

Regular Meeting

Cascade School District 3B

Board of Trustees

September 20, 2022 - 6:00 pm

Board Members Present

High School Board

John Rumney - Chair

Iain McGregor - Vice Chair

Ruth Mortag

Rick Cummings

Chris Wilson

Mark McKamey (via zoom)

Elementary Board

John Rumney - Chair

Iain McGregor - Vice Chair

Ruth Mortag

Rick Cummings

Chris Wilson

Others Present: Levi Collins, Karsen Drury, Michelle Price, Sonja Mazaira, Nelsons, Katey Marquis, Eliza Papke, Jimmy Bush, Coleen MacDonald.

John Rumney - Board Chair, called the Board of Trustees meeting to order at 6:10 pm. The Board said the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Rumney asked for public comment on non-agenda items.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Staff Reports

- A. Michelle Price, Elementary Principal
 - a. Fastbridge testing in the elementary, next week for high school
 - b. Homecoming week
 - c. School pictures
 - d. Low negative behaviors so far this year
 - e. Professional development - MANDT training
- B. Sonja Mazaira, Activities Director
 - a. Homecoming - vb thursday, fb saturday, xc on friday
 - b. JH district tournament in october
 - c. Community pep assembly was successful
 - d. BPA selling photo buttons
 - e. FFa attended leadership conference
 - f. FB field scoreboard having issues - having UE come out to look at it
 - g. Pixelott camera having issues - IT looking into it
 - h. Brackets for shot clocks arrived - still looking like January delivery date
- C. Levi Collins, Superintendent
 - a. Hearing positive things about teachers and feel of school

- b. Considering doing a write up for the paper and a video message for Facebook & the website
 - c. Sheriff will be going out for a levy for school safety which would entail having an armed person in every school in the county as a presence. Asked for other privileges dealing with school video footage and databases. County commissioner has other ideas - giving the school local control to formulate a plan for school safety.
 - d. MSGIA if we would pilot a system with sensors on
 - e. Bill put forth to eliminate funding for early education - option to give comment
 - f. MCEL conference in October
- D. Karsen Drury, Business Manager
- a. General Funds
 - b. FY2022 Audit beginning

Board Report

- A. Board Evaluation
- B. Board Training Hours
- C. MTSBA - strategic planning with Debra Silk

New Business

- A. Designation of NCLRC Board Representative
Rick Cummings moved, seconded by Iain McGregor to appoint Levi Collins as the NCLRC Advisory Board representative.
North Central Learning Resource Center is the district's Special Education Co-Op. They require one member of the district to serve on the advisory board. Historically, the superintendent serves as this representative.
Passed unanimously.
- B. Consideration of Recommendation for Coaches
Chris Wilson moved, seconded by Iain McGregor to hire the coaches as listed for SY2022-2023, excluding Iain McGregor.
Passed unanimously.
Ruth Mortag moved, seconded by Chris Wilson to hire Iain McGregor as JH Football Assistant Volunteer for SY2022-2023.
Passed unanimously, with Iain McGregor abstaining.
- C. Consideration of Recommendation for Bus Aide, Robbie Hall-Elmore
Iain McGregor moved, seconded by Chris Wilson to approve the recommendation to hire Robbie Hall-Elmore as bus aide for SY2022-2023.
There is a need for additional supervision on one of the bus routes. Ms. Hall-Elmore has worked in this position in the past and has been recommended for hire to fill the need for SY2022-2023.
Passed unanimously.

- D. Consideration of Recommendation for XCELL Aide, Kaydence Waters
Rick Cummings moved, seconded by Iain McGregor to approve the recommendation to hire Kaydence Waters as XCELL aide for SY2022-2023.
Passed unanimously.
- E. Consideration of Recommendation for Rural Attendance Improvement Program LIFTUp
Chris Wilson moved, seconded by Rick Cummings to approve the rural attendance improvement program LIFTUp.
The program randomly selects students from our district to include in the trial. Once selected, parents will need to give consent for the student to participate in the program. The students enrolled in the program will receive messages encouraging them to keep good attendance. The attendance data will be exported to the company, analyzed, and shared back with the district. In being a pilot school to the program, the district will receive the service free of cost indefinitely, if we wish to continue participating.
Dave Nelson: inquired about location tracking. Levi Collins ensured there would be no location tracking.
Passed unanimously.
- F. Consideration of Recommendation for Avel eCare School Health
Rick Cummings moved, seconded by Ruth Mortag to approve the Avel eCare School Health Program.
Avel eCare provides the district a kiosk that provides access to a virtual telehealth nurse that students and staff can use in the school building. Training to use the program is provided and several staff members will be trained to do so.
Michelle Price voiced her support for this system.
Alluvion Health has not returned to the district this year, and this program would replace the Alluvion program implemented last year.
Ruth Mortag inquired about telehealth licensure across state lines. Levi Collins ensured that the company is fully certified in MT.
Passed unanimously.
- G. Consideration of Recommendation of Bus Purchase
Iain McGregor moved, seconded by Chris Wilson to approve the recommendation of bus purchase.
The district is in need of a smaller 4-wheel drive bus to replace old buses.
Passed unanimously.
- H. Consent Agenda (Appendix D)
- a. Minutes of Regular & Annual Budget Board Meeting, August 16, 2022
 - b. Business Claims
 - c. Student Activity Account

- d. Student Attendance
- e. Sub List

Rick Cummings moved, seconded by Iain McGregor to approve the consent agenda.
Passed unanimously.

I. Consideration of Signing Bonus, Kendelle Sanders

Rick Cummings moved, seconded by Iain McGregor to approve the signing bonus for Kendelle Sanders.

Chairman Rumney convened the board in executive session at 6:54pm. The meeting was reopened to the public at 7:06 pm.

Passed unanimously.

J. Consideration of Tuition Reimbursement, Eliza Papke

Ruth Mortag moved, seconded by Chris Wilson to approve the tuition reimbursement for Eliza Papke.

Chairman Rumney convened the board in executive session at 7:07 pm. The meeting was reopened to the public at 7:23 pm.

Passed unanimously.

Board Meeting Evaluation (I)

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

Announcements (I)

- A. Regular School Board Meeting, October 18, 2022
- B. Upcoming Trainings
 - a. MCEL - October 20-21st

Adjournment (A)

At 7:23 pm Iain McGregor moved, seconded by Chris Wilson 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:

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