



**DeSmet School District #20**  
**Board of Trustees Regular Meeting**  
**6:00 pm Monday, April 17th 2023**  
**In the School Library**

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**I. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance**

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

A. Motion to approve afterschool program ESSER III \$27,000

1st: Laura

2nd: Synthia

Motion passed unanimously.

B. Motion to approve curriculum \$33,000 ESSER III \$33,000

1st: Synthia

2nd: Heather

Motion passed unanimously.

C. Kezia Halverson and Kristian Stipe from the Boys and Girls Club addressed the board regarding a miscommunication that had come about, specifically regarding transportation to/from the DeSmet campus for the students that are enrolled in BGC activities at other campuses. It was brought forward that only 5 DeSmet students are currently enrolled, and that there are still a few openings. She relayed that this low enrollment number was considered when the idea of a shuttle was presented, to bring students from DeSmet to an off-campus facility, with parents being responsible for picking up their children from a location in-town.

Kezia confirmed that the morning shuttle to bring the kids to the BGC location will not be an additional cost, as the shuttle is already coming from Frenchtown, but since DeSmet has requested a return shuttle back to DeSmet campus, BGC has proposed a solution that would require an additional staff member as well as a shuttle back to the campus, including a mileage reimbursement. Because there are only 5 students at DeSmet participating in the BGC activities, the discussion turned to whether or not it was cost-effective to pay for students to be bussed back to DeSmet, as opposed to being picked up by parents in town at the BGC facility. A concern was brought forward that because age groups are split between different school campuses, it's possible that a parent has to pick up a child on one end of town, and then drive to the other end of town to pick up their child in another age group that may be on another campus. The board concluded that it would be the parents' responsibility to pick their child(ren) up from these BGC activities off-campus.

Kristian Stipe stated that for the first four weeks of the afterschool summer program, all kids regardless of age, will be able to be dropped off and picked up at DeSmet, but that

the BGC cannot support a DeSmet kid from the four-week program finishing the morning program and then participating with the afternoon program. He reiterated that they are completely separate groups with no overlap between them.

Kezia and Kristian have stated that the BGC will follow-up with a google doc and more information about this enrollment and schedule for the various activity groups.

- D. There was a discussion about building housing to encourage more staff in-district to compete with the housing costs that are preventing employees from staying in-district. The board discussed the potential for this project to work congruently with the development of the track construction or the already planned subdivision nearby. Aaron Foster wished to know if Brian Walker would be willing to come to the next board meeting to talk to the board about potential upcoming projects.

### **III. Recognition of Students and Staff**

Ms. Mullis and the 4th Grade Team are the recipients of a \$500 award from the Big Sky Fit Kids program. A representative from Opportunity Bank may be able to bring a presentation check to the school for an assembly.

Mr. Driessen reports that SBAC scores for our students have come in, and that they are on par with students from neighboring districts, and outperforming other schools that are classified as schoolwide Title.

### **IV. Board Correspondence**

#### **V. Review of Minutes**

[\[3.27.23 Minutes\]](#)

*1st: Heather Burgad*

*2nd: Laura Zumpfe*

#### **VI. Review of Warrants**

[\[Claims Approval List 3.27.23\]](#)

[\[Claims Approval List 4.12.23 Batch#1\]](#)

[\[Claims Approval List 4.12.23 Batch#2\]](#)

*1st: Heather Burgad*

*2nd: Synthia Wendell*

#### **VII. Business Manager's Report**

- A. [\[Budget vs Actual Report: All Funds\]](#)
- B. [\[Budget vs Actual Report: #101 Fund Only\]](#)
- C. Election Day May 2nd (Missoula County is running)

Two candidates running for a 1-year term, (finishing a 3-year term.)

Sigrid Cheie: Music Education, piano performance, Adjunct Professor, sustainable path forward

Jasmin Dalquist: Three brick and mortar businesses and an online business.

