

## Regular Meeting

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Cascade School District 3B

Board of Trustees

August 17, 2021 - 6:00 pm

### Board Members Present

#### High School Board

John Rumney - Chair

Iain McGregor - Vice Chair

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, Michelle Price, Nichole Pieper, Sonja Mazaira, Jeremy Butcher, Ray Castellanos

John Rumney - Board Chair, called the Board of Trustees meeting to order at 6:02 pm. The Board said the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Rumney asked for public comment on non-agenda items.

### Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

- A. Jeremy Butcher made public comment in regards to meaningful employee involvement, vision, goals.

### Informational

- A. Letter of Resignation - Julie Small, JH/HS Social Studies Teacher

### Staff Reports

- A. Michelle Price, EL Principal
  - a. Current enrollments: EK-5 has 146 students, including 26 new students.
  - b. Math Night will be held on September 14th. It will be an opportunity for teachers to work with students and play games that help with math. Parent involvement is encouraged.
- B. Nichole Pieper, JH/HS Principal
  - a. Review of Back to School PIR Trainings
  - b. Current enrollments: 7-8 has 55 students, and 9-12 has 83 students.
  - c. There are 9 students taking dual enrollments.
  - d. Fastbridge assessment will be starting soon.
  - e. CHAMPS in-service training
- C. Sonja Mazaira, AD
  - a. Fall sports are all fully staffed with coaches.

- b. Volleyball, Football and Cross Country all have their first competitions coming up.
  - c. Cascade will be hosting a XC meet on October 9th.
  - d. FFA is preparing to go to Nationals - Ag Com is doing a virtual competition Aug 18 - 2 teams going to nationals/7 kids total.
- D. Rick Miller, Superintendent
  - a. COVID-19
    - i. HB - vaccination discrimination
  - b. ESSER Funds - Making plans for the funds.
  - c. Reviewing Strategic Plan - MTSBA will be scheduling a work session.
- E. Karsen Drury, Business Manager
  - a. Trustees Financial Statement
  - b. CHRI Audit

## Board Report

- A. Transportation Committee Meeting
  - a. *Iain McGregor presented the Transportation Committee Minutes (available in the Board Packet).*
- B. Finance Committee Meeting
  - a. *Minutes available in the Board Packet*
- C. Board Training Hours
- D. Board Evaluation
  - a. July Board Evaluation

## New Business

- A. Consideration of Recommendation for HS Social Studies Teacher, Amanda Brown  
Ruth Mortag moved, seconded by Iain Iain McGregor to approve the recommendation to hire Amanda Brown as the HS Social Studies Teacher for SY2021-2022.  
Passed unanimously.
- B. Consideration of Recommendation for XCELL Assistants  
Chris Wilson moved, seconded by Ruth Mortag to approve the recommendation to hire Teresa Ghekiere, Brittany Hruska, Kelly Rumney and Ashtyn Schlotter as the XCELL Aides for SY2021-2022.  
Passed unanimously.
- C. Consideration of Recommendation for Cook, Joanne Vinson  
Rick Cummings moved, seconded by Iain McGregor to approve the recommendation to hire Joanne Vinson as cook for SY2021-2022.  
Passed unanimously.
- D. Consideration of Recommendation for Fall Coaches SY2021-2022

Iain McGregor moved, seconded by Chris Wilson to approve the recommendation to hire the fall coaches, as listed, for SY2021-2022.

Passed unanimously.

E. Consideration of Recommendation for SY2021-2022 Advisors

Rick Cummings moved, seconded by Iain McGregor to approve the recommendation to hire the advisors, as listed, for SY2021-2022.

Passed unanimously.

F. Consideration of Recommendation for Bus Driver Recruitment Bonus

Iain McGregor moved, seconded by Chris Wilson to approve the Bus Driver Recruitment Bonus.

The Board discussed the logistics of the bonus. They agreed another Transportation Committee Meeting would need to be held to finalize the details of the bonus and draft a contract.

Passed unanimously.

G. Consideration of Resolution to Decommission Obsolete Property

Chris Wilson moved, seconded by Iain McGregor to approve the resolution to decommission obsolete property.

The property to be decommissioned is the 2000 MCI Badger Bus. The Transportation Committee will meet to discuss a price for the sale of the bus.

Passed unanimously.

H. Recommended Policy Updates & Revisions - 2nd Reading

Ruth Mortag moved, seconded by Rick Cummings to approve the second reading of the recommended policy updates and revisions as listed.

Passed unanimously.

I. Consideration of Adoption of FY2022 Elementary Final Budget

Rick Cummings moved, seconded by Iain McGregor to approve and adopt the final Elementary Budget for FY2022.

Recess 7:04 - 7:11 p.m.

Passed unanimously.

J. Consideration of Adoption of FY2022 High School Final Budget

Chris Wilson moved, seconded by Iain McGregor to approve and adopt the final High School Budget for FY2022.

Passed unanimously.

K. MTSBA Region 5 Director Ballot

Rick Cummings moved, seconded by Ruth Mortag to vote for incumbent Val Fowler for MTSBA Region 5 Director.

Passed unanimously.

- L. Consent Agenda
  - a. Minutes of Regular Board Meeting, July 20, 2021
  - b. Business Claims
  - c. Student Activity Account
  - d. Student Attendance Agreements
  - e. Sub List

Rick Cummings moved, seconded by Val Fowler to approve the consent agenda.  
Passed unanimously.

### **Superintendent Evaluation (possible executive session)**

**7:53 - 8:36 p.m.**

### **Board Meeting Evaluation (I)**

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

### **Announcements (I)**

- A. Regular School Board Meeting, September 14, 2021

### **Adjournment (A)**

At 8:39 pm Chris Wilson moved, seconded by Iain McGregor to adjourn. Passed unanimously.

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John Rumney, 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: [www.cascade.k12.mt.us/District/1141-Board-Agendas-and-Packet.html](http://www.cascade.k12.mt.us/District/1141-Board-Agendas-and-Packet.html)*