

# Minutes from the September 26th Regular Board Meeting

**Board Trustees Present:** Aaron Foster (Board Chairman,) Heather Burgad, Emily Villegas, Laura Zumpfe

**Board Trustees Absent:** Synthia Wendell

**Others Present:** Matthew Driessen (Superintendent,) Freyja Hughes (District Clerk,) Bob M, Reed P, and Halvor from McKinstry (the last three attended for a presentation on solar panels only.)

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

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

Mr. Driessen indicated that the 6th through 8th grades' ELA performances seem to be looking up with new changes to their programs. The new Eureka program was discussed as a benefit to the students and staff.

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

Mr. Driessen relayed that the company filming Yellowstone made a \$10,000 donation to the school, and a group of Missoula Realtors made a donation of a \$1,000 gift card to the school.

## **IV. Board Correspondence**

None at this time.

## **V. Review of Minutes**

A motion was made to approve the minutes from 8/29 by Heather Burgad and seconded by Emily Villegas. Passed unanimously.

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

### **A. Review of Warrants**

Freyja Hughes reviewed the warrants with trustee attendance.

### **B. Review of Budget Reports/Revenues**

Freyja Hughes reviewed the budgets with trustee attendance.

### **C. Review of Petty Cash & Students Activity Account**

Freyja Hughes reviewed the petty cash and student activity accounts with trustee attendance. The topic of reducing the petty cash amount to \$300 was discussed, with the remainder to go toward the student activities account (which will be in the new #184 fund, once its been set up.) More detailed proposals will come later.

## **VII. Principal Report (public comment is allowed before and after Board action)**

### **A. Discussion/Possible Board Action On: Solar Panel Array**

Bob M. and Reed P. from McKinstry presented a potential solar panel array to the board. Key takeaways are that a contract would include a guaranteed price with no change-orders affecting the costs unless initiated by the district, there would need to be an investment-grade audit, the price of which is currently unknown, but it was stated that the cost could be wrapped into the contracted cost of the solar panels, or paid for up front. McKinstry estimated payments at about \$575/mo for a ten year loan, or \$434/mo for a fifteen year loan. This is not including "miscellaneous operation costs," which were not disclosed at this time. More measurements would be needed to get a more exact cost estimate. The life expectancy of these solar panels were estimated to be anywhere from 15 to 30 years. This will be discussed more at a future meeting.

#### **B. MTSBA Trustee Training**

Mr. Driessen led a discussion on MTSBA Trustee Training for board members, and relayed that the MCEL conference is to be held in Missoula this year. The possibility of having MTSBA's Debra Silk or Bea from Kaleva Law Firm come in to speak to the board and answer questions was discussed.

#### **C. Approve/Disapprove: Update MOU on Maternity Leave**

Excerpt from Principal's Report:

*"The disability policy we purchased will decrease the 60% disability payment by any amount given in wages to the staff. Because we were going to have the policy pay for the health care, this process won't work. However, if the school pays for the insurance, that is not considered a payment, so then the teacher would receive the 60% benefit. We would also eliminate the 20 day donation because that would be considered a payment. This change in the MOU would state: The school pays the staff insurance for the 12 weeks for maternity leave.*

*There are other fairness issues for the board monetary payment and staff who are not having children or may just be disabled, those considerations will be addressed at the negotiations in the spring. This is a one year MOU."*

In favor of approval:

1st: Emily Villegas

2nd: Laura Zumpfe

#### **D. Approve/Disapprove: MTSBA Monitor Policy Booklets**

This item was tabled for future discussion, once we have gathered more information on pricing and services included.

### **VIII. Personnel Report**

#### **A. Approve/Disapprove: Beth Vibbert as Volleyball Coach, \$1200 stipend**

In favor of approval:

1st: Heather Burgad

2nd: Laura Zumpfe

Passed unanimously.

#### **B. Approve/Disapprove: Beth Vibbert as Boys Basketball Coach, \$1200 stipend**

In favor of approval:

1st: Heather Burgad

2nd: Laura Zumpfe

Passed unanimously.

**C. Approve/Disapprove: Caitie Bloom as Boys Basketball Asst. Coach, \$800 stipend**

In favor of approval:

1st: Emily Villegas

2nd: Heather Burgad

Passed unanimously.

**D. Approve/Disapprove: Hire of Abigail Fegley for a one-year contract as a Specialized Para, 1.0 FTE @ \$17.10/hr**

In favor of approval:

1st: Emily Villegas

2nd: Heather Buragd

Passed unanimously.

**E. Approve/Disapprove: Hire of Murray Hughes as a 1 year-contracted SPED instructor for 1 day a week at a prorated hourly wage based on a matrix placement of Lane 2, Step 6**

**(Matrix placement: \$38,750/year or about \$207.22/day, appx. \$25.90/hr)**

In favor of approval:

1st: Emily Villegas

2nd: Laura Zumpfe

Passed unanimously.

**IX. Committee Updates**

**a. Redevelopment Committee**

**b. Strategic Plan Committee**

**c. Negotiations Committee**

**d. Safety Committee**

Laura Zumpfe is working with Caitie Bloom and Ellie Michels on safety procedures. Mr. Driessen indicated that there will be a shelter in place drill taking place later this week. Laura indicated that the prep done at the beginning of the year running through safety procedures was well-received by staff and that they are feeling much more comfortable.

**X. Upcoming Meetings - Monday, October 17th**

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

None at this time.

**XII. Adjourn**

1st: Emily Villegas

2nd: Heather Burgad

Passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.