

Regular Meeting

Cascade School District 3B

Board of Trustees

June 27, 2023 - 6:00 pm

Board Members Present

High School Board

John Rumney - Chair

Iain McGregor

Ruth Mortag

Rick Cummings

Chris Wilson

Mark McKamey

Elementary Board

John Rumney - Chair

Iain McGregor

Ruth Mortag

Rick Cummings

Chris Wilson

Others Present: Levi Collins, Karsen Floerchinger, Michelle Price, Wiley Aker, Tami Snyder

John Rumney - Board Chair, called the Board of Trustees meeting to order at 6:05 pm. The Board said the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Rumney asked for public comment on non-agenda items. There was no public comment.

Public Comment

Chris Wilson presented certificates and a flag for the school from his deployment.

Informational

- A. Letter of Resignation - JoAnn Vinson (cook)

Staff Reports

- A. Michelle Price
 - a. SBAC Data
- B. Levi Collins, Superintendent
 - a. Interviewing candidates
 - b. Summer maintenance projects
 - c. County Transportation Meeting
- C. Karsen Floerchinger, Business Manager
 - a. General Funds are 91% expended at the end of May compared to the four-year average of 86%.
 - b. June all fund budgets.

Board Report

- A. Negotiations Committee Meeting
 - a. Ruth Mortag recapped the negotiations committee meeting.

- B. Board Evaluation
- C. Board Training Hours

New Business

- A. 2023 MTSBA Association Business Ballot
Rick Cummings moved, seconded by Ruth Mortag to approve all issues presented on the MTSBA June 2023 Ballot.
Passed unanimously.
- B. Consideration of Recommendation for Elementary Teacher, Alexis Culp
Iain McGregor moved, seconded by Chris Wilson to approve the recommendation to hire Alexis Culp as Elementary Teacher for SY2023-2024, contingent upon background check results.
Mrs. Culp will be teaching the second Kindergarten class.
Passed unanimously.
- C. Consideration of Recommendation for Food Service Supervisor, Summer Schmidt
Rick Cummings moved, seconded by Iain McGregor to approve the recommendation to hire Summer Schmidt as Food Service Supervisor for SY2023-2024, contingent upon background check results.
Ms. Schmidt is set to start working on July 8th, if all goes as planned with her moving arrangements.
Passed unanimously.
- D. Consideration of Recommendation for XCELL! Director, Alezandria Guariglia
Ruth Mortag moved, seconded by Iain McGregor to approve the recommendation to hire Alezandria Guariglia as XCELL! Director for SY2023-2024.
Passed unanimously.
- E. Consideration of Recommendation for Bus Driver, Nada Cummings
Iain McGregor moved, seconded by Chris Wilson to approve the recommendation to hire Nada Cummings as Bus Driver for SY2023-2024, pending background check results.
Passed unanimously.
- F. Consideration of Recommendation for School Bus Purchase
Mark McKamey moved, seconded by Ruth Mortag to approve the purchase of the school bus.
With the combining of several routes due to the lack of bus drivers, a bigger bus would be needed to accommodate all 60+ students on the Wolf Creek/HWY 91 route. A 77-passenger bus was recommended for purchase. It was also noted that several busses have been decommissioned and are currently listed for sale.
Passed unanimously.

G. Consideration of Recommendation for Salary Lane Change, Lynn Formell

Rick Cummings moved, seconded by Iain McGregor to approve the request for salary lane change for Lynn Formell for SY2023-2024.

The Board discussed possible precedents that may be set if they were to grant an exception to policy for the requested salary lane change. It was discussed why the deadline was put in place, and it was determined that for the purpose of negotiations and requests for salary increases, it was a financial safeguard for the District. The board acknowledged that it is their duty to enforce the policy as written.

All opposed; motion fails.

H. Consideration of School Safety & Rural School Issues Stipend, Levi Collins

Chris Wilson moved, seconded by Iain McGregor to approve the School Safety & Rural Schools Issue Stipend for Levi Collins for SY2023-2024.

The board inquired about the duties that were required under this stipend. The negotiations committee explained that an abundance of additional duties were now required of a school representative with the passage of the county safety levy, such as serving as an ambassador and attending meetings. In order to compensate the school representative for the additional time to perform those duties, the negotiations committee proposed an additional stipend. Levi Collins was selected as the ambassador to conduct these duties. It was discussed that the need for this stipend would be reevaluated annually. It was also proposed that these duties may be added to the Superintendent job description in the future. The stipend amount was based on a percentage of the current Superintendent salary (roughly 9%).

Passed unanimously.

I. Consideration of K1-12 Principal Contract, Michael Wilson

Rick Cummings moved, seconded by Iain McGregor to approve the K1-12 Principal contract for Michael Wilson for SY2023-2024.

Passed unanimously.

J. Consideration of Business Manager/District Clerk Contract, Karsen Floerchinger

Chris Wilson moved, seconded by Iain McGregor to approve the K1-12 Principal contract for Michael Wilson for SY2023-2024.

Mrs. Floerchinger negotiated a salary increase.

Passed unanimously.

