

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

October 15, 2024

Chair Michael Chandler called a regular Board of Trustees meeting to order at 12:04 p.m. on October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024. The meeting was held in the Board conference room.

PRESENT: Skyler Carroll and Michael Chandler were present. Trustee Lacey Jones was absent. Superintendent Keith Tresch, Cass Cole, Dwight Von Schritlz, Business Manager/Clerk Laurie Hickethier and outgoing Business Manager/Clerk Roger Heimbigner were present.

GUESTS: There were no guests present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance.

**HEARING OF  
INDIVIDUALS/  
CORRESPONDENCE**

There was no Public Comment or Correspondence.

**APPROVE ADDITION**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Items for Action**

**Approve Minutes for September 20, 2024**

A motion was made by Michael Chandler, seconded by Skyler Carroll to approve the minutes of September 20, 2024. Motion passed unanimously.

**Approve Bills for September 2024**

A motion was made by Michael Chandler, seconded by Skyler Carroll to approve the bills for payment. Motion passed unanimously.

Supt. Tresch mentioned to Chair Michael Chandler the need to charge YBGR for the PIR days in the YBGR bill moving forward as well as those are days that the staff is required to attend, and that is a cost to the school as well. Chair Michael Chandler agreed PIR days should be counted towards the monthly YBGR bill.

**Approve Policy Updates**

Supt. Tresch reviewed policies 3310, 3310P1, 3310P2, 3310P3, 3311, 3410, 3413, 3416, 3417, 3431, 3600P1, 3612, 3612P1, 3612NF1, 3630, 4301, 4332, 4410, 4411 and 4550.

Skyler Carroll motioned to approve Option 1: However, on a case-by-case basis, the Board of Trustees will convene a hearing to review the underlying circumstances and, in the discretion of the Board, may authorize the school administration to modify the requirement for expulsion of a student in Policy 3311: Firearms and Weapons. Second to the motion was Michael Chandler. Motion passed unanimously.

Supt. Tresch asked the board to take a look at Policy 3612NF1: district -Provided Access to Electronic Information, Services, Equipment, and Networks, noting that there are items in that Policy Form to be filled out for each individual student.

Skyler Carroll motioned to approve Option 3: Students may not use cellular phones, pagers, and other electronic signaling devices on campus at any time. Building-level administrators may grant permission for individual students to use and/or possess cellular phones, if, in the sole discretion of the administrator, such use is necessary to the safety and/or welfare of the student. Second to the motion was Michael Chandler. Motion passed unanimously.

Supt. Tresch asked the board to take a look at Policy 4410: Relations with law enforcement and child protective agencies. Yellowstone County will be added to the policy for the county YA resides in. The SRO information on the policy will be removed as YA does not have an SRO (Security Resource Officer) on staff.

Skyler Carroll motioned to approve the remaining policies reviewed by the board as is. Second to the motion was Michael Chandler. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Approve Day School K-8 Tuition Rate**

Supt. Tresch stated Montana Office of Public instruction has approved the Option C Tuition Rate for School District #58's K-8 Day Treatment program at a daily rate of \$135.96. Yellowstone Academy has not increased their tuition rate since it was set for the 2016-2017 school year. As YA realize this is a significant increase from our current rate, we would like to work with our partner districts as we increase our tuition rates in the future. With that in mind, Supt. Tresch would like to recommend the YA board approve a tuition increase beginning the 2024-2025 school year to

increase from \$105.62 per day for K-8 students to \$115.00 and increase from \$110.00 to \$120.00 for the 9-12 students.

Michal Chandler motioned to approve the recommendation made by Supt. Tresch to increase the daily tuition rate at \$115 for K-8 students and \$120.00 per day for 9-12 students. Second to the motion was Skyler Carroll, motion passed unanimously.

### **Approve updated YA/YBGR Rental Agreement**

Supt. Tresch stated the YA/YBGR Rental Agreement has been updated to add additional areas utilized by YA students and staff, such as the park and UC. The Rental Agreement also states that YA will add YBGR as an additional insurance on their insurance policies. Essentially, YA ensures the contents in each of the areas used by YA students and staff. The Rental Agreement dollar amount didn't change with these updates.

Skyler Carroll motioned to approve the YA/YBGR rental agreement, seconded by Michael Chandler. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Approve New Hires**

There were no new hires.

### **Approve Resignations**

Skyler Carroll moved, seconded by Michael Chandler to approve the following resignations:

- 1) Samantha O'Dell – Will be a relief Para and will fill in as she is available.
- 2) Brianda Wilson – Para – last day will be October 31, 2024

Motion passed unanimously.

### **Superintendent Report**

Supt. Tresch reported on the following:

- 1) OPI Reporting – the SPED audit has been on campus the past couple of days. The enrollment count day is currently being worked on and will be submitted to OPI by Oct 16<sup>th</sup> deadline. The employment records are also being reviewed by OPI and will be done by Oct 31, 2024.

Supt. Tresch has requested a meeting with OPI on-site on November 12, 2024, with the goal define YA to help OPI understand who YA is.

Supt. Tresch would also like to decipher the requirements for Title Money to public schools and how that works with YA.

- 2) Supt. Tresch reviewed policies that were not included in the YA policy book such as policies that include: A district school name and logo, booster and fundraising policies, District social media presence, Saturday detentions and Community use of school facilities.

**Adjournment:**

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, Chair Michael Chandler called to adjourn. This meeting adjourned at 12:45PM. Next meeting is the scheduled for Tuesday, November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at 11:30 a.m.

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Michael Chandler, Board Chair

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Laurie Hicketier, Clerk