

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

June 28th , 2023

Board Chair Michael Chandler called a regular Board of Trustees meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. on June 28th , 2023. The meeting was in the conference room.

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

GUESTS: Lorelei Rosales

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 April 19th and May 17th , 2023

A motion was made by Chris Myers, seconded by Michael Chandler to approve the minutes of April 19th, 2023. Chris Myers moved, seconded by Michael Chandler to approve the minutes of May 17th, 2023. Both motions passed unanimously.

Approve Bills for March/April 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 Canceled Warrants

Chris Myers moved, seconded by Michael Chandler to approve the canceled warrant list provided in the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

Approve New Hires

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

- 1) Lori Giesick – SpEd teacher summer and next year;
- 2) Mary Montgomery – math teacher 23-24;
- 3) Amanda Bagley – SpEd teacher 23-24;
- 4) Dan Porisch – summer behavior specialist;
- 5) Tim Schmidt – paraprofessional starting July 24th;
- 6) Ashley Russell – paraprofessional starting June 1st.

Motion passed unanimously.

Approve Resignations

A motion was made by Chris Myers, seconded by Michael Chandler to approve the resignation of Olivia Jenks, Eric Summers, Michelle Johansen and Tessa Beach. Motion passed unanimously. Supt Tresch stated that Jason Thomas will be taking a year off as well.

Approve 2023-2024 Contracts

Supt. Tresch recommended to the board to approve the following raises for the 2023-24 school year:

- 1) 3% raise for Behavior Specialists;
- 2) 6% raise to Therapists;
- 3) 5% raise for Administration staff;
- 4) 6.5% raise for Administration.
- 5) Teachers already negotiated their raise with an average of 6.9% raise.

Chris Myers moved, seconded by Michael Chandler to approve the 2023-24 contracts as recommended by Supt. Tresch. 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, August 8th, 2023 at noon. Motion passed unanimously.

Superintendent Report

Supt. Tresch reported on the following:

Supt. Tresch reviewed with the Board the conference that the administrators attended in Atlanta. The Academy is doing things well in a lot of areas. Motivational speaker was great and workshop on deescalating a situation in the first 20-30 seconds was very informative. Other workshops on emotional poverty and “Heart not Hammer” were very good as well. Supt. Tresch talked about the need to send more staff to these types of conferences.

Adjournment:

Michael Chandler moved, seconded by Chris Myers to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously. Adjournment was at 12:36 p.m. Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 8th, 2023 at 12:00 p.m.

Michael Chandler, Board Chair

Roger Heimbigner, Clerk