

**January 15, 2013 6:00-10:28 p.m. Regular Board Meeting Administrative Conference Room
and Administrative Junior High Shared and Administrative Junior High Shared Common Area**

6:00 p.m.

--The board met in the Administrative Conference room to go over the Superintendent's evaluation. The Board Chair made the determination that the individual's right to privacy was greater than the public's right to know and the board meeting went immediately into executive session. At 7:15 p.m., the board came out of executive session and moved to the Junior High Shared Common Area for the remainder of the meeting.

Info/Discussion:
Superintendent's
Evaluation

7:16 p.m.

--The regular School board meeting was called to order by Chair John Mazzola. Trustees Dianne Burke, Michele Bashor, Carla Doxey, Jami FitzGerald, Debbie Lester, & Teresa Teagle; Supt. Randy Cline; Principals Jake Haynes, Judy McKay, & Cynthia Worrall; Activity Director/Technology Mark McMurray; and District Clerk-Cindy McMurray were also present. Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

I. Call to Order

II. Pledge of
Allegiance

--Formal recognition plaques were given to the following: (1) Jake Bova for being a winner of the KPAX Student of the Week. (2) Matthew Wikum, who won 1st prize in the Missoulian art contest. His drawing was published in the Christmas Day insert in the Missoulian. (3) Kiersten Thommen & Dallas Duke for demonstrating good citizenship by assisting a student injured off campus. (4) Ann Gentry, Jane Jacko, Agnes Nelson, Rhonda Lund, Troy Bashor and Bob Henderson for their assistance with the Madrigal Dinner. (5) Elaina Blass, Ellen McKenzie, John Nelson & Troy Bashor for the wonderful holiday music concerts.

III. Board Recognition-
Presentation

--None.

IV. Public Comment
Period

--Teresa Teagle noted that there will be a cake walk as well as a traditional carnival at the Elementary Gym on 3/9/13. Tickets are \$2. It was also noted that between February 2nd and February 9th, the Pied Piper will be playing.

V. Individuals &
Delegations to
Address the Board
A. PTSA
B. Student
Council

--None.

--Ann Gentry provided information public library. She noted that the summer elementary library was open for one day a week. For the nine weeks that they were open they averaged 35 patrons a day. The story time has also increased from 8 kids a day to 12 kids a day with one day at 30 kids a day from 2011. She noted that it has been a great success and hopes to see it continue. Also in coordination with the Missoula Public Library they are having Family Movie night once a month. They've also hosted The Big Read for the 2nd time in 3 years, a professional performance of Shakespeare's Macbeth and the second annual Madrigal Dinner. Supt. Randy Cline noted that they have had almost a complete turnover in the public library staff. Principal Cindy Worrall noted that there is a lot of positive comments from families who kids use the summer and public library.

VI. Staff Presentation

--Trustee and President of MTSBA Dianne Burke provided an overview of the bills on education being put in front of the legislature. This is the first time that there has been a jointly prepared booklet called "Essential Truths About the Great Work of Montana's Public Schools" by MASBO, MEA-MFT, MTSBA, MQEC and SAM. All of these groups share a long-term vision for the success of public education in Montana and are also in support of LC 132, a piece of legislation that redefines how to provide for funding public education. She addressed the legislatures to tell them how the funding has affected Frenchtown tax payers, especially with the bankruptcy of Smurfit-Stone. She has plans to testify in the next month or two as well as attending the Day on The Hill (February 20, 2013) scheduled to advocate in Helena for education. Trustee Debbie Lester noted that she had heard Ms. Burke's testimony and complimented her on her professional testimony.

--The consent agenda included: Minutes from regular board meeting of December 18, 2012 and special board meeting of December 12, 2012; claims warrants for the month of November 2012 in the amount of \$141,545.12; activity workers hiring-Chad Stevenson & Cody Ishler; Bus Route Changes-SE16B & SE18; & Resignations-Andrew Baird (half-time

VII. Consent Agenda
A. Minutes
B. Warrants
C. Individual

custodian). **Motion by Burke, seconded by Lester, to approve the consent agenda.** Board Comment-None. Public Comment-None. **Unanimous (Unan)**

- Transportation Contracts
- D. Hire-student workers
- E. Approve Bus Route changes
- F. Ratify letters of resignation

--Financial report for November 2012-The total expenditures for the month is \$861,422.00. District Clerk Cindy McMurray provided the following updates: (1) The audit is in the final stages and should be ready for approval at the February board meeting. (2) The refinancing of the 2008 bonds is coming along well. Supt. Randy Cline noted that the second payment from the State for the District entering into a cooperative agreement with Missoula County Public Schools is coming this month. Trustee Dianne Burke asked if we were looking into obtaining bids for our property and liability insurance. Supt. Randy Cline & District Clerk Cindy McMurray both responded that the process has already started.

