

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

September 20, 2024

Chair Michael Chandler called a regular Board of Trustees meeting to order at 12:05 p.m. on September 20th, 2024. The meeting was held in the Board conference room.

PRESENT: Skyler Carroll and Michael Chandler were present, with Lacey Jones on zoom. Superintendent Keith Tresch, Cass Cole and Business Manager/Clerk Laurie Hickethier were present.

GUESTS: Lorelei Rosales

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance.

**HEARING OF
INDIVIDUALS/
CORRESPONDENCE**

Chair Michael Chandler asked Supt. Tresch how the Responsibility Centered Discipline Training was received by the staff. Lorelei Rosales stated she was not at the training but really likes the RCD approach. Supt. Tresch stated he has heard really good things from the staff and has seen the training already put into practice.

Chair Michael Chandler stated the YBGR/YA rental agreement will need to be reapproved at October's Board meeting. The rental agreement should be billed quarterly.

APPROVE ADDITION

None

NEW BUSINESS

Items for Action

Approve Minutes for August 6, 2024

A motion was made by Lacey Jones, seconded by Skyler Carroll to approve the minutes of August 6, 2024. Motion passed unanimously.

Approve Bills for August 2024

A motion was made by Lacey Jones, seconded by Skyler Carroll to approve the bills for payment. Motion passed unanimously. Chair Michael Chandler asked Business Manager Hickethier for a check listing in the future as well.

Chair Michael Chandler asked if the Chromebook have been ordered. Business Manager Hickethier stated the invoice for the Chromebooks have been received and paid to YBGR.

Supt. Tresch mentioned the library shelves that were purchased has turned out to make for a good space for YA.

Approve New Hires

Lacey Jones moved, seconded by Skyler Carroll to hire the following:

- 1) Tamara Bowden – Janitor
- 2) Teigan Brady - Para

Motion passed unanimously.

Approve Resignations

Lacey Jones moved, seconded by Skyler Carroll to approve the following resignations:

- 1) Olivia Hill - Para
- 2) Becca Sadowski - Para
- 3) Olivia Jepperson - Para

Motion passed unanimously.

Approve School Board Meeting – Tuesday, October 15th at 12PM

Supt. Tresch asked the Board of Trustees to move the October board meeting to Tuesday, October 15th at 12PM due to a conflict with other trainings. Lacey Jones made a motion to move the October board meeting to Tuesday, October 15th at 12PM. Second to the motion was Skyler Carroll, motion passed unanimously.

Superintendent Report

Supt. Tresch reported on the following:

- 1) A new case manager from CBS for YA will be coming on shortly.
- 2) The Responsibility Centered Discipline Training was well received. Staff has already been working on some of the skills learned at the training, and the skills really fit into YA's philosophy. The training teaches staff to work

through a situation with 5 skills and really helps with de-escalation tactics. Ms. Rosales stated the RCD training allows for consistency with staff, and everyone works together with the steps.

- 3) Supt. Tresch asked Skyler Carroll about his internship at Heptner. Skyler stated that it is difficult to manage education with regulation, especially with students that go home every night and don't have the consistency in structure.
- 4) Supt. Tresch provided the Board of Trustees with information about a letter received from a lawyer in regard to a past student that was hurt playing kickball. Supt. Tresch has contacted YA legal and will update the Board with updates as they come.
- 5) Supt. Tresch will provide policies to be reviewed by the Board before the October board meeting.

Board Chair Michael Chandler asked how the news about the merge of YBGR with Youth Dynamics affected YA staff. Supt. Tresch stated there were just questions from staff. Mr. Chandler stated there will be some movement in some buildings to create space for the new employees from Youth Dynamics to join the YBGR staff.

Adjournment:

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, Chair Michael Chandler called to adjourn. This meeting adjourned at 12:37PM. Next meeting is the scheduled for Tuesday, October 15th, 2024, at 12:00 p.m.

Michael Chandler, Board Chair

Laurie Hickethier, Clerk