

## Regular Meeting

Cascade School District 3B

Board of Trustees

November 19, 2019 - 6:00 pm

### Board Members Present

#### High School Board

Val Fowler - Chair

Chris Boland

John Rumney

Ruth Mortag

Iain McGregor

#### Elementary Board

Chris Boland

John Rumney

Ruth Mortag

Iain McGregor

**Others Present:** Karsen Drury - District Clerk, Rick Miller - Superintendent, Michelle Price, Nichole Pieper, Sonja Mazaira, Rick Cummings, Eric Tilleman, Ava McKamey, Preston Hastings, Emilie Crago, Katie Skasick, Elise Crago, Jodie Campbell, Pam Marquis, Chris Wilson, Dawn Dormady.

Val Fowler - Board Chair, called the Board of Trustees meeting to order at 6:07 pm. Mrs. Fowler asked for public comment on non-agenda items.

- A. Jodie Campbell proposed the idea of bringing parents in as class advisors to help the teachers out with fundraising and planning events such as prom and graduation.

### Informational

- A. FFA - Trip to Nationals Recap
  - a. Elise Crago, Preston Hastings, Ava McKamey, Katie Skasick, Cassidy Sewak and Emilie Crago shared their experience at National FFA in Indianapolis with the Board.

### Staff Reports

- A. Michelle Price, EL Principal
  - a. MCEL conference
  - b. Parent teacher conferences - great turnout and thank you to PTA for providing food
  - c. EL Halloween parade
  - d. Surveyed parents about priorities - highest importances were student behaviors are taught directly and student expectations/rule
  - e. Talking about how to separate grading/behavior
  - f. Getting ready for next week of benchmark testing first week of December.
- B. Nichole Pieper, JH/HS Principal
  - a. Parent teacher conferences
  - b. ALICE (Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate) drills last PIR
  - c. Art program to purchase child(ren)s artwork on products
  - d. Social Studies game night

- e. Awards Assembly - Wednesday, November 26th during 7th period
- f. Veterans Day Assembly
- C. Sonja Mazaira, AD
  - a. Fall sports concluded and winter sports starting Thursday November 21st
  - b. Badger invite December 6-7th
  - c. Tip-Off tournament December 13-14th
  - d. Hosted Divisional volleyball tournament
  - e. FFA competed at JDAE - 35 kids and all did very well
  - f. Turkey Bingo on Thursday November 21st
  - g. Honor Band in Shelby December 1st
  - h. Coaching staff is working on lettering policy
  - i. Reviewing illegal substance policy
- D. Rick Miller, Superintendent
  - a. 1st Quarter GPA
  - b. Staff Absences
    - i. Down 80 from last year for the month of October.
  - c. Student Absences
    - i. Down 330 student absences from last year
  - d. Smarter Balance Results
  - e. School Board involved in Principal evaluation process
- E. Karsen Drury, District Clerk
  - a. General Fund Budget - down 2% from average last 4 years
  - b. Started audit

## Board Report

- A. Board Training Report
- B. Board Evaluation
- C. Delegate Assembly
- D. MCEL Report

## New Business

- A. Consideration of Recommendation for Paraprofessional, Jennifer Ward  
 John Rumney moved, seconded by Iain McGregor to approve the recommendation to hire Jennifer Ward as paraprofessional for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year.  
 Passed unanimously.
- B. Consideration of Recommendation to for part-time JH/HS FCS Teacher, Peggy Strobbe  
 Ruth Mortag moved, seconded by John Rumney to approve the recommendation to hire Peggy Strobbe as FCS teacher for the 2019-2020 spring semester.  
*Board Discussion:* A retired teacher may return to work after 150 days of separation.  
 Passed unanimously.