- VIII.Reports
- A. Financial Report
- B. Administrative Reports
 - 1) K-4
 - 2) 5-6
 - 3) 7-8
 - 4) 9-12
 - 5) Technology
 - 6) Maintenance
 - 7) Activities/Athletic Director
 - 8) Transportation
 - 9) Superintendent
 - 10) Administrative Assistant

--Administrative Reports-Supt. Randy Cline reminded the Board of the MTSBA HR workshop that will be at Frenchtown on February 4, 2013. He also noted that the Caucus Day on the Hill in on February 20, 2013 in Helena. Principal Judy McKay applied for a second time for a Safe Routes to Schools Grant. This grant is to hopefully complete the path along Ducharme Lane. Trustee Debbie Lester asked Dr. Weishaar & Jake Haynes how the cell phone policy was working at the High School. They noted they are still working on reassessing the policy. Trustee Dianne Burke and Activity Director Mark McMurray noted that Montana, as well as other states, are having issues with the behavior of some soccer fans and players. MHSAs are looking at the possibility of taking soccer off of the list of sports under MHSAs policies. **Motion by Bashor, seconded by Lester, to approve the Administrative reports.** Board Comment-Trustee Debbie Lester asked how the Track Matters Fundraising was doing. Trustee Jami Romney-FitzGerald noted that we have received over \$60,000 so far. Trustee Debbie Lester wondered why the absenteeism for special education paraprofessionals was extremely high. Supt. Randy Cline noted that there were many reasons, one of which is that this position can be physically very difficult. **Unan**

--Supt. Randy Cline asked the board what their preferences were in regards to monthly Board work sessions. His suggestion would be to have them on the 1st Tuesday of the month to split the period between meetings. After some discussion, the consensus was that they would only have these sessions as needed.

- IX. Business
- A. Old
 - 1) Discussion/Information: Board Work Sessions

--Supt. Randy Cline provided an update on the redesign and widening of the Frenchtown Frontage Road from Huson to Highway 93. During the past 10 years there have been 94 accidents on this road, no fatalities. Construction is to start in 2015. The District has requested some kind of change in front of the Junior High/High School complex to reduce the congestion during the morning hours.

- B. New
 - 1) Discussion/Information: Improvement of Frenchtown Frontage Road

--Supt. Randy Cline noted that there is interest in starting a Junior High Soccer program. He went over the costs of the salary and travel at a little over \$2,100. Uniforms and equipment would either be purchased by the players or donated. The survey from 6th & 7th graders showed good interest for the multi-gender groups. Discussion on logistics in regards to who would be lining the field, when and where the students would practice, etc. occurred. **Motion by Burke, seconded by Teagle, to approve a Junior High Soccer program for the 2013-2014 school year.** Board Comment-None. Public Comment-Dalene Normand wondered how the students would travel if their practice venue was on the other campus. **Unan**

- 2) Discussion/Information: Add a Junior High Soccer Program

--Activities Director Mark McMurray recommended hiring the following individuals as head fall coaches for 2013-2014: Gypsy Ray-Girls Volleyball, Kyle Rausch-Football, Dennis Normand-Cross Country, Kirk Gammill-Boys Soccer, & Tim Ockler-Golf. He noted that Gypsy Ray provided good order to the program and helped the girls go to Divisional & State during her first year coaching. **Motion by Burke, seconded by Lester, to hire Gypsy Ray as head girls' volleyball coach for 2013-2014.** Burke, Mazzola, Lester, Romney-FitzGerald,

- 3) Review/Action: Hiring Fall Coaches

Bashor & Doxey voted aye. Teagle abstained. Motion carried. Mark McMurray noted that Kyle Rausch stepped into a controversial position and ended up taking the team to the playoffs. **Motion by Burke, seconded by Teagle, to hire Kyle Rausch as head football coach for 2013-2014. Unan** Mark McMurray noted that he and Mr. Normand have discussed getting more participation and better results in cross country for the 2013-2014 school year. The girls and boys have been at the bottom of the District's conference. **Motion by Burke, seconded by Lester, to hire Dennis Normand as head cross country coach for 2013-2014.** Board Comment-Debbie Lester noted that Mr. Normand spends a lot of time on the Bronc Stampede fun run to try and get the students interested. **Unan** Mark McMurray noted that this is the second year that the boys have made it to the playoffs. **Motion by Burke, seconded by Teagle, to hire Kirk Gammill as the head boys' soccer coach for 2013-2014. Unan** Mark McMurray that he didn't have a recommendation for the girls' soccer coach. This year's coach indicated that she wasn't interested in applying for the position for next year. Mark McMurray noted that Marv Clover was this year's interim head golf coach until Tim Ockler returned from military service. Discussion occurred on the low turnout for golf. **Motion by Burke, seconded by Teagle, to hire Tim Ockler as the head golf coach for 2013-2014. Unan** **Motion by Burke, seconded by Lester, to hire the following individuals as assistant coaches for 2013-2014: Tessa Zolnikov & Katie Snerik-Volleyball; Blake Hoge, Jesse Long, Christian Brown, & Bill Boudreaux-Football; and Nicole Whitescarver-Cross Country.** Trustee Jami Romney-FitzGerald wondered who evaluated the assistant coaches. Mark McMurray noted it was the head coach. He also noted that Rod Paskey has been volunteering as an assistant football coach. He will not be doing this next year so they will be short one coach. **Unan**

--Supt. Randy Cline noted that he needed direction from the board for the calendar committee on whether they wanted to stick with a 180 day school year or a variable day school year (depending on the required hours). After much discussion consensus was to stay with 180 day school year.

