

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

March 17, 2014

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

PRESENT: John Dailey, James Holliday, Superintendent Mike Sullivan, Principal Keith Tresch, and Roger Heimbigner. Member absent: Chelsea Mandler. A quorum was present.

GUESTS: Pat Montgomery and Cindy Himmelspach.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance.

ADD AGENDA ITEM None

**HEARING OF
INDIVIDUALS/
CORRESPONDENCE** None

OLD BUSINESS **Approve Minutes/Bills**

A motion was made by James Holliday seconded by John Dailey to approve the minutes of February 17, 2014. Motion passed unanimously.

James Holliday moved, seconded by John Dailey to approve the bills for payment. Motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS **Items for Action**

Hiring of Staff

Supt. Sullivan and Principal Tresch discussed the need to hire additional staffing because of a long-term illness and to fill a position that has been vacated. The board also discussed the idea of having a sub pool in the future and budgeting it for next year. There was discussion on hiring past employees who would have the training needed to be at the academy and would reduce training time and costs. Additional discussion took place on PTO time and monitoring of that time. The board would like to come up with a strategy on absenteeism. A motion was made by James Holliday, seconded by John Dailey to approve the hiring of Jamie Burr as a paraprofessional. Motion passed unanimously.

Superintendent Report

Supt. Sullivan discussed with the board the need for the academy to determine the actual dollars that should be coming to the school that are instead sent directly to YBGR. YBGR then gives the academy an amount each year from the foundation grant. Supt. Sullivan discussed with the board the idea of knowing what that amount is and how it relates to the actual donation. There has been discussion on YBGR reducing the amount coming to the school district in future years. The school board talked about dollars that come from out-of-state students as well as in-state Medicaid students. They also want to make sure that the state is either giving the school district money in terms of ANB or that money is coming from YBGR to support these kids. James Holliday stated he doesn't think YBGR receives educational dollars for in-state Medicaid students. James said he would go back and review how the money comes in for educational purposes and send out a report to administration and the board. There was discussion also on the maximum capacity of the day school and if the academy could break even if that capacity was met.

Supt. Sullivan updated the board on day school and the 5th classroom.

Trustee Reports

None

Adjournment

A motion was made by James Holliday, seconded by John Dailey to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment: 4:50 p.m.

John Dailey, Chairman

Roger Heimbigner, Clerk