## **VIII. Superintendent's Report**

[\[pdf of Superintendent's Report\]](#)

- A. Approve/Disapprove: Retroactively Correct Pay for Mackenzie Pinkney to \$18/hr to reflect B.A.  
*1st: Heather Burgad*  
*2nd: Laura Zumpfe*
- B. Approve/Disapprove : School Calendar for the 2023-2024 School Year  
[\[pdf of School Calendar for FY24\]](#)  
*1st: Laura Zumpfe*  
*2nd: Synthia Wendell*
- C. Discuss: Teacher Appreciation Week

## **IX. Personnel Report**

[\[pdf of FY23 Certified Matrix\]](#)

- A. Approve/Disapprove the renewal of Carly Aho as Title Director, at the matrix placement of Lane 4, Step 10  
*1st: Heather Burgad*  
*2nd: Synthia Wendell*  
Motion passed unanimously.
- B. Approve/Disapprove the renewal of Stacy Bateman as 5th Grade Teacher, at the matrix placement of Lane 5, Step 8  
*1st: Laura Zumpfe*  
*2nd: Synthia Wendell*  
Motion passed unanimously.
- C. Approve/Disapprove the renewal of Caitie Bloom as School Counselor, at the matrix placement of Lane 6, Step 5  
*1st: Heather Burgad*  
*2nd: Synthia Wendell*  
Motion passed unanimously.
- D. Approve/Disapprove the renewal of Kelli Ebbs as Librarian and Art Teacher, at the matrix placement of Lane 4, Step 13  
*1st: Heather Burgad*  
*2nd: Laura Zumpfe*  
Motion passed unanimously.
- E. Approve/Disapprove the renewal of David Feeley as MS Math/Science Teacher, at the matrix placement of Lane 8, Step 17

1st: Synthia Wendell  
2nd: Heather Burgad  
Motion passed unanimously.

- F. Approve/Disapprove the renewal of Kris Gardner as 4th Grade Teacher, at the matrix placement of Lane 4, Step 15  
1st: Laura Zumpfe  
2nd: Heather Burgad  
Motion passed unanimously.

- G. Approve/Disapprove the renewal of Gabby Goodell as 3rd Grade Teacher, at the matrix placement of Lane 1, Step 4  
1st: Synthia Wendell  
2nd: Laura Zumpfe  
Motion passed unanimously.

- H. Approve/Disapprove the renewal of Maggie Marmon as SPED Director, at the matrix placement of Lane 1, Step 8  
1st: Heather Burgad  
2nd: Laura Zumpfe  
Motion passed unanimously.

- I. Approve/Disapprove the renewal of Lindsey McGee as K-1 Teacher, at the matrix placement of Lane 5, Step 6  
1st: Synthia Wendell  
2nd: Heather Burgad  
Motion passed unanimously.

- J. Approve/Disapprove the renewal of Michelle Mullis as Music/PE Teacher, at the matrix placement of Lane 5, Step 6  
1st: Laura Zumpfe  
2nd: Heather Burgad  
Motion passed unanimously.

- K. Approve/Disapprove the renewal of Cody Munson as MS ELA/Social Studies Teacher, at the matrix placement of Lane 1, Step 5  
1st: Heather Burgad  
2nd: Laura Zumpfe  
Motion passed unanimously.

- L. Approve/Disapprove the renewal of Jackie Tunis as 2nd Grade Teacher, at the matrix placement of Lane 5, Step 5  
1st: Laura Zumpfe  
2nd: Synthia Wendell

Motion passed unanimously.

M. Approve/Disapprove the renewal of Beth Vibbert as 6th Grade Teacher, at the matrix placement of Lane 1, Step 8

1st: Heather Burgad

2nd: Laura Zumpfe

Motion passed unanimously.

N. Approve/Disapprove the renewal of Christina Wekkin as Kindergarten Teacher, at the matrix placement of Lane 3, Step 8

1st: Heather Burgad

2nd: Synthia Wendell

Motion passed unanimously.

**X. Committee Updates**

A. Redevelopment Committee

B. Strategic Plan Committee

C. Negotiations Committee:

D. Financial Committee

E. Safety Committee:

**XI. Upcoming Meetings**

A. Monday, May 15th

**XII. Comments of Guest & School Board Members on Items Not on the Agenda**

**XIII. Adjourn**

At 8:24pm, a unanimous motion was passed to adjourn the meeting.

Minutes scribed and typed by Freyja Hughes, District Clerk:

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Approved by Aaron Foster, Board Chair:

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