

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

February 18th, 2026

Chair John Boeder called a regular Board of Trustees meeting to order at 12:00p.m. on February 18, 2026. The meeting was held in the Board conference room and via Teams.

PRESENT: John Boeder, Eric Spelhaug and Jerry Nash were present. Superintendent Keith Tresch, Dwight Von Schrlitz, Cass Cole and Business Manager/Clerk Laurie Hickethier were present.

GUESTS: There were no guests present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance.

**HEARING OF
INDIVIDUALS/
CORRESPONDENCE**

The Paraprofessional Union submitted a formal letter to open up negotiations. Chair John Boeder stated he would be interested in sitting on the committee for the negotiations.

APPROVE ADDITION

None

NEW BUSINESS

Items for Action

Approve Minutes for January 21, 2026

A motion was made by Jerry Nash, seconded by Eric Spelhaug to approve the minutes of January 21, 2026. Motion passed unanimously.

Approve Bills for January 2026

A motion was made by Jerry Nash, seconded by Eric Spelhaug to approve the bills for January 2026. Motion passed unanimously.

Approve New Hires

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

1. Jason Thomas – Summer Teacher; FY27 Teacher

John Boeder motioned to approve the above new hire. Second to the motion was Eric Spelhaug. Motion passed unanimously.

Approve Resignations

Supt. Tresch presented the following resignation to the board:

1. Sharon Voller – Teacher – as of June 5, 2026
2. Michelle Jutila – Teacher – as of June 5, 2026
3. Hannah Bentzel - Para – as of 2/2/2026

John Boeder motioned to approve the resignation. Second to the motion was Eric Spelhaug. Motion passed unanimously.

26-27 School Calendar

Supt. Tresch stated he will be presenting a proposed school calendar for the 26-27 school year at the March meeting. Lisa McDaniel has already expressed an interest in being on the calendar committee. Trustee Jerry Nash stated he would be interested in being on the committee as well.

Chair John Boeder at this time asked to conduct the Superintendent report before he calls the board into a closed session.

Superintendent Report

Supt. Tresch reported on the following:

- 1) Cognia – We received the review back – and YA received the 2nd highest score of MT schools. YA is good for 5 more years. Supt. Tresch is working to tie the Cognia accreditation process with the OPI accreditation in the future.
- 2) The Costco Spending limit was raised – without our request – to a higher limit due to the on-time payments.
- 3) As was stated earlier in the meeting, a letter from the Paraprofessional Committee to open negotiations was received.

At 12:18 p.m. Chair John Boeder moved that the Board enter executive session pursuant to Article II, Section 10 of the Montana Constitution § 2-3-203, MCA, to discuss legal strategy regarding pending/threatened litigation. Open discussion would compromise the Board's litigation position and the privacy interests involved clearly exceed the merits of public disclosure.

Board Chair John Boeder stated with regard to the Superintendent's Evaluation on the agenda, pursuant to Montana law, he has determined that the individual rights of privacy clearly

exceed the merits of public disclosure. At 12:35 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 12:50 PM, Board Chair John Boeder 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 John Boeder called to adjourn. This meeting adjourned at 12:51 p.m. Next meeting is the scheduled for Wednesday, March 18, 2026, at 12:00 p.m.

John Boeder, Board Chair

Laurie Hickethier, Clerk