

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

June 19, 2024

Chair Michael Chandler called a regular Board of Trustees meeting to order at 12:05 p.m. on June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024. The meeting was held in the Board conference room.

PRESENT: Skyler Carroll, Lacey Jones and Michael Chandler. Absent: Roger Heimbigner. Superintendent Keith Tresch and Dwight VonSchriltz were present.

GUESTS: Laurie Hickethier

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance.

**HEARING OF  
INDIVIDUALS/  
CORRESPONDENCE**

None

**APPROVE ADDITION**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Items for Action**

**Amend Meeting Agenda**

Supt. Tresch asked that the agenda be amended to add an action item to appoint a new board member with the resignation of Chris Myers, who has moved from the district. A motion was made by Lacey Jones to amend the agenda to add a motion to appoint a new board member, seconded by Michael Chandler. Motion passed unanimously.

**Appoint New Board Member**

Supt. Tresch reported that Skyler Carroll has submitted his declaration of intent to be on the school board. A motion was made by Lacey Jones, seconded by Michael Chandler to appoint Skyler Carroll as a board member. Motion passed unanimously. This position next year will be voted on for a two-year term.

**Approve Minutes for May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024**

A motion was made by Lacey Jones, seconded by Skyler Carroll to approve the minutes of May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Approve Bills for May 2024**

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

### **Approve Cancelled Warrants 2024**

A motion was made by Lacey Jones, seconded by Skyler Carroll to approve the cancelled warrants for 2024. There was a discussion about if the checks have been replaced for the current staff on the list. Supt. Tresch stated the reason the checks have been cancelled is because a replacement check was either sent and the original not canceled, failure of person/vendor to cash/deposit the check, or charged to credit card and then duplicate check was written. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Approve Trustee Resolution Requesting County Conduct Elections**

A motion was made by Lacey Jones, seconded by Skyler Carroll to approve the resolution requesting the county conduct Elections for 2025. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Approve New Hires**

Lacey Jones moved, seconded by Skyler Carroll to hire the following:

- 1) Jordyn Fields – 8/12 Para
- 2) Olivia Hill – 8/12 Behavior Specialist

Motion passed unanimously.

### **Approve Resignations**

Lacey Jones moved, seconded by Skyler Carroll to approve the following resignations:

- 1) Jim Cottingham
- 2) Dennis Pierce
  - a. Supt. Tresch stated the \$20,000 spent with Procure Therapy to recruit Mr. Pierce is being returned to Yellowstone Academy

Motion passed unanimously.

### **Approve 2024-2025 Contracts**

Lacey Jones moved, seconded by Skyler Carroll to approve the following 2024-2025 Contracts:

- 1) Therapists - with a 4% increase in salary
- 2) YA Admin – with a 4% increase in salary

Motion passed unanimously.

### **Approve Hiring of Current Paraprofessional**

A motion was made by Lacey Jones, seconded by Skyler Carroll to hire the following paraprofessional staff for the 24-25 school year:

1. Rebecca Criddle
2. Patricia Del Pizzo
3. Matt Dumas
4. Deanna Eggers-Hansen
5. Jordyn Fields
6. Taylor Fischer
7. Aaron Flores
8. Lyndsey Flores
9. Taylor Gertsch
10. Thomas Harsha
11. Amanda Hawley
12. Isabel Hawley
13. Cindy Himmelspach
14. Brianda Jackman
15. Olivia Jepperson
16. Kory Johnson
17. Cierra Loudon
18. Sean Myers
19. Samantha O'Dell
20. Neal Peaton
21. Brooke Philbrick
22. Alexis Reyes-Mortero
23. Rebecca Sadowski
24. Samantha Sherman
25. Teena Sipes
26. Robert Sipes Jr.
27. Logan Smiledge
28. Monroe Spojja
29. Mandy Sullivan

30. Rebecca Ward

31. Allicia Zagar

Motion passed unanimously.

### **Approve Hiring of YA Administration Support Staff**

A motion was made by Lacey Jones, seconded by Skyler Carroll to hire the following YA Administration Support Staff for the 24-25 school year:

1. Brenda Dienes – Admin Support Staff
2. Rebecca Robertus – Admin Support Staff
3. Lee Munyon – Custodian

Supt. Tresch stated an advertisement for an additional custodian has been posted.

Motion passed unanimously.

### **Approve Hiring of School Counselor**

Lacey Jones moved, seconded by Skyler Carroll to approve the following School Counselor:

1. Jennica Hammond

Motion passed unanimously.

### **Approve “2000” Series Policy Updates from MTSBA**

Supt. Tresch stated that he has been reviewing 128 pages of policy which he will break down and bring to the Board in sections. The Academy hired MTSBA to review and recommend policies to the Academy as well. A motion was made by Lacey Jones, seconded by Skyler Carroll to approve Section 2000 of the Board Policy as submitted. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Superintendent Report**

Supt. Tresch reported on the following:

- 1) Supt. Tresch said they are working on the Montana Schools Property and Liability Insurance Plan with Marsch McLennan;

- 2) The Therapists and Social Workers attended a conference in North Carolina and received great professional training.
- 3) The Yellowstone Academy and YBGR are working on the Rental Agreement

**Adjournment:**

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, Chair Michael Chandler called to adjourn. This meeting adjourned at 12:35PM. Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 12:00 p.m.

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Michael Chandler , Board Chair

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Roger Heimbigner, Clerk