

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

August 8<sup>th</sup> , 2023

Board Chair Michael Chandler called a regular Board of Trustees meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. on August 8<sup>th</sup> , 2023. The meeting was in the conference room.

PRESENT: Chris Myers and Michael Chandler. Absent: Lacey Jones. Superintendent Keith Tresch, Dwight VonSchriltz, Cass Cole, and Roger Heimbigner were present.

GUESTS: None

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 June 28<sup>th</sup> , 2023**

A motion was made by Chris Myers, seconded by Michael Chandler to approve the minutes of June 28<sup>th</sup> , 2023. Motion passed unanimously.

**Approve Bills for July/August 2023**

A motion was made by Chris Myers, seconded by Michael Chandler to approve the bills for payment and check listing. Motion passed unanimously.

**Approve New Hires**

A motion was made by Chris Myers, seconded by Michael Chandler to approve the following hires:

- 1) Cathy Hilario – Therapist;
- 2) Jose Reyes – Behavior Specialist;
- 3) Matt Onstad – Behavior Specialist;
- 4) Isabella Nunberg - Behavior Specialist;
- 5) Jevon Lulf – PE Teacher;
- 6) Rebecca Ward - Paraprofessional .

Motion passed unanimously.

### **Approve Resignations**

A motion was made by Chris Myers, seconded by Michael Chandler to approve the resignation of Tim Schnidt, Ashley Russell and Janii Elsenpeter (October 13<sup>th</sup>). Motion passed unanimously.

### **Approve Yellowstone Academy Trustee Report for 2022-23**

Clerk Roger Heimbigner reviewed with the board the financial statements for the 2023-24 school year. Roger stated the Academy is in a good financial position ending the year with a healthy cash reserve. A motion was made by Chris Myers, seconded by Michael Chandler to approve the Yellowstone Academy's Trustee Financial Report for the 2022-23 school year. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Approve Yellowstone Academy Budget for 2023-24**

Clerk Roger Heimbigner presented to the board the budget for the 2023-24 school year. Anticipated revenues for the year are projected to be about \$500,000 less than expected expenditures overall. This is based on the current reimbursement from YBGR for residential students at \$71 per day. This rate is being negotiated with the Office of Public Instruction and preliminary numbers indicate the reimbursement should be \$88 per day. If this happens the projected shortfall will be close to \$150,000. Tuition forecasted is based on previous year attendance and can vary year to year. With a cash reserve of close to \$3,000,000 and anticipated increase in OPI reimbursement to \$88 per day we should be in good shape at the end of the 2023-24 school year. We will need to monitor this on a year-to-year basis. A motion was made by Chris Myers, seconded by Michael Chandler to approve the 2023-24 Maefairs Budget. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Approve Next Board Meeting Time and Date**

Chris Myers moved, seconded by Michael Chandler to approve setting the next board meeting for Tuesday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at noon. Motion passed unanimously.

## **Superintendent Report**

Supt. Tresch reported on the following:

- 1) Supt. Tresch reported the first day of school will be August 21<sup>st</sup>;
- 2) The first day will be a PIR day and on the 22<sup>nd</sup> there will be a pot luck for all staff. The board is welcome to attend;
- 3) ACE PIR day is on the 28<sup>th</sup> of September and will be covering emotional poverty. This will be a great opportunity for staff;
- 4) Supt. Tresch suggested exploring an increase in tuition rates for day school going forward;
- 5) With a recent increase in classified wages by YBGR, the Academy will struggle to compete and keep employees. Supt. Tresch discussed the need to address this in upcoming negotiations.

## **Adjournment:**

Michael Chandler moved, seconded by Chris Myers to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously. Adjournment was at 1:00 p.m. Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 12:00 p.m.

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Michael Chandler, Board Chair

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Roger Heimbigner, Clerk