- C. Consideration of Recommendation for HS Wrestling Assistant Coach, Pat Ober  
Iain McGregor moved, seconded by Chris Boland to approve the recommendation to hire Pat Ober as High School Wrestling Assistant Coach for the 2019-2020 school year.  
Passed unanimously.
- D. Consideration of Recommendation for JH Wrestling Head Coach, Pat Ober  
Chris Boland moved, seconded by John Rumney to approve the recommendation to hire Pat Ober as Junior high Wrestling Head Coach for the 2019-2020 school year.  
Passed unanimously.
- E. Consideration of Recommendation for JH Boys Basketball Head Coach, Kendra Lane  
John Rumney moved, seconded by Iain McGregor to approve the recommendation to hire Kendra Lane as Junior High Boys Basketball Head Coach for the 2019-2020 school year.  
Passed unanimously.
- F. Consideration of Recommendation for JH Girls Basketball Head Coach, Jeanne McKamey  
Ruth Mortag moved, seconded by John Rumney to approve the recommendation to hire Kendra Lane as Junior High Girls Basketball Head Coach for the 2019-2020 school year.  
Passed unanimously.
- G. Consideration of Recommendation for JH Boys Basketball Assistant Coach, Raija Buley  
Chris Boland moved, seconded by Iain McGregor to approve the recommendation to hire Raija Buley as Junior High Boys Basketball Assistant Coach for the 2019-2020 school year.  
Passed unanimously.
- H. Consideration of Recommendation for CASE Curriculum/Science Credit  
Iain McGregor moved, seconded by Ruth Mortag to approve the recommendation to adopt the CASE curriculum and allow for the ability to apply the class towards a science elective.  
Passed unanimously.
- I. Consideration of Recommendation to Open Activity Account, Junior Class Trip  
John Rumney moved, seconded by Iain McGregor to approve the recommendation to open a Junior Class Trip activity account.  
*Board Discussion:* The students will earn funding towards their trip determined by how many hours they work.  
Passed unanimously.
- J. Consideration of Recommendation for Gym Floor Reconditioning  
Chris Boland moved, seconded by Ruth Mortag to approve the recommendation to to recondition the gym floors.  
John Rumney moved to amend the motion to specify “north” gym. Seconded by Chris Boland.  
*Board Discussion:* Two bids were conducted. Western Sports Floors was the lowest bidder, they have reputable review and are or have done gym floors in our area. The price on the bid should

be final, as long as no additional logos or colors are added to the current mock-up.  
Passed unanimously.

K. Required Policy & Revision Update

Ruth Mortag moved, seconded by Chris Boland to approve and adopt the required policies as listed.

Passed unanimously.

L. Policy Revision & Update - First Reading

Iain McGregor moved, seconded by John Rumney to approve the first reading of the revised and updated policies as listed.

Passed unanimously.

M. Consent Agenda

1. Minutes Regular Board Meeting, October 15, 2019

3. Business Claims (6458-6495)

4. Student Activity Account

5. Individual Transportation Contracts

6. Student Attendance Agreements

7. Sub List

Chris Boland moved, seconded by Iain McGregor to approve the consent agenda as listed.

Passed unanimously.

RECESS: 7:46 - 7:58

N. Trustee Candidate Interviews & Appointment

The Board interviewed candidates Rick Cummings and Chris Wilson. Upon completion of the interviews, Chairman Val Folwer called for a nomination. Ruth Mortag nominated Chris Wilson. Chris Boland seconded the nomination. Chairman Fowler asked if there were any other nominations. John Rumney nominated Rick Cummings. Iain McGregor seconded the nomination. The Board then deliberated on the nominations. After deliberation, Chairman Fowler asked for a motion.

Ruth Mortag moved to appoint Chris Wilson to fill the vacant trustee position whose term will expire on May 5, 2020. Chris Boland seconded the motion. Chairman Fowler then asked for public comment.

Pam Marquis made public comment in support of Mr. Wilson

Jodie Campbell made public comment in support of Mr. Wilson.

Nichole Pieper made public comment in support of Mr. Wilson.

The Board passed the motion unanimously.

O. Oath of Office

The Trustee Oath of Office was given to Chris Wilson by District Clerk, Karsen Drury. Mr. Wilson was seated with the Board.

P. Nominate and Select Vice-Chair

Iain McGregor moved to appoint John Rumney as Vice-Chair. Chris Wilson seconded the motion.  
Passed unanimously.

Q. Appoint New Trustees to Committees

Chris Wilson was appointed to the Transportation and Policy Committee. Val Fowler was moved from the Policy Committee and appointed to the Negotiations committee.

**Announcements**

- A. Regular School Board Meeting December 19, 2019 at 6:00 pm

**Board Meeting Evaluation**

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

**Adjournment**

At 8:51 pm Iain McGregor moved, seconded by John Rumney to adjourn.  
Passed unanimously.

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Val Fowler, Board Chair

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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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