

# Regular Meeting

Cascade School District 3B

Board of Trustees

November 17, 2015 - 6:00 pm

## Board Members Present –

### High School Board

Rick Cummings - Chair  
Chris Boland - Vice Chair  
Charlie Hawn  
Deanna Hastings  
Erin Wombold  
Terri Bogden

### Elementary Board

Rick Cummings - Chair  
Chris Boland - Vice Chair  
Charlie Hawn  
Deanna Hastings  
Erin Wombold

## Members Not Present -

**Others Present:** Justin Barnes – Superintendent, Becky Smith - Admin Asst., Jodie Campbell, Kevin Sukut, Kim DeFries, Andrea Ethridge, April Pepos, Jeff Grimes, Nancy McGonigal, Dave Dobbins, Leona Ober, Raina Blackman, FFA Chapter students, AP English students

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

## Non Agenda Discussion - None

## Old Business

## Informational

- A. AP English Language & Composition Class: Education Presentation - Mr. Tait's AP English students presented a power-point presentation to the Board. The presentation included ideas for homework, tutoring, college credit, and early graduation.
- B. Strategic Plan Update and Adoption Information - Mr. Cummings and Mr. Barnes received a draft of the plan just that morning. Will post on the website for public download, then review and adopt at the next board meeting.

## Staff Report

- A. Booster Club - Encourage that they have more active members this year. The Zero K Fun Fund is Dec 12. The Dodgeball Tournament is December 27. Goal is to get a new mascot uniform. Would also like to get an ATM machine at the school for convenience. Thanked Mr. Dobbins for keeping website updated.
- B. PTSA - The latest fundraiser wasn't as successful as hoped. They served ice cream to honor roll students and the teacher appreciation breakfast went well. The Candy Cane Fun Run is on December 17. Santa bags will be given out to elementary students in December.
- C. FFA Nationals Report - FFA students presented a power-point to the Board highlighting their trip to Louisville, KY.
- D. Kim DeFries, K-6 Principal - Congratulations to AP English and FFA. Elementary teachers are finishing the second round of APTT conferences. Teacher evals are being done and show an excellent elementary staff. Elementary teachers did a great job on TRI and their work devoted to students. MAP scores were

given to the Board and reviewed.

- E. Kevin Sukut, 7-12 Principal - Impressed by the increased percentage of students making honor roll and the advances students are making, especially in technology. The Veteran's Day program was outstanding and nice tribute to our community veterans. Parent/Teacher Conferences were conducted the week prior and presented a good turnout. Infinite Campus and increased communication with parents has reduced the conferences to one night. Doug Doty led an autism training for staff on teacher PIR day. Thanks to PTSA for honor roll ice cream and the teacher appreciation breakfast. October students of the month were Tommy Le and Riley Bricker. Kacie Cummings is the KRTV student of the week. Overall, students are finding success in academics and grades, with the F list being reduced to nearly nonexistent (2 students.)
- F. Jeff Grimes, AD - Congratulations to our FFA students who received a Bronze in Marketing Plan and Silver in Ag Communications. Several students placed 1st and 2nd in their respective competitions. FFA students also attending the John Deere Ag Expo in Bozeman. BPA students will be going to the Boys and Girls Club to serve turkey dinner. Junior High boys and girls play their last jamboree season games on November 21. Winter sports start November 19. The Badger Invitational is December 4 and 5.
- G. April Pepos, XCELL! - Recent PIR days brought about 30 students per day. Went ice skating on previous PIR day and had fun, along with increased number of chaperones. Next PIR day will be a Polar Express themed day at the school. Will be doing research on attending a national conference and will present information in the near future.

