption of Community Cross-Over Goals

Rick Cummings moved, seconded by Val Fowler to approve and adopt the Community Cross-Over Goals.

Wilson commented that he expected a report from Dr. Farr on the findings and some guidance on how to accomplish the goals. He is not in favor of adopting the goals and dislikes the layout and structure of the strategic plan. Fowler & McGregor agreed.

Fowler believes 8 goals is too many and would like to see them refined into fewer.

Rumney proposed to send a report to the policy committee to fine tune the strategic plan with Dr. Farr.

Fowler and Wilson reiterated that they expected a post-meeting wrap up to sit down and fine tune a strategic plan, discuss the findings and receive feedback and suggestions from Dr. Farr.

Rumney stated the Board worked on the goals and realities sections; administration finished activities, teams, date & evaluation sections.

Wilson stated the plan should be condensed; Cummings agreed and proposed adopting only the top 3-4 goals.

Fowler stated she was hoping for experiential feedback and guidance and analysis from Dr. Farr.

Public comment:

Jeremy Butcher made a public comment.

Kendra Lane made a public comment.

Rumney stated that the Board should take the info he provided and do the work to create and complete the remaining sections of the strategic plan. Fowler disagreed; wanted more expertise and advice.

Cummings moved to amend the motion to approve and adopt the top 3 goals of the Community Cross-Over, with the caveat that the Board will revisit all of the goals after progress is made on the top 3 goals. Val Fowler seconded the motion.

Passed unanimously to amend the motion.

Question called by Chris Wilson. Rick Cummings seconded.

Passed unanimously.

- F. Required Policy Updates & Revisions from MTSBA Review
Ruth Mortag moved, seconded by Chris Wilson to approve and adopt the updates and revisions as proposed by MTSBA to the policies, as listed.
Policies: 5120, 5121, 5122, 5130, 5210, 5213, 5220, 5222, 5224, 5226, 5231, 5231P, 5250, 5255, 5321, 5321P, 5329, 5331, 5336, 5338, 5430, 5450, 5460, 6110P, 7121, 7320, 7430, 8100, 8110, 8123, 8124, 8225, 8425, 8450.
Passed unanimously.
- G. Required Policy Adoptions from MTSBA Review
Ruth Mortag moved, seconded by Chris Wilson to approve and adopt the required policies, as listed.
Policies: 7330, 7330F.
Passed unanimously.
- H. Recommended Policy Adoptions from MTSBA Review - 1st Reading
Rick Cummings moved, seconded by Chris Wilson to approve the first reading of the recommended and optional policies, as listed.
Policies: 5125, 7225, 7425F, 7535, 7550, 8102, 8310, 8450F, 8460.
Passed unanimously.
- I. Termination of Obsolete Policies
Chris Wilson moved, seconded by Ruth Mortag to approve the recommendation to terminate the obsolete policies, as listed.
Policies: 5000, 5001, 5232F, 5240, 5253, 7410, 8230, 8400.
Passed unanimously.
- J. Consideration of Recommendation of Board Self-Evaluation - 1st Reading
Val Fowler moved, seconded by Iain McGregor to approve the first reading of Policy 1620F - Board Evaluation Form.
Passed unanimously.
- K. Consent Agenda
- a. Minutes of Regular Board Meeting, December 14, 2021
 - b. Minutes of Special Board Meeting, January 4, 2022
 - c. Business Claims
 - d. Student Activity Account
 - e. Sub List
- Rick Cummings moved, seconded by Chris Wilson to approve the consent agenda.
Passed unanimously.

Recess 8:23pm - 8:29pm

Annual Superintendent Evaluation (possible executive session)

John Rumney closed the meeting at 8:29 pm. He reopened the meeting at 8:42 pm.

Board Meeting Evaluation (I)

- A. Complete evaluation and turn into Mr. Miller.

Announcements (I)

- A. Regular School Board Meeting, February 15, 2022
- B. Upcoming Trainings

Adjournment (A)

At 8:46 pm Chris Wilson moved, seconded by Rick Cummings to adjourn. Passed unanimously.

John Rumney, Board Chair

ATTEST: Karsen Drury, District Clerk

Date Signed _____

For additional details on items presented in the minutes of the meeting, please see coinciding board agenda found on Cascade Public Schools' webpage: www.cascade.k12.mt.us/District/1141-Board-Agendas-and-Packet.html