

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

July 22, 2020

Board Chair Mitch Burns called a regular Board of Trustees meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. on July 22nd, 2020. The meeting was in the conference room.

PRESENT: Mitch Burns and Michael Chandler. Absent: Chris Eide. Superintendent Keith Tresch, Principal Cass Cole, Dwight VonSchriltz and Clerk Roger Heimbigner were present.

GUESTS: None

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance.

**HEARING OF
INDIVIDUALS/
CORRESPONDENCE**

None.

APPROVE ADDITION

Michael Chandler moved, seconded by Mitch Burns to add 3C-#4 Hiring Shannon McNERNEY and Approving Coop Representative. Motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Items for Action

Approve Minutes for June 24th, 2020

Michael Chandler moved, seconded by Mitch Burns to approve the minutes of June 24th, 2020. Motion passed unanimously.

Approve Bills

A motion was made by Michael Chandler, seconded by Mitch Burns to approve the bills for payment. Motion passed unanimously.

Appoint Hiring

Michael Chandler moved, seconded by Mitch Burns to approve the hiring of Emily Marrin, Ellen Kaline, Michelle Amoguis, and Shannon McNERNEY as paraprofessionals. Motion passed unanimously.

Approve Resignations

Michael Chandler moved, seconded by Mitch Burns to approve the resignations of Amanda Iffland, Julie Curtis, Karen Johnson and Melissa Sarday as paraprofessionals. Motion passed unanimously.

Declaration of Unforeseen Emergency

A motion was made by Michael Chandler, seconded by Mitch Burns to approve the following resolution:

Board of Trustees of Yellowstone Academy School District #58 declares an unforeseen emergency in accordance with MCA 20-9-801 through 20-9-806 due to the community and school health concerns related to COVID-19 and to authorize the administration to take necessary steps to execute and inform the public and government agencies of this declaration.. This declaration will be effective, retroactively from July 1, 2020 until June 30, 2021 or until Montana State Health Officials and/or the Governor's Office declare that the COVID-19 Pandemic emergency has subsided.

Motion passed unanimously.

Approve Next Board Meeting Time and Date

Michael Chandler moved, seconded by Mitch Burns to approve the next board meeting to be Wednesday, August 19th, 2020 at 12:00 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Approve Coop Representative

A motion was made by Michael Chandler, seconded by Mitch Burns to designate Keith Tresch as the authorized representative for the joint advisory committee for the Yellowstone West/Carbon County Special Services Cooperative. Motion passed unanimously.

Superintendent Report

Supt. Keith Tresch reported on the following:

- 1) Clerk Roger Heimbigner reported that there are no recommendations for corrections for the 2018-19 school audit recently completed by Wipfli;
- 2) Supt. Tresch reported that OPI granted about \$233,000 for the 2018-19 tuition for Montana Residential students attending YBGR and Yellowstone Academy;

- 3) Medicaid reimbursements have been drastically reduced due to the COVID situation. Supt. Tresch estimates that monthly revenues will be down about \$45,000 per month. The federal government has issued the District about \$180,000 in CARES money that is part of OPI dollars and an additional \$24,000 coming from the Governor's office. We are hoping to use these dollars to replace those lost Medicaid revenues;
- 4) Cognia Accreditation dates have been rescheduled to the second week in December;
- 5) Supt. Tresch stated the current fall reopening plan is to have the Academy Day School open if other schools in the area are open. The details will need to be worked out in terms of grouping, masks, staffing between residential and day school, etc.

Trustee Report

None

Adjournment:

Michael Chandler moved, seconded by Mitch Burns to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously. Adjournment was at 12:45 p.m. Next meeting is scheduled for August 19th, 2020 at noon.

Mitch Burns, Chairman

Roger Heimbigner, Clerk