

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

July 16, 2025

Chair Michael Chandler called a regular Board of Trustees meeting to order at 12:05p.m. on July 16<sup>th</sup>, 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: Guests present were Eric Spelhaug and Lorelei Rosales.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance.

**HEARING OF  
INDIVIDUALS/  
CORRESPONDENCE**

Gil Green from Proximity Learning presented to the Board of Trustees information regarding the program to hire Montana licensed teachers online. Proximity Learning can be a stop gap or a long-term solution.

**APPROVE ADDITION** None

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Items for Action**

**Approve Proximity Learning – Teams Link**

Supt. Tresch stated that the cost for Proximity Learning for the first semester for 2025-2026 for teaching science two days per week is approximately \$65,000. With no qualified applicants for science this is an option that YA could take. Michael Chandler motioned to approve YA administration to hire Proximity Learning if needed beginning with first semester 2025-2026 school year. Second to the motion was John Boeder. Motion passed unanimously.

**Approve Minutes for June 2025 – Approve Bills for June 2025**

A motion was made by Michael Chandler, seconded by John Boeder to approve the minutes of June 25, 2025, and the bills for June 2025. Motion passed unanimously.

### **2025-2027 Olness Audit Contract**

A motion was made by Michael Chandler, seconded by John Boeder to approve the 2025-2027 Olness Audit Contract for YA. Motion passed unanimously.

### **YA district Students FP14s 2025-2026**

A motion was made by Michael Chandler, seconded by John Boeder to approve the FP14's for the YA District Students attending Elder Grove for 2025-2026. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Approve New Hires**

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

1. Richard Ingram-Hegenbart – Therapist beginning 7/14/25.
2. Daniel Ohling – Para
3. Rebecca Sadowski – Para
4. Cayce Morrison – Para
5. Trinity Rides a Bear - Para

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

### **Approve Resignations**

Supt. Tresch presented the following resignations:

1. Alexis Reyes-Mortero - Para
2. Sydney Galligher – Teacher
3. Hannah Roche – Summer Para
4. Cierra Loudon - Para

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

At this time, Chair Michael Chandler asked to move the closed session to the end of the meeting.

### **Superintendent Report**

Supt. Tresch reported on the following:

- 1) Cognia Accreditation should be completed by Jan/Feb and will be good for 5 years.

- 2) OPI Accreditation for the Private Schol Side High School is beginning. This will allow YA to provide a state accredited diploma as a private school.
- 3) SPED Audit Monitoring is also in the works to evaluate SPED processes.
- 4) MTSBA is offering school board training if the Board of Trustees would be interested in signing up for those.

### **Legal Update Pursuant to MCA2-9-305 – Possible Closed Session**

Board Chair Michael Chandler stated with regard to the Legal Update on the agenda, pursuant to Montana law, he has determined that the individual rights of privacy clearly exceed the merits of public disclosure. At 12:53 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 1:00 PM, Board Chair Michael Chandler re-opened the Board Meeting with no motions being made in closed session.

### **Adjournment:**

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, Chair Michael Chandler called to adjourn. This meeting adjourned at 1:02 p.m. Next meeting is the scheduled for Friday, August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 12:00 p.m. The regular scheduled meeting was moved to allow for time for the YA Annual Budget Meeting.

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Michael Chandler, Board Chair

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Laurie Hickethier, Clerk