

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

April 21, 2021

Board Chair Mitch Burns called a regular Board of Trustees meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. on April 21st, 2021. The meeting was in the conference room and via Zoom.

PRESENT: Mitch Burns, Michael Chandler and Chris Myers (zoom). Absent: none.
Superintendent Keith Tresch, Principal Cass Cole, Dwight VonSchriltz and Clerk Roger Heimbigner 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 March 24th, 2021

Chris Myers moved, seconded by Michael Chandler to approve the minutes of March 24th, 2021. Motion passed unanimously.

Approve Bills for March/April

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

Approve Hiring

Chris Myers moved, seconded by Michael Chandler to approve the hiring of Robert Sipes Sr. as a long-term sub teacher in the Woods/VoAg area and certified teacher for 2021-22 school year, Raleynn Melber as a special education teacher, and Lisbeth Madrid as a paraprofessional. Motion passed unanimously. Robert Sipes has applied for a teacher license and Lisbeth Madrid speaks Spanish which helps with potential students coming to the Academy.

Supt. Keith Tresch recommended to the board the following certified and therapist staffing for the 2021-22 school year:

Certified

Tessa Beach, Brenna Beckett, Val Clause, Janelle Cook, Linda Del Duca, Dave Eckroth, Ryan Frick, Jon Hicks, Michelle Jutila, Jim Klempel, Nicole Kostelecky, Mary Montgomery, Jami Palchus, Tracy Preston, Denise Puglisi, Lorelei Rosales, Wayne Small, and Sharon Voller,

Therapists

Hannah Casares, Janii Elsenpeter, Kendra Herlyn, Kacee Myczkiowiak, Tammy Rea, and Jen Scheller.

Chris Myers moved, seconded by Michael Chandler to approve the recommendation of Supt. Keith Tresch for the staffing listed above. Motion passed unanimously.

Approve Resignations

A motion was made by Chris Myers, seconded by Michael Chandler to approve the resignations of Taylor Beagle and retirement for Ron O’Leary. Motion passed unanimously.

Approve DS Tuition Agreements

Michael Chandler moved, seconded by Chris Myers to approve day school tuition agreements to DM – 10th grade, RM – 10TH, LLG – 5th grade; DS – Kindergarten; CS – 9th grade; and AB – 7th grade. Motion passed unanimously. Two residential students are coming to day school.

Approve Yellowstone West/Carbon Count Special Services Coop Agreement

A motion was made by Chris Myers, seconded by Michael Chandler to approve Yellowstone Academy’s participation in the Yellowstone West/Carbon County Special Services Cooperative . Motion passed unanimously.

Approve Policies of YBGR According to YA Policy 1310

Supt. Tresch presented the following policies for second reading:

Policy 408 Staff Training and Orientation
Policy 458 Scholarship Fund
Policy 460 YBGR Staff Appearance Code
Policy 464 Tobacco Drug Free Environment
Policy 478 Code of Conduct
Policy 602 Therapeutic Relationships & Personal Boundaries
Policy 616 Objectionable Materials
Policy 626 Special Treatment Procedures
Policy 631 Major Incidents
Policy 636 Mandated Reporting

These YBGR policies would fall under the Yellowstone Academy Policy of 1310. A motion was made by Chris Myers, seconded by Michael Chandler to approve the YBGR policies as presented for second reading. Motion passed unanimously.

Approve Next Board Meeting Time and Date

Michael Chandler moved, seconded by Chris Myers to approve the next board meeting to be Wednesday, May 19th, 2021 at 12:00 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Superintendent Evaluation/Litigation

Executive Session

Chairman Mitch Burns stated “I have determined that the next matter to come before the board for consideration involves the Superintendent evaluation and Litigation Strategy. Further, the demands of individual privacy in this matter clearly exceeds the merits of public disclosure. Therefore, I am declaring this portion of the meeting closed in accordance with Section 2-3-203(3) MCA”.

Open Session

No action was taken.

Superintendent Report

Supt. Keith Tresch reported on the following:

- 1) Supt. Tresch discussed with the Board the CARES moneies and potential using of upcoming ESSER II and ESSER III funding. We are currently paying an additional custodian and four extra paras;

- 2) Supt. Tresch informed the board that 9 teachers are taking time off this summer;
- 3) Supt. Tresch stated the fall schedule will continue with 90 minute blocks. They will clean up the prep time language of 50 minutes. The intent is to also match the Day School schedule with the Residential schedule.

Trustee Report

None

Adjournment:

Chris Myers moved, seconded by Michael Chandler to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously. Adjournment was at 12:52 p.m. Next meeting is scheduled for May 19th , 2021 at noon.

Mitch Burns, Chairman

Roger Heimbigner, Clerk