

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

May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024

Chair Michael Chandler called a regular Board of Trustees meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. on May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024. The meeting was virtual.

PRESENT: Chris Myers and Michael Chandler. Absent: Lacey Jones. Superintendent Keith Tresch, and Roger Heimbigner were present.

GUESTS: None

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 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

A motion was made by Chris Myers, seconded by Michael Chandler to approve the minutes of March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Motion passed unanimously.

**Approve Bills for March/April 2024**

A motion was made by Michael Chandler, seconded by Chris Myers to approve the bills for payment and check listing. Motion passed unanimously. There was discussion on the A&H bill, flowers, and the rent payment to YBGR.

**Resignations**

A motion was made by Chris Myers, seconded by Michael Chandler to approve the resignations of the following:

- 1) Robby O'Dell as of May 31<sup>st</sup> ;
- 2) Richard Hegenbart as of June 30<sup>th</sup> .

Motion passed unanimously.

### **Approve Leave of Absence**

Supt. Keith Tresch asked the Board to approve a Leave of Absence for Alexis Reyes Mortero from April 9<sup>th</sup> – September 1<sup>st</sup>. Alexis is pursuing a professional soccer career. He would be guaranteed an aide position when he comes back in September. He is currently a behavior specialist. Chris Myers moved, seconded by Michael Chandler to approve a Leave of Absence for Alexis Reyes Mortero through September 1<sup>st</sup>. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Approve New Hires**

A motion was made by Chris Myers, seconded by Michael Chandler to approve the following hires:

- 1) Allison Gockley- summer
- 2) Lindy Thomas - summer
- 3) Samuel Sheets – fall teacher
- 4) Lisa Vandersloot - summer
- 5) Tera Burch - summer
- 6) Kamee Hasler - summer
- 7) Kylie Lir - summer
- 8) Mary Noel - summer
- 9) Christy Yochum - summer
- 10) Kate Gannen - summer
- 11) Samuel Beals –fall teacher
- 12) Natasha Nesbit -teacher
- 13) Dennis Pierce – summer and fall teacher
- 14) McKenzie Grubs – therapist
- 15) Amanda Sullivan - para

Motion passed unanimously.

### **Approve Next Board Meeting Time and Date**

Michael Chandler moved, seconded by Chris Myers to approve setting the next board meeting for Wednesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024 at noon. Motion passed unanimously.

## **Superintendent Report**

Supt. Tresch reported on the following:

- 1) Supt. Tresch talked to the Board on hiring interns and paying them an hourly wage during their Internship. The wage would be in the \$15-\$16 per hour range. It works out then they possibly would be hired by the Academy permanently. Having an intern would probably reduce the need to have an aide in that classroom;
- 2) Supt. Tresch reported that he is listing the business manager position as of today;
- 3) Auditors are currently working on the 2022-23 audit;
- 4) Supt. Tresch stated he is working with YBGR to come up with an agreement between the Academy and YBGR. The consensus is to have Felt Martin review the contract before final approval;
- 5) The Board will review policy at the next meeting. Supt. Tresch stated he has 138 pages for review so he will bring to the meetings in chunks at a time.

### **Adjournment:**

Chris Myers moved, seconded by Michael Chandler to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously. Adjournment was at 12:33 p.m. Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 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