

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

June 23, 2014

Chair John Dailey called the regularly scheduled Board of Trustees meeting to order at 3:45p.m.

PRESENT: John Dailey, James Holliday, Chelsea Mandler, Superintendent Mike Sullivan, Principal Keith Tresch, and Roger Heimbigner. Member absent: none. A quorum was present.

GUESTS: Deanna Eggers-Hansen, Tom Barrett, and Traci Preston.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance.

ADD AGENDA ITEM None

**HEARING OF
INDIVIDUALS/
CORRESPONDENCE**

Supt. Sullivan presented a resignation letter from Tim Jones. James Holliday moved, seconded by Chelsea Mandler to approve Tim Jone's resignation. Motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Approve Minutes/Bills

A motion was made by Chelsea Mandler seconded by James Holliday to approve the minutes of May 19, 2014. Motion passed unanimously.

The board discussed the day treatment costs and Project Achieve. Roger Heimbigner stated they are trying to get approval of grant funds for the Project Achieve expenses. Chelsea Mandler moved, seconded by John Dailey to approve the bills for payment. Motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Items for Action

Proposal for Contracted Services ITBR Solutions

Supt. Sullivan recommended to the board to approve the proposal from ITBR Solutions to provide accounting services for the 2014-15 school year. The contract is for the same amount as last year. Chelsea Mandler, seconded by John Dailey to approve the contract proposal of ITBR Solutions for \$28,000 per year plus an annual

software maintenance charge of \$3,000. Motion passed unanimously.

Superintendent Report

Supt. Sullivan talked about the three tiers of Medicaid funding of which Tier 2 and Tier 3 are paid for through OPI. The discussion that the Yellowstone Academy has been having is who provides the funding for Tier 1 Medicaid eligible students for the educational component. Currently OPI doesn't provide this funding and DPHHS (Medicaid agency) doesn't itemize this amount out in their reimbursement process. Supt. Sullivan stated he is part of an advisory group of similar types of institutions in Montana that is working on this issue and other issues that are common to the agencies involved. The current reimbursement for Tier 2 is \$65 and Tier 3 is \$68. If the academy could receive this type of reimbursement for Tier 1 it would help to balance the budget needs of the district.

Trustee Reports

Chairman John Dailey said they he has met with Supt. Sullivan and Principal Tresch to discuss better ways to communicate with YBGR and to streamline some of the processes. The next step is to look at the culture this summer. An example of a process to work on is to have boys and girls in the same class. In this process the "we" and "them" (YBGR) needs to go away and a joint solution needs to be achieved. Also, the evaluation tool was developed for the administration and now needs to be developed for other staff. The board also discussed use of leave issues with too many staff absent on particular days. This discussion will start with classified negotiations taking place on Thursday.

Traci Preston and Deanna Eggers-Hansen talked about how staff used to be involved in the process of meetings between the academy and YBGR. This used to be a very beneficial time to resolve issues. Part of the reason this went away was because of coverage issues.

John Dailey reiterated that we need to know what the problems are before we try to resolve them.

Adjournment

A motion was made by James Holliday, seconded by Chelsea Mandler to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment: 4:40 p.m.

John Dailey, Chairman

Roger Heimbigner, Clerk