K. Consideration of Transportation Supervisor Contract, Wiley Aker

Iain McGregor moved, seconded by Mark McKamey to approve the Transportation Supervisor Contract, Wiley Aker, for SY2023-2024.

Mr. Aker negotiated the addition of district-paid health insurance at the same rate as certified staff.

Passed unanimously.

- L. Consideration of Maintenance Supervisor Contract, Bryan Smith
Mark McKamey moved, seconded by Chris Wilson to approve the Maintenance Supervisor Contract, Wiley Aker, for SY2023-2024.
Mr. Smith negotiated an hourly wage increase.
Passed unanimously.

- M. Consideration of Recommendation of Bus Routes, SY2023-2024
Mark McKamey moved, seconded by Iain McGregor to approve the Bus Routes for SY2023-2024.
The length of the routes and possible scenarios in getting kids off in a shorter period of time was discussed. A waiver for students who will be on the bus for over an hour was discussed, as well as the possibility of individual transportation contracts.
Passed unanimously.

- N. Consideration of Recommendation for Early K Program
Rick Cummings moved, seconded by Ruth Mortag to approve the Early K Program for SY2023-2024.
13 students are currently enrolled.
Passed unanimously.

- O. Consideration of Annual MSGIA Property and Liability Insurance Renewal FY2023-2024
Iain McGregor moved, seconded by Ruth Mortag to approve the MSGIA Property & Liability Insurance Renewal for FY2023-2024.
The coverage of the policy was discussed, as well as the cost.
Passed unanimously.

- P. Consideration of Annual MSGIA Workers Compensation Renewal FY2023-2024
Iain McGregor moved, seconded by Ruth Mortag to approve the MSGIA Workers Compensation Renewal for FY2023-2024.
Passed unanimously.

- Q. Consideration of Annual MTSBA Membership Renewal FY2023-2024
Rick Cummings moved, seconded by Iain McGregor to approve the MTSBA Membership Renewal for FY2023-2024.
The cost and value of the membership was discussed.
Passed unanimously.

- R. Stockmens Bank Signature Updates
Iain McGregor moved, seconded by Mark McKamey to approve the signature updates for the Stockmens Bank accounts.
Passed unanimously.

- S. Resolution to Decommission Obsolete Property

Chris Wilson moved, seconded by Iain McGregor to approve the Resolution to Decommission Obsolete Property.
Passed unanimously.

T. Resolution to Cancel Stale or Outstanding Warrants

Iain McGregor moved, seconded by Ruth Mortag to approve the recommendation to cancel the stale dated warrants as listed.
Passed unanimously.

U. Resolution to Close Activity Account, Class of 2023

Mark McKamey moved, seconded by Iain McGregor to approve the recommendation to close the Class of 2023 activity account.
Passed unanimously.

V. Resolution to Open Activity Account, Class of 2027

Iain McGregor moved, seconded by Chris Wilson to approve the recommendation to open the Class of 2027 activity account.
Passed unanimously.

W. Resolution to Transfer to Compensated Absences Fund

Rick Cummings moved, seconded by Iain McGregor to approve the recommendation to transfer year-end monies from the General Fund to the Compensated Absences Funds, as authorized by 20-9-512, MCA.
Passed unanimously.

X. Resolution to Transfer to Interlocal Agreement Fund

Ruth Mortag moved, seconded by Chris Wilson the recommendation to transfer year-end monies from the general funds to the interlocal agreement fund.
Year-end projections were presented to the board with three options:
Option 1 - transfer the largest amount of year-end monies to the interlocal fund from the general & transportation funds.
Option 2a - after filling reserves, reappropriate remaining monies to lower the tax levies.
Option 2b - after filling reserves, transfer the remaining monies to the interlocal agreement.
Rick Cummings moved to amend the motion, seconded by Ruth Mortag to transfer year-end monies from the general and transportation funds to the interlocal agreement fund, after filling reserves (option 2b). Passed unanimously.
Passed unanimously.

Y. Consent Agenda (Appendix D)

- a. Minutes of Regular Board Meeting, May 16, 2023
- b. Minutes of Organizational Board Meeting, May 16, 2023
- c. Business Claims

- d. Student Activity Account
- e. Sub List
- f. Student Attendance Agreements

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

Iain McGregor moved, seconded by Rick Cummings to table the student attendance agreement denial from the consent agenda. Passed unanimously.

Passed unanimously.

Board Meeting Evaluation (I)

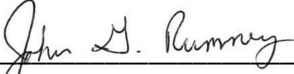
- A. Complete evaluation and turn into Mr. Collins.

Announcements (I)

- A. Regular School Board Meeting, July 18, 2023
- B. Facilities Committee Meeting - July 6, 2023
- C. Policy Committee Meeting - TBD in July
- D. Upcoming Trainings

Adjournment (A)

At 7:42 pm Iain McGregor moved, seconded by Rick Cummings to adjourn. Passed unanimously.



John Rumney, Board Chair



ATTEST: Karsen Floerchinger, District Clerk

Date Signed 07/18/2023

For additional details on items presented in the minutes of the meeting, please see the coinciding board agenda found on Cascade Public Schools' webpage: www.cascade.k12.mt.us/District/1141-Board-Agendas-and-Packet.html