

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

October 15, 2012

Chair Mike Larson called this regularly scheduled Board of Trustees meeting to order at 3:45 p.m.

PRESENT: John Dailey, Rishay Watson, Mike Larson, Mike Sullivan, Keith Tresch and Roger Heimbigner. Member absent: None. A quorum was present.

GUESTS: Tom Barrett and Pat Montgomery.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance.

OLD MINUTES John Dailey moved and Rishay Watson seconded the motion to approve the September 17th, 2012 minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE FROM CLERK None

HEARING OF INDIVIDUALS Pat Montgomery expressed her concerns with the posting of the board meetings 48 hours in advance. Supt. Sullivan replied that he came in Saturday to post the notice. Supt. Sullivan noted that the District is full compliance of Montana School Law (20-3-322) Section 2, (b): *Adequate notice of the meeting as well as an agenda must be provided to the public in advanced.* Supt. Sullivan also noted that the board has a policy that establishes the regular school board meetings on the 3rd Monday of each month at 3:30. (*Policy #1400, reviewed and approved on 9/21/2009.*)

OLD BUSINESS None

NEW BUSINESS **Bills** - bills were submitted for approval. Rishay Watson moved, seconded by Mike Larson to approve the bills. Supt. Sullivan stated he was going to talk with Vertex to negotiate down the monthly cost. Clerk Roger Heimbigner stated the financial literacy books were paid by credit card and then to vendor so will need to

be corrected. A motion was voted on the approval of the bills and passed unanimously.

Board Policy Update

Supt. Sullivan presented to the board the following board policies:

Policy 1610	Annual Goals and Objectives
Policy 2312	Copyright
Policy 2312P	Copyright Compliance
Policy 2332	Religion and Religious Activities
Policy 2333	Participation in Commencement Exercises
Policy 2335	Health Enhancement
Policy 3600F1	Student Records
Policy 3600P	Student Records – Maintenance
Policy 4331	Use of School Property for Posting Notices
Policy 8425	Service Animals

Supt. Sullivan stated that Yellowstone Academy contracts with MTSBA for policy services and these are the policies that are either required or being recommended. The board discussed each policy. Changes made to policies that were submitted for approval were as follows:

Policy 1610 – leave policy as it currently is
Policy 2312 – board discussed the need for training to follow
Policy 2332 – board discussed Yellowstone Academy being a private high school and the guidelines they should follow pertaining to religious affiliations being restricted. Supt. Sullivan will get an opinion from Larry Martin. Policy will stay as is until addressed in November.

Rishay Watson moved, seconded by John Dailey to approve all the policies presented with the exception of Policy 2332 – Religion and Religious Activities and keeping Policy 1610 – Annual Goals and Objectives the way it currently is. Motion passed unanimously.

Bus Route

Supt. Sullivan presented the bus route for the 2012-13 school year for approval (65.2 miles roundtrip) A motion was made by John Dailey, seconded by Mike Larson for approval of the bus route. Motion passed unanimously.

Superintendent Report

Supt. Sullivan reported on the following:

1. Supt. Sullivan discussed with the board APM and CPM concerns and the possibility of using a Stabilization Model instead of the Brekke Model. This would place youth in the lodge for school and therapeutic services. The team will make the final decision;
2. Supt. Sullivan reported on the Collaborative Problem Solving Model by Ross Green which looks at kids with behavioral problems and approaches this as a learning disability. They survey to see what skills are missing and then address teaching those skills that are missing;
3. Supt. Sullivan reported that the union approved having the pay date being the last day of the month instead of the 1st day of the following month.
4. The board discussed how teachers are doing with the additional hours that are required as part of their contract. The board discussed many of the opportunities that could be used including Alberta Bair opportunities, MSU Billings athletic events, make a meal using the kitchen area, doing something in school to replace harvest party, etc. John Dailey stated that after-school is most requested time but it also has the most conflicts.

Executive Session

Chairman Mike Larson stated “I have determined that the next matter to come before the board for consideration involves a legal matter. Further, the demands of individual privacy in this matter clearly exceeds the merits of public disclosure. Therefore, I am declaring this portion of the meeting closed in accordance with Section 2-3-203(3) MCA”.

Open Session

No action was taken.

Adjournment

A motion was made by John Dailey, seconded by Rishay Watson to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment: 4:45 p.m.

Mike Larson, Chair

Roger Heimbigner, Clerk