

Regular Meeting

Cascade School District 3B

Board of Trustees

October 16, 2018 - 6:00 pm

Board Members Present

High School Board

Val Fowler - Chair

Deanna Hastings - Vice Chair

Chris Boland

Blake Standley

John Rumney

Ruth Mortag

Elementary Board

Deanna Hastings - Vice Chair

Chris Boland

Blake Standley

John Rumney

Ruth Mortag

Others Present: Karsen Drury - District Clerk, Rick Miller - Superintendent, Felicia O'Brien, Tracy Creveling, Chuck Mercer, Nancy McGonigal, Rick Cummings, Andrea Ethridge

Val Fowler - Board Chair, called the Board of Trustees meeting to order at 6:35 pm. Mrs. Fowler asked for public comment on **non**-agenda items. No public comment.

New Business

- A. Policy Revision & Update, Second Reading
 - a. Policy 2150–Suicide Awareness and Prevention
 - b. Policy 4350–Website Accessibility and Nondiscrimination
 - c. Policy 5220–Prohibition on Aiding Sexual Abuse
 - d. Policy 8205–Meal Charge Policy
 - e. Policy 8210–Procurement Policy for School Food Purchases
 - f. Policy 8410–Operation and Maintenance of District Facilities
 - g. Policy 1310–District Policies and Procedures
 - h. Policy 1400–Board Meetings

Chris Boland moved, seconded by Ruth Mortag to approve and adopt the stated policies.
Passed unanimously.

- B. Schoolhouse IT Telephone Lease Agreement

John Rumney moved, seconded by Deanna Hastings to approve the Telephone Lease Agreement.

The District is in the process of converting to SIP, which requires a new phone system. The District is currently paying \$3K per year for tech support and servicing on an outdated phone system. The system, Altigen, can only be serviced by this one company. Schoolhouse IT will lease the District a new phone system valued at \$23K for 5 years at no cost, as long as the District stays in contract with them, and provide servicing on the system. The average life of a phone system is 5-8 years. The implementation process will be quick and seamless. If the District should end contract with Schoolhouse IT, the full price of the phone system must be

paid if the District wishes to keep the leased system.
Passed unanimously.

- C. Recommendation for HS Wrestling Coach - Neal Coon
Deanna Hastings moved, seconded by John Rumney to approve Neal Coon as HS Wrestling Coach.
Passed unanimously.

- D. Consent Agenda
1. Minutes Regular Board Meeting September 16, 2018
 2. Business Claims **(5794-5852)**
 3. Student Activity Account
 4. Student Attendance Agreements
 5. Individual Transportation Contracts
 6. Sub List
- Ruth Mortag moved, seconded by Chris Boland to approve the consent agenda.
Passed unanimously.

Superintendent Report

- A. Staff Report
- a. Elementary, High School, Athletics
- B. Current Enrollment
- a. See board agenda for enrollment trends
- C. Handbook Attendance Policy
- D. Auditor Contract
- a. The auditors will be sending over a contract in the next few weeks. They are planning on starting the audit process the end of October, working through November, and finishing the beginning of December.
- E. Modified School Day
- a. The Board directed Mr. Miller to research and collect data on alternative school days/weeks and report back to the board with information. This would include input from all stakeholders.
- F. Data
- a. October is data month. Mr. Miller told the Board that he would be discussing data collection and analyzation with the staff first and reporting back to the Board.
- G. Substitute & Absentee Report
- a. See board agenda for monthly substitute & absentee report
- H. General Fund Budget
- a. See board agenda for yearly comparison of general fund budget expenditures

Committee Reports

- A. Facilities and Grounds
- a. Met with new maintenance supervisor, Bryan Smith. Filled in on school history, Brian has found new issues, discussed roof, snow removal, refinishing gym floor, sewer pipe,

tower, etc.

B. Negotiations

- a. Met October 11th. The Union requests a raise - not specified, would like the Board to make sure contract renewals are done earlier in the year, extra/co-curricular salary schedule needs to be addressed, teacher school day start times, and meeting again January 14th at 5pm.

C. Technology

- a. Met on September 27th with Schoolhouse IT for an update. Next meeting met to set technology priorities. Discussed speaker conversion, internet infrastructure especially in the elementary, wireless access points, using E-Rate & REAP money, camera updates, refresh cycle for tech equipment, professional development.

Board Reports

A. Board Training Hours, Board & Administrator Publication

B. Norms

- a. The Board started the process of establishing norms to go along with the staff's.

C. Goals - Superintendent

The Board set goals for Mr. Miller including:

- a. Present strategies that lead to student improvement
- b. Communication with all stakeholders
- c. Improve the school website
- d. Deferred Maintenance
- e. Financial Responsibility

Announcements

A. MCEL, Missoula, October 17-19, 2018

B. Regular School Board Meeting November 20, 2018 at 6:30 pm

C. School Law & Technology Symposium, Helena, Dec 3-4, 2018

Adjournment

At 8:29 pm Deanna Hastings moved, seconded by John Rumney **to adjourn.**

Passed unanimously.

Val Fowler, 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