

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

March 29th , 2023

Board Chair Michael Chandler called a regular Board of Trustees meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. on March 29th , 2023. The meeting was in the conference room.

PRESENT: Lacey Jones, Chris Myers and Michael Chandler. Absent: none. Superintendent Keith Tresch, Cass Cole, Dwight Vanschriltz, and Roger Heimbigner (via TEAMS) were present.

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 February 15th , 2023

Chris Myers moved, seconded by Lacey Jones to approve the minutes of February 15th , 2023. Motion passed unanimously.

Approve Bills for February/March 2023

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

Approve New Hires

Chris Myers moved, seconded by Lacey Jones to approve hiring Hannah Roache as a paraprofessional as of March 27th and transferring Ricky Russiff from a paraprofessional to a behavior specialist starting after the break. Motion passed unanimously.

Approve Resignations

A motion was made by Chris Myers, seconded by Lacey Jones to approve the retirement letter from Tracy Preston effective at the end of the school year. Motion passed unanimously.

Approve 2023-24 School Calendar

Supt Tresch presented to the board the school calendar for the 2023-24. The calendar closely mirrors the Billings School's calendar. Supt. Tresch discussed the PIR days and how they fit in the calendar. PIR days are normally a 6 hour day. Chris Myers moved, seconded by Lacey Jones to approve the calendar for 23-24 as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Approve Required Policy Updates

Supt. Tresch talked to the board about the need to review and update the entire policy book. He talked about working on it this summer and go page by page comparing it to the MTSBA recommended policy language. The policies to be updated today were Policy 3120 0 Compulsory Attendance, Policy 3121 – Enrollment and Attendance Records, and Policy 3121P – Enrollment and Attendance Record Procedures. Chris Myers moved, seconded by Lacey Jones to approve the updated policies as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Approve Next Board Meeting Time and Date

Chris Myers moved, seconded by Lacey Jones to approve setting the next board meeting for Wednesday, April 19th, 2023 at noon. Motion passed unanimously.

Superintendent Report

Supt. Tresch reported on the following:

- 1) Supt. Tresch talked to the board about how the administration is working on converting the grading scale to a 0-4 scale instead of a percentage system. This would allow students to be able to catch up or not be penalized as much for receiving a zero grade;
- 2) Supt. Tresch stated he is looking into sending the administration team to a SEL/Grading Conference in mid-June in Atlanta. There are grant dollars available through OPI under the Title 1 Improvement grant;

- 3) Most of the summer staffing is in place, just waiting on a couple of people to respond;
- 4) Supt. Tresch reported they are advertising for an additional teacher hopefully in the science area;
- 5) Supt. Tresch said the message chairs are in place at the Paul Stock building and in the counselor office;
- 6) The Title 1 audit was completed and went pretty well. Supt. Tresch stated that they need to work on the parent involvement piece which of course can be difficult based on how the educational model works at the Academy;
- 7) Teacher negotiations has started. Supt. Tresch said he will need to get together with Michael and Roger to discuss some of the language items;
- 8) There is a health insurance meeting on Monday at 1:30;
- 9) There was discussion pertaining to security and the use of fobs or cards;
- 10) Each classroom has had an air filter installed in their classroom through a grant from DPHHS.

Adjournment:

Michael Chandler moved, seconded by Lacey Jones to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously. Adjournment was at 12:40 p.m. Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 19th , 2023 at 12:00 p.m.

Michael Chandler , Board Chair

Roger Heimbigner, Clerk