

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

March 26, 2025

Chair Michael Chandler called a regular Board of Trustees meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. on March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025. The meeting was held in the Board conference room.

PRESENT: Skyler Carroll, Lacey Jones and Michael Chandler were present at call to order. Superintendent Keith Tresch, Dwight Von Schriltz, Cass Cole and Business Manager/Clerk Laurie Hickethier were present.

GUESTS: Guests present were Lorelei Rosales and Tammy Rea.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance.

**HEARING OF  
INDIVIDUALS/  
CORRESPONDENCE**

None

**APPROVE ADDITION**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Items for Action**

**Approve Minutes for February 21, 2025**

A motion was made by Lacey Jones, seconded by Skyler Carroll to approve the minutes of February 21, 2025. Motion passed unanimously.

**Approve Bills for February 2025**

A motion was made by Lacey Jones, seconded by Skyler Carroll to approve the bills for payment. Motion passed unanimously.

**Approve New Hires**

Supt. Tresch stated there are no new hires.

**Approve Resignations**

Supt. Tresch presented the following resignations:

1. Chris Koltes – Verbal resignation to Supt. Tresch on Feb 28, 2025
2. McKenzie Grubbs – will resign as of June 30, 2025

Lacey Jones motioned to approve the resignations. Second to the motion was Skyler Carroll. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Approve School Calendar**

Supt. Tresch presented the proposed school calendar for 2025-2026. The Summer session is proposed to be 110 minutes per period with 33 days, which would end the days a touch later than from past calendars. The 25-26 regular school year would have 180 days with 7 PIR days, which would start Aug 25, 2025, and end June 5, 2026, with one early release at Noon on Dec 23, 2025, for a staff get together. Lacey Jones motioned to approve the 2025-2026 school calendar. Second to the motion was Skyler Carroll. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Approve Tool for Superintendent Evaluation**

A proposed Superintendent evaluation tool was presented to the Board of Trustees by Clerk Hickethier. The Board of Trustees stated that each Trustee will fill out the evaluation independently to be presented to Supt. Tresch at the April board meeting. Lacey Jones motioned to approve the new Superintendent Evaluation Tool. Second to the motion was Skyler Carroll. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Indemnification, Joint Defense Agreement – Legal Action Pursuant to MCA2-9-305 – Possible Closed Session**

Board Chair Michael Chandler stated with regard to the Indemnification and Joint Defense Agreement on the agenda, pursuant to Montana law, he has determined that the individual rights of privacy clearly exceed the merits of public disclosure. At 12:10 PM, he is convening the board in an executive, closed, session and will ask that all individuals, with the exception of the individual involved in this matter, and their representative, and the administration, and the administration's representative, leave the room.

At 12:15 PM, Board Chair Michael Chandler re-opened the Board Meeting with no motions being made in closed session.

### **Approve Indemnification - TR**

Lacey Jones moved to provide a defense to Tammy Rea, an employee of School District #58, pursuant to MCA 2-9-305 in the suit brought by Charlise Sletten in Yellowstone County District

Court, Cause No. DV 2025-0148 and to indemnify her and hold her harmless against any expenses relating to the defense and judgment for damages that may be entered against her. Further, Lacy Jones moved that the defense indemnification be withdrawn should the Trustees determine that Ms. Rea had not acted in the course and scope of her employment or is otherwise ineligible for indemnification as set forth in MCA 2-9-305. Second to the motion was Skyler Carroll. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Approve Joint Defense Agreement - YBGR**

Lacy Jones moved to adopt the March 26, 2025, Joint Defense Agreement and authorize Michael Chandler, Board Chair, to sign on behalf of School District #58. Second to the motion was Skyler Carroll. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Superintendent Report**

Supt. Tresch reported on the following:

- 1) Teacher Negotiations – Supt. Tresch stated teacher negotiations are underway. A few of the items being discussed are longer hours for the summer days, change to a 30 minute lunch from the 50 minute lunch, salary matrix raises, summer pay and potentially a flexible schedule for certified staff – for example, to work a full 8 hours a day but come 15 early every day and leave 15 minutes early every afternoon. Certified staff would clock in every day for additional security reasons as well.
- 2) Clerk Hicketier has contacted MTSBA in regard to the Parental Rights Policy Discussion brought up by Mr. Frick a couple months ago in regard to pronouns for students. MTSBA asked YA to wait to make any changes until this legislative session is through as there is another bill that may potentially pass that discusses this as well.
- 3) Graduation – the graduation day was posted with the wrong date and time and will be held on May 30<sup>th</sup> at 12:30PM. There are currently 7 graduates this year.
- 4) OPI Accreditation has been submitted for 2025. The results should be available around August 2025 and will be submitted to the board upon receipt.
- 5) Dwight Von Schiltz just received notice before the board meeting that he has a short window, approx. 9 days to get the Mental Health Accreditation information submitted for COA.

**Adjournment:**

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, Chair Michael Chandler called to adjourn. This meeting adjourned at 12:38 p.m. Next meeting is the scheduled for Wednesday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 12:30 p.m.

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Michael Chandler, Board Chair

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Laurie Hicketier, Clerk