## **New Business**

- A. Resignation of Bus Driver - Charlie Hawn moved, seconded by Terri Bogden to accept resignation of Doug O'Connell, bus driver. Passed Unanimously
- B. Hire Asst Wrestling Coach - Charlie Hawn moved, seconded by Terri Bogden to approve hire of Brian Brunelle as HS Asst Wrestling Coach. Passed Unanimously
- C. Adoption of Golf Program - Terri Bogden moved, seconded by Erin Wombold to approve Girls and Boys Golf Program. Passed Unanimously
- D. Hire Golf Coach - Charlie Hawn moved, seconded by Terri Bogden to approve hire of Eric Tilleman as HS Head Golf Coach. Passed Unanimously
- E. Student Activity Account - Chris Boland moved, seconded by Charlie Hawn to approve establishment of Badger Cub XC account in the Activity Fund. Passed Unanimously
- F. Half Time Kindergarten Students - Terri Bogden moved, seconded by Charlie Hawn to approve half time Kindergarten students as enrolled. Passed Unanimously
- G. Consent Agenda - Charlie Hawn moved, seconded by Erin Wombold to approve consent agenda. Passed Unanimously
  - 1. Minutes of Regular Board Meeting Oct 20, 2015
  - 2. Business Claims (**7156-7191**)
  - 3. Petty Cash Report
  - 4. Student Activity Account
  - 5. Student Attendance Agreements
  - 6. Sub List 2015-16
  - 7. Community Key List

## **Superintendent Report**

- A. TEAMS/CSIP reports - complete and done
- B. Turkey Bingo - scheduled for Nov 19 in Commons. Elizabeth Grimes did an excellent job getting about 30 turkeys. The bingo game will be broadcast on the new Commons TV. One turkey per family, extras will go to the food bank. 10 envelopes with gift cards will be given out in addition to the turkeys.
- C. Beginning Dept. Advisor Evaluations - goal to be done by Christmas break

- D. Coffee Corner - Would like to conduct every month. Aiming to improve communication with the community.
- E. School Collaboration - Met with Ulm and Wolf Creek administration to improve communication with the neighboring schools. Will make for better transition for students coming into Cascade. Adding technology staff will also help all three schools. After school busing will end November 19. Will be inviting Ulm and Wolf Creek schools for PIR collaboration.
- F. Immunization Update - Law requires varicella vaccination by October 1. Due to high number of students needing the vaccination, the deadline was extended to October 30. At this time, approximately 25 student still do not meet vaccination requirements. The final deadline to complete requirements is after Thanksgiving and students will not be allowed to return to school until requirements are met.
- G. Superintendent Evaluation - Electronic evaluation will be sent to Rick. It is due January 12 to review January 19, in closed session.
- H. Board Hours - All board members need a minimum of 12 hours to get Golden Gavel Award.
- I. General Fund Snapshot - added Building Reserve to the snapshot

### Committee Report

- A. Finance and Budget
- B. Policy Review
- C. Transportation - No Activity Bus after Nov 19. Reviewing recruitment techniques to acquire and retain adequate pool of bus drivers. Currently 3 drivers short
- D. Facilities and Grounds - Discussed deferred maintenance items around school grounds. Carpeting in the building is approximately 20 years old. Potentially looking to replace with tile or other flooring options. Custodial time to keep carpets clean is at least 7 hours per night and could be better spent in other areas. Football bleachers are in need of repair. Estimated costs are anywhere from \$8000 to \$30,000 depending on type of bleacher. The playground needs improved ground cover options to stay code compliant. School building pipes should be scoped for preventative maintenance.
- E. Negotiations - Dates will be set to start the negotiations process.
- F. Technology - Internet upgrade is getting closer with a December 7 projection date. The TV studio is in production and getting closer to completion. The technology in the studio is cutting edge and cameras are connected with fiber optics. Students are excited to get started and their first televised announcement was presented to the board. Contract challenges are being overcome with cable service originally planned to broadcast announcements.

### Announcements

- A. MTSBA Law and Tech Symposium Nov 30-Dec 1, 2015
- B. Next Board of Trustees Meeting Dec 15, 2015

### Adjournment

7:35 pm Deanna Hastings moved, seconded by Erin Wombold **to adjourn. Passed Unanimously**

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Rick Cummings, Board Chair

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ATTEST: Lucinda Woodland, Clerk

Date Signed \_\_\_\_\_