

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

August 8, 2025

Chair Michael Chandler called a regular Board of Trustees meeting to order at 12:00p.m. on August 8th, 2025. The meeting was held in the Board conference room.

PRESENT: John Boeder and Michael Chandler were present at call to order. Trustee Lacey Jones was absent. Superintendent Keith Tresch, Dwight Von Schrittz, Cass Cole and Business Manager/Clerk Laurie Hickethier were present.

GUESTS: Guest present was Lorelei Rosales.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance.

**HEARING OF
INDIVIDUALS/
CORRESPONDENCE**

None

APPROVE ADDITION

None

NEW BUSINESS

Items for Action

Approve Trustees Report

Business Manager Laurie Hickethier reviewed the FY2024-2025 Trustees Financial Summary with the board. A motion was made by John Boeder, seconded by Michael Chandler to approve the FY2024-2025 Trustees Financial Summary. Motion passed unanimously.

Approve Yellowstone Academy Elementary K-8 Budget

Business Manager Laurie Hickethier reviewed the FY26 Budget Report with the board. A motion was made by John Boeder, seconded by Michael Chandler to approve the FY26 Budget. Motion passed unanimously.

Approve YBGR Contracts

Supt. Tresch stated the YBGR/YA Mental Health contract allows YA to be under the umbrella of the YBGR Mental Health Department and to utilize the Evolve program. Evolve allows YA

to bill Medicare and YBGR receives 6% back from that monthly bill to pay for the Evolve program.

The YBGR/YA Day School Rental Agreement states beginning July 1, 2025, YA will rent the property located at 1732 South 72nd Street West from YBGR the sum of \$10,054.11 per month.

John Boeder moved, seconded by Michael Chandler to approve the YBGR/YA Mental Health Contract and the YBGR/YA Day School Rental Agreement. John Boeder asked that the Tuition contract be on the September 2025 agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

Approve Minutes for July 2025

A motion was made by John Boeder, seconded by Michael Chandler to approve the minutes of July 16, 2025. Motion passed unanimously.

Approve Bills for June 2025

A motion was made by John Boeder, seconded by Michael Chandler to approve the bills for July 2025. Motion passed unanimously.

Approve Supervision Contract

Supt. Tresch presented an agreement between YA and Malissa Steffes to assist in the capacity of “Clinical Supervisor” for two non-licensed therapists. A motion was made by John Boeder, seconded by Michael Chandler to approve the Aug 2025 – June 2025 Clinical Supervisor contract. Motion passed unanimously.

Approve New Hires

Supt. Tresch presented the following new hire to the board:

1. Tim Bartholomew – Para/Science Teacher
2. Ashley Cardwell – Administrative Assistant / Secretary

John Boeder motioned to approve the above new hires. Second to the motion was Michael Chandler. Motion passed unanimously.

Approve Resignations

Supt. Tresch presented the following resignations:

1. Cayce Morrison - Para
2. Rebecca Criddle – Para
3. Jason Thomas – Teacher
4. Trinity Rides The Bear - Para

John Boeder motioned to approve the resignations. Second to the motion was Michael Chandler. Motion passed unanimously.

Superintendent Report

Supt. Tresch reported on the following:

- 1) NWEA – Baseline and Progress Monitoring Invoice
- 2) Discovery Education – Nine Teachers attended training at Elder Grove
- 3) Proximity Learning – last month a presentation on Proximity Learning was heard by the board. Currently, with the new hire of Tim Bartholomew, YA does not need to utilize that service. Lisa Thacker will be overseeing that science classroom as well.
- 4) YA 25-26 Bell Schedule

**Yellowstone Academy
Daily Schedule 25-26
M, T, W, F**

Check In		8:15 – 8:30
Block 1	A/B	8:30 – 10:00 (90)
Block 2	A/B	10:00 – 11:30(90)
Daily Period 3 DS		11:30 – 12:20(50)
Lunch A PRTF		11:30 – 12:20(50)
Lunch B DS		12:20 – 1:10(50)
Daily Period 3 PRTF		2:20 – 1:10(50)
Block 4	A/B	1:10 – 2:40(90)
Check Out/Busses		2:40– 2:55

Thursday Early Out

Check In		8:15 – 8:30
Block 1	A/B	8:30 – 9:45 (75)
Block 2	A/B	9:45 – 11:00 (75)
Daily Period 3 DS		11:00 – 11:50 (50)
Lunch A PRTF		11:00 – 11:50 (50)
Lunch B DS		11:50 – 12:40 (50)
Daily Period 3 DS		11:50 – 12:40 (50)
Block 4	A/B	12:40 – 1:55 (75)
Check Out/Busses		1:55 – 2:05

Adjournment:

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, Chair Michael Chandler called to adjourn. This meeting adjourned at 12:35 p.m. Next meeting is the scheduled for Friday, September 17th, 2025, at 4:00 p.m.

Michael Chandler, Board Chair

Laurie Hicketier, Clerk