

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

January 20, 2019

Board Chair Mitch Burns called a regular Board of Trustees meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Mitch Burns and Michael Chandler. Absent: Chris Eide. Superintendent Keith Tresch, Dwight Von Schriltz and Clerk Roger Heimbigner(late by phone) were present.

GUESTS: Lorelei Rosales and Deanna Eggers-Hansen

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance.

**HEARING OF
INDIVIDUALS/
CORRESPONDENCE**

The Yellowstone Education Association sent a letter to the board requesting to open negotiations for the 2019-20 and 2020-21 school years. Board Chair Mitch Burns will assign a negotiation team for a February meeting.

APPROVE ADDITION None

NEW BUSINESS

Items for Action

Public Comment

Deanna Eggers-Hanson thanked the board for the new tires on the van.

Approve Consent Agenda

Michael Chandler moved, seconded by Mitch Burns to approve the minutes of December 19, 2018. A motion was made by Michael Chandler, seconded by Mitch Burns to approve the bills for payment. Both motions passed unanimously.

Approve Resignation

A motion was made by Michael Chandler, seconded by Mitch Burns to approve the resignations of Marissa Hollins and Elysia James. Motion passed unanimously.

Approve Hiring

A motion was made by Michael Chandler, seconded by Mitch Burns to approve the recommendation of Supt. Tresch to hire Anya Sansom and Damain Charete as full-time paraprofessionals. Motion passed unanimously.

Policy Updates

Supt. Keith Tresch presented to the board a policy for donated sick for certified and classified staff. The policy would provide a sick leave bank for up to 20 days of donated sick leave. The policy allows employees to donate into the bank and then allows employees to draw from the bank provided they have a doctor's note and it is approved by the Superintendent and the President of the Yellowstone Education Association. There was discussion by the board to look at other policies that other school districts have to come up with appropriate language. Discussion centered on taking out sick leave in half-day increments, what constitutes the use of the bank, not using this in conjunction with worker comp, and what degree of sickness it would apply to. Michael Chandler moved, seconded by Mitch Burns to approve the policy presented for first reading. Motion passed unanimously.

Superintendent Report

Supt. Keith Tresch updated the board on the following:

- 1) Murals are up in Heptner and look great! Cost was approximately \$1,200;
- 2) All the timeout rooms have been painted. There are inspiration quotes in the timeout rooms and the bathrooms;
- 3) There will be a Champs Book Study conference in July for certified staff;
- 4) Studded tires have been installed on the van;
- 5) Supt. Tresch stated that they are implementing some CD programming into the Day School. This will be a weekly event;
- 6) The Academy received a \$49,000 Telemedicine grant that will allow them to replace all the iPads with Chromebooks. Supt. Keith Tresch talked about the use of the dollars including monitoring Grad Point, managing the filter, and classroom management that goes with this grant. Mitch Burns asked what we are going to do with the old iPads. Keith replied that they will use them as incentives and will donate them to staff and kids based on different types of rewards.

- 7) Supt. Keith Tresch reported to the board on purchases they have made using REAP dollars which is a federal grant. Most of the purchases have been tech related.

Trustee Report

None

Adjournment:

Michael Chandler moved, seconded by Mitch Burns to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously. Adjournment was at 12:40 p.m. Next meeting is scheduled for Febryart 20th at noon.

Mitch Burns, Chairman

Roger Heimbigner, Clerk