4) Discussion/
Information:
2013-2014
School Calendar

--Supt. Randy Cline recommended the following for hire: Rachael Cull-sub bus driver; Mindy Pritzkau-sub shipping & receiving. **Motion by Burke, seconded by Teagle, to hire the individuals as recommended pending successful completion of a background check. Unan**

5) Review/Action:
Hiring Staff

--Supt. Randy Cline noted that they have two volunteers for positions on the Insurance Trust Board-Doug Bardwell & Eric Beyer. **Motion by Burke, seconded by Teagle, to appoint Doug Bardwell & Eric Beyer to the District's Insurance Trust Board. Unan**

6) Review/Action:
Appoint Public
Members to
Insurance Trust
Board

--Supt. Randy Cline noted that he has four additional non-discretionary students for the board to approve. This would make the total number of non-discretionary student at 36. **Motion by Teagle, seconded by Romney-FitzGerald, to approve the non-discretionary students as listed.** Board Comment-Trustee Carla Doxey asked whether the kindergarten classes were full. Principal Cindy Worrall noted that the kindergarten classes were fine but the 2nd & 3rd grade classes were stuffed. **Unan** Discussion occurred as to whether the board policy should be reviewed to change the amount of the application fee.

7) Info/Discussion:
Approve
Discretionary
Non-resident
students

--Supt. Randy Cline noted that it wasn't until after the FCA contract had been signed that a couple of departments realized how the lunch waiver would drastically affect the employee schedules. The consensus was to approve a Memorandum of Understanding that wouldn't implement the change in not allowing waivers until the end of this school year. **Motion by Burke, seconded by Teagle, to approve the MOU concerning changing the implementation of the meal breaks language from 1/1/13 to 6/1/13.** Board Comment-None. **Unan**

8) Info/Discussion:
Approve MOU
with Frenchtown
Classified
Association
(FCA)

--Board Chair John Mazzola noted that Supt. Randy Cline was in the 2nd year of a 3 year contract. The Board has the option of no extension (Supt. Cline would still have his contract for 2013-2014), a one year extension (this would extend the contract through 6/30/15), or a two year extension (this would extend the contract through 6/30/16). **Motion by Burke, seconded by Teagle, to approve the extension of Supt. Randy Cline's contract for two additional years (thru 2015-2016).** Mazzola, Burke, Lester, Romney-FitzGerald & Teagle voted yes. Bashor voted nay. Doxey abstained. **Motion carried.** Trustee

9) Review/Action:
Superintendent's
contract

Michele Bashor asked that it be put on the record that she would have approved a one year contract.

9:37-9:45 p.m.

BREAK

--None.

X. Policy Review

--None

XI. Update on Progress toward District Goals for 2012-2013

Goals- The committee is going to meet one more time to firm up the draft report to use for 1st semester.

XII. Committee Reports

IT- The committee met and discussed how dramatically the internet was growing. The District is running at capacity. The estimated cost to alleviate this problem is between \$18,000-20,000. Mark McMurray noted that last week there were 225 outside private users taking advantage of our wireless system. The main strain on the system is from iPhones and Tablets.

Safety- There was a meeting on 1/10/13. Discussion occurred about the list the staff put together, CPR/First Aide/AED training, replacing an old dryer at the Elementary, wearing the ID badges, sending out safety tips to parents, reviewing the current security procedures with the staff, whether the doors are locked or not locked, visibility issues, additional playground aides, reviewing whether an SRO officer is a possibility, limitations on keys, and the national discussion of staff members carrying weapons at schools.

FFIC (Track, etc.)- Jami Romney-FitzGerald provided an update on the amount of money the District has received in cash and pledges for the Track Matters campaign. Actually received is around \$55,000.

--The District received correspondence from the following: (1) Montana Department of Commerce-Notice of close out for the District's Quality Schools grant for the HVAC system project. (2) A thank you note from the Columbia Falls high school student body for Frenchtown's high school student body and staff kindness and support in regards to the death of one of their students Taylor Peterson. (3) Montana OPI sent a reminder letter that homeless students are eligible for free school meals. (4) Watson Children's Shelter thanked the student in Mr. McLendon's class for providing presents for the children over the holidays.

XIII. Correspondence

None.

XIV. Board Recognition- Recommendation

Adjourned

XV. Adjournment

Approved February 19, 2013

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Dianne M. Burke
Vice Chair, Board of Trustees

/s/ Cindy L. McMurray
District Clerk