

DeSmet Board of Trustees Regular Meeting

**Tuesday, January 18, 2022
At 6:00 pm**

In the School Library



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The Board of Trustees for DeSmet School District #20 met for a Regular Meeting in the school library.

Board Trustees present: Aaron Foster, Board Chairman, Heather Burgad, and Synthia Wendell.

Board Trustees Absent: Emmett Anderson and Emily Villegas.

Others Present: Matthew Driessen (Principal) and Freyja Hughes (District Clerk)

I. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance - Aaron Foster called the meeting to order at 6:08pm and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

II. Introduction/Comments of Guests on Items not on the Agenda -

- A. Mr. Driessen indicated that he had spoken with Tyson Watson of Hulteng Inc about the school's ongoing construction. Tyson indicated to Mr. Driessen that he was currently on vacation and is awaiting the arrival of licensure to continue with the project.
- B. Mr. Driessen indicated that he had arranged for additional safety training for employees at the school, and had sent the relevant documentation to the overseeing parties.

III. Recognition of Students and Staff - Mr. Driessen indicates that the school's music program and basketball program have both had great success with fundraising. Mrs. Brown also had a role to play in the fundraising, and was able to secure a donation of \$1,000 from Muralt's Travel Plaza.

IV. Board Correspondence - None

V. Review of Minutes - A motion was made by Heather Burgad to approve the minutes from the regular board meeting on December 13, 2021, and the special board meeting on January 3, 2022. The motion was seconded by Synthia Wendell. Voting in favor of the motion were: Heather Burgad, Synthia Wendell, and Aaron Foster. Voting against the motion were none.

VI. Review of Warrants A motion was made by Heather Burgad to approve the warrants from January 10th. The motion was seconded by Synthia Wendell. Voting in favor of the motion were: Heather Burgad, Synthia Wendell, and Aaron Foster. Voting against the motion were none.

VII. Review of Budget Reports/Revenues - Freyja Hughes reviewed budget reports with trustee attendance.

VIII. Review of Petty Cash & Students Activity Account Freyja Hughes indicates that as of December 31st, 2021, the Petty Cash balance is \$856.00, and the Special Projects/Student Activities Account balance is \$11,411.45.

IX. Business Manager's Report - Nothing new to add at this time.

X. Principal Report (public comment is allowed before and after Board action)

- A. Approve/Disapprove - Freyja Hughes as an authorized signer with Missoula County and with First Interstate Bank** - A motion was made by Heather Burgad to approve Freyja Hughes, the District Clerk, as an authorized signer for DeSmet School District with Missoula County, and as an authorized signer for DeSmet School District with First Interstate bank. The motion was seconded by Synthia Wendell. Voting in favor of the motion were: Heather Burgad, Synthia Wendell, and Aaron Foster. Voting against the motion were none.
- B. Discuss - Bus Contract with Handley Transportation** - There was a discussion regarding a bus contract with Handley Transportation that is set to be renewed for the following school year. This contract had been jointly entered by the DeSmet, Potomac, Clinton, and Bonner School Districts in order to minimize costs for each individual district. Mr. Driessen indicated that the aforementioned school districts are currently reviewing a new contract with Handley Transportation as well as considering alternate transportation companies to carry contract with, such as Beach Transportation or Majestic Bus Service.
- C. Discuss -Agreement with Bonner School's Nurse** - There was a discussion regarding an agreement that Bonner School had entered into with DeSmet School, Clinton School, and Potomac School. Bonner School had secured a three-year grant to supply a full-time nurse for the school, who spends half of their time at Bonner School, and the other half of their time between the aforementioned three schools. This cost will be paid for with ESSER funds.

XI. Personnel Report

A. Approve/Disapprove – Coaches

- a. A motion was made by Heather Burgad to approve the addition of Beth Vibbert as DeSmet's Girl's Basketball Head Coach, with a stipend of \$1200. The motion was seconded by Synthia Wendell. Voting in favor of the motion were: Heather Burgad, Synthia Wendell, and Aaron Foster. Voting against the motion were none.
- b. A motion was made by Heather Burgad to approve the addition of Gabrielle Goodell as DeSmet's Girl's Basketball Assistant Coach, with a stipend of \$800. The motion was seconded by Synthia Wendell. Voting in favor of the motion were: Heather Burgad, Synthia Wendell, and Aaron Foster. Voting against the motion were none.

B. Approve/Disapprove – Sublist

- a. A motion was made by Heather Burgad to approve the addition of current student teacher Chelsea Bauer to the sublist. The motion was seconded by Synthia Wendell. Voting in favor of the motion were: Heather Burgad, Synthia Wendell, and Aaron Foster. Voting against the motion were none.

XII. Committee Updates

- a. **Redevelopment Committee** - There was a discussion on the ball park lease, and Mr. Driessen indicated that more information will be surfacing over the next three to four weeks.
- b. **Strategic Plan Committee** -
- c. **Negotiations Committee** -

XIII. Upcoming Meetings - Feb 22, 2022

XIV. Comments of Guest & School Board Members on Items Not on the Agenda - None

XV. Adjourn - There being no further business, Heather Burgad made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Synthia Wendell. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:06pm.