

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

May 19, 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 Cindy Himmelspach.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance.

ADD AGENDA ITEM Reorganization of Board and resignation of Jody Larsen and Carlie Kurokawa.

**HEARING OF
INDIVIDUALS/
CORRESPONDENCE**

Supt. Sullivan presented to the board correspondence for the signing of the 2013-14 classified agreement and a letter opening up negotiations for the 2014-15 school year. The paraprofessional union would like to use the collective gaining method of negotiating and would like to schedule 3 meetings with the board negotiation team. Patricia DelPizzo, Cindy Himmelspach, and Deanna Eggers-Hansen are the paraprofessional negotiation committee. James Holliday moved, seconded by John Dailey to approve Chelsea Mandler as the representative to the board for these negotiations. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Chelsea Mandler, seconded by James Holliday to approve the resignation of Jody Larsen as of June 6th. James Holliday moved, seconded by Chelsea Mandler to approve the resignation of Carlie Kurokawa as of June 6th. Both motions passed unanimously. The board discussed turnover ratios over the past few years.

OLD BUSINESS

Approve Minutes/Bills

A motion was made by Chelsea Mandler seconded by James Holliday to approve the minutes of March 27, 2014. Motion passed unanimously.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Items for Action

Approve Required Policy Changes

Supt. Sullivan presented to the board for approval required policy changes recommended by MTSBA. These policies will update some current policies and add additional required policies that MTSBA monitors based on law changes. A motion was made Chelsea Mandler, seconded by James Holliday to approve the following policies:

- 1105 – Membership
- 1110 – Taking Oath
- 1111 – Election
- 1112 – Resignation
- 1113 – Vacancies
- 1120 – Annual Organization Meeting
- 1130 – Committees
- 1210 – Qualifications, Terms, Duties, of Board Officers
- 1230 – Clerk
- 1240 – Duties of Individual Trustees
- 1400 – Board Meetings
- 2100 – School Calendar and Days
- 2120 – Curriculum and Assessment
- 2171 – Significant Writing Program
- 3130 – Students of Legal Age
- 3226 – Bullying – Harassment-Intimidation-Hazing
- 3600P – Student Records Procedures
- 5210 – Assignments, Reassignments, Transfers
- 5222 – Evaluation of Non-Administrative Staff
- 6110 – Superintendent
- 6140 – Duties and Qualifications of Administrative Staff Other
- 6210 - Principals

Motion passed unanimously.

Board Reorganization

Chairman John Dailey asked the board for nominations for the board chair position. James Holliday moved, seconded by John Dailey to nominate John Dailey for the board chair position. There were no other nominations. Motion passed unanimously.

Board Chairman John Dailey asked to nominations for Vice-Chair. Chelsea Mandler moved, seconded by John Dailey to approve Chelsea Mandler as Vice-Chair. There were no other nominations. Motion passed unanimously.

Chelsea Mandler moved, seconded by James Holliday to approve Roger Heimbigner as Clerk of the Board with a salary of \$50 per month for the clerk position. Motion passed unanimously.

Hire Teacher to Replace Jody Larsen

Supt. Sullivan recommended to the board to hire Roni Sells to replace Jody Larsen as a teacher for the Yellowstone Academy starting next fall after the summer session. John Dailey expressed his concerns with hiring additional staff before we know what dollars we are going to receive for next year's budget and before we meet with OPI on Medicaid dollars that the academy might receive. The board discussed with Supt. Sullivan and Principal Tresch the budget in terms of what is needed for accreditation. James Holliday suggested that Supt. Sullivan discuss this with Glen McFarlene from YBGR. There was additional discussion on coming up with a method to determine the dollars that the Yellowstone Academy will receive from YBGR based on a funding method. An example of this would be to use the Medicaid rate that is paid for education on a daily rate.

Supt. Sullivan also discussed determining the costs associated with the day school verses residential and splitting the dollars that are available based on the revenues received from these programs.

There was additional discussion on approving staff when they could face a RIF if dollars aren't available. James Holliday stated this wouldn't be any different than the existing teachers that were just approved at the last meeting. John Dailey stated aides might be the first positions that are cut if dollars need to be cut from the budget. John relayed that YBGR has concerns with why the academy is so expensive, lack of paperwork, and the supervision and evaluation system. We need to keep people accountable and in the long run this is costing us cash. Sometimes decisions are made that don't make sense. John stated we are bleeding cash and need to fix it. The foundation has lots of dollars available in their endowment but they are unable to distribute it. The board discussed that finances are a huge aspect of the picture when you are an entity within another entity. There was additional discussion on coming up with a method or structure in determining how money is distributed on an annual basis. Supt. Sullivan

talked about separating residential education dollars from day school dollars and providing services based on dollars received in those areas.

Deanna Eggers-Hansen stated that Roni Sells has a connection with the students. Chelsea Mandler replied that we can hire but the teacher needs to know the risk if they are hired. Chelsea Mandler moved, seconded by James Holliday to approve Roni Sells as a teacher for the 2014-15 school year. Motion passed unanimously.

Superintendent Report

Supt. Sullivan talked about Project Achieve and the impact it could have on the academy. The academy hired someone to look at what we are doing and make recommendations on the direction we need to go. They will be making suggestions on ways to improve the product the academy is operating on. This is a 3 year process. John Dailey stated this will be a great process but some of these decisions will need to be made sooner.

Trustee Reports

None

Adjournment

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

Adjournment: 5:28 p.m.

John Dailey, Chairman

Roger Heimbigner, Clerk