

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SD #58 YELLOWSTONE COUNTY
BILLINGS, MT 59106

February 17, 2021

Board Chair Mitch Burns called a regular Board of Trustees meeting to order at 12:05 p.m. on February 17, 2021. The meeting was in the conference room and via Zoom.

PRESENT: Mitch Burns, Michael Chandler and Chris Myers (zoom). Absent: none.
Superintendent Keith Tresch, Principal Cass Cole, Dwight VonSchriltz and Clerk Roger Heimbigner were present.

GUESTS: none

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance.

**HEARING OF
INDIVIDUALS/
CORRESPONDENCE**

Letter was received indicating the intent for the certified union to negotiate. Michael Chandler and Supt. Tresch will meet with the negotiation committee

APPROVE ADDITION

A motion was made by Michael Chandler, seconded by Chris Myers to approve adding April Kjerstad's resignation. Motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Items for Action

Approve Minutes for January 21, 2021

Chris Myers moved, seconded by Michael Chandler to approve the minutes of January 21st, 2021. Motion passed unanimously.

Approve Bills for January/February

A motion was made by Michael Chandler, seconded by Chris Myers to approve the bills for payment. Motion passed unanimously.

Approve Hiring

Michael Chandler moved, seconded by Chris Myers to approve the hiring of Anita Hauff as a Behavior Specialist and Jake Smith as a Custodian. Motion passed unanimously. Supt. Tresch stated that Jake Smith will be paid under the Covid funding.

Approve Resignations

Chris Myers moved, seconded by Michael Chandler to approve the resignations of Kayla Hageman and April Kjerstad. Motion passed unanimously.

Approve DS Tuition Agreements

Michael Chandler moved, seconded by Chris Myers to approve day school tuition agreements to MF – 5th grade, ZH – 2nd grade, and BH – 9th grade. Motion passed unanimously.

Approve Policy 1310 Update

A motion was made by Michael Chandler, seconded by Chris Myers to approve adding new language to Policy 1310. The new language is to ensure that the Academy adopts/follows applicable YBGR policies/procedures to ensure the safe and efficient operation of the facilities. Motion passed unanimously. Supt. Tresch stated they are trying to make sure that YBGR and the Academy have similar policies and don't conflict. The Academy will add an Appendix to their Policy book.

Approve Next Board Meeting Time and Date

Michael Chandler moved, seconded by Chris Myers to approve the next board meeting to be Wednesday, March 24th, 2021 at 12:00 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Superintendent Report

Supt. Keith Tresch reported on the following:

- 1) Supt Tresch stated that he and Dwight VonSchriltz are working through the Day Treatment COA update that is due on March 1st;
- 2) Supt. Tresch stated the Cognia Review is still not available on their website and there is no official letter received verifying certification;
- 3) Supt. Tresch reviewed with the board the Covid Grants that the Academy has or will receive. The latest funding is for \$479,000 which will pay for additional aides, a custodian and to help pay for employees that were paid under Medicaid funds

which have been substantially reduced during the pandemic. The funding received is much less than originally estimated. It is still estimated that there will be \$50,000 for other items pertaining to Covid related expenses.

- 4) Supt. Tresch informed the board that they are still working with OPI on tuition for last year amounting to about \$184,000. The Academy may not receive this funding;
- 5) Supt. Tresch asked the board for their input on the 2021-22 school calendar. The calendar is similar to the current year's calendar. Schools are required to have 180 pupil days and 7 pupil-instruction related days. The Academy also has summer school that is normally 38-39 days long. To be determined are trainings, early outs, etc.

Trustee Report

Mitch Burns asked what the impact that HB143 might have on the Academy. Clerk Roger Heimbigner replied that our starting wage is already over 10 times the Quality Ed payment. The Academy might receive some additional funding for teachers in their first three years of teaching but there will be no obligation to address these beginning teacher salaries since we are over the minimum.

Adjournment:

Michael Chandler moved, seconded by Chris Myers to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously. Adjournment was at 12:28 p.m. Next meeting is scheduled for March 24th, 2021 at noon.

Mitch Burns, Chairman

Roger Heimbigner, Clerk