

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

January 22, 2025

Chair Michael Chandler called a regular Board of Trustees meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. on January 22nd, 2025. The meeting was held in the Board conference room.

PRESENT: Skyler Carroll, lacey Jones and Michael Chandler were present. Superintendent Keith Tresch, Cass Cole, Dwight Von Schrlitz, and Business Manager/Clerk Laurie Hickethier were present.

GUESTS: Guest present was Ryan Frick.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance.

**HEARING OF
INDIVIDUALS/
CORRESPONDENCE**

Supt. Tresch stated that Ms. Rosales will be sending a letter soon to the Board of Trustees to open up Staff negotiations.

Mr. Frick discussed a series of Montana parental rights laws that went into effect July 2023 – one in particular SB518. SB518 the bill is addressed to the Board of Trustees of the school districts in Montana. The Bill states each school board shall develop and adopt a policy with “procedures by which a parent shall provide written consent before the parent’s child uses a pronoun that does not align with the child’s sex”. Supt. Tresch stated he will work with MTSBA in regard to the language for a policy and bring it to the board.

APPROVE ADDITION

None

NEW BUSINESS

Items for Action

Approve Minutes for November 20, 2024

A motion was made by Lacey Jones, seconded by Skyler Carroll to approve the minutes of November 20, 2024. Motion passed unanimously.

The December 2024 board meeting was cancelled due to a conflict with meetings with Montana Office of Public Instruction.

Approve Bills for November / December 2024

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

Approve New Hires

Supt. Tresch presented the following new hires to Yellowstone Academy:

1. Carrie Smith SPED Teacher 1/6/2025
2. Taylor Gertsch Relief Para 3 days per week 1/20/2025
3. Alyxandria Davis Para 1/2/2025
4. Cameron Iacovoni Para 10/28/2024
5. Kellen Wahl – unpaid Internship – 10 hours per week
6. Allie Gerard Para 12/20/2024

Lacey Jones motioned to approve the new hires. Second to the motion was Skyler Carroll. Motion passed unanimously.

Approve Resignations

Supt. Tresch presented the following resignations:

1. Teigan Brady 1/13/2025 sent a Text Message of resignation
2. Allie Gerard – No Call / Ano Show 1/3/2025
3. Natasha Nesbit – 1/10/2025

Supt. Tresch stated with the resignation of Ms. Nesbit, he has been working to get Arts/Science and Stems classes in that room working with the 5th Grade Students. Lacey Jones motioned to approve the resignations. Second to the motion was Skyler Carroll. Motion passed unanimously.

Approve Trustee Resolution Calling for an Election

Business Manager Hickethier presented to the board the Trustee Resolution Calling for An Election. The Board of Trustees for School District No. 58, will hold the Annual Regular School Election on Tuesday, the 6th of May, 2025. The purpose of the election is to elect 1 (One) Trustee for a three-year term (seat currently held by Lacey Jones) and 1(One) Trustee for a one-year term (seat currently held by Skyler Carroll). If the number of applicants matches the number of seats available, the Board of Trustees for School District No. 58 authorizes Business Manager Hickethier to cancel the election with the County Elections office. Lacey Jones motioned to approve the Trustee Resolution Calling

for an Election. Seconded by Skyler Carroll, motion passed unanimously.

Approve Mail Ballot School District Election Agreement

Business Manager Hickethier presented to the board the Mail Ballot School District Election Agreement. The agreement states, Pursuant to section 20-20-417, MCA, the Yellowstone County Elections Administrator (the County), and School District No. 58 enter into an agreement whereby the county, at the request of the District, shall conduct the District's mail ballot election on May 6, 2025. Lacey Jones motioned to approve the Mail Ballot School District Election Agreement. Seconded by Skyler Carroll, motion passed unanimously.

Superintendent Report

Supt. Tresch reported on the following:

- 1) CRDC reporting – the Civil Rights Data Collection is due March 7th. Supt. Tresch will be working on getting that completed in the next couple of weeks.
- 2) OPI Accreditation is in the works. YA have passed ISAP (integrated school action plan, IEFA (Indian Ed for All), Grad profile, and professional development.
- 3) Katie Gerten from YBGR has been extremely helpful in getting all of the YA School board minutes and agendas uploaded on the website.
- 4) The Cognia accreditation is a process used every 5 years and will be starting in February. This accreditation usually takes about 150-200 hours to complete.
- 5) The School Calendar will be reviewed after legislation is finalized – and the calendar will be in accordance with state law regulations.
- 6) Dwight Von Schriltz will be attending a school psychology conference in Seattle in the next couple months.

Adjournment:

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, Chair Michael Chandler called to adjourn. This meeting adjourned at 12:40 p.m. Next meeting is the scheduled for Wednesday, February 19th, 2025, at 12:30 p.m.

Michael Chandler, Board Chair

Laurie Hickethier, Clerk