

MARCH 18, 2014 7:01-9:54 p.m. Regular Board Meeting Junior High Shared Common Area

The regular School board meeting was called to order by Chair Dianne Burke. Trustees Vice Chair Debbie Lester, Michele Bashor, Jami Romney-FitzGerald, Teresa Teagle, David Weber & Andrew Stevenson; Superintendent Randy Cline; Principals Jake Haynes, Judy McKay, & Aaron Griffin; and Assistant District Clerk-Susie Johnston were also present.

I. Call to Order

Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

Vice Chair Debbie Lester recognized the following:

III. Board Recognition-Presentation

1. High School Wrestling Team for a wonderful season. Athletics Rand Pritzkau and Cody Lemons accepted the award and talked about the season. Placed 2nd at Divisional and 5th at State.
2. Jordan Moe, John Chapman and Andrew Honken accepted the award for the Boys Basketball Team and talked about their season performance and the Divisional tournament.
3. Coach Tolman received the award for the Girls' Basketball Team. He stated how wonderful the send-off from the Elementary school was. The team had 5 all-conference players. Kayla Blood and All-state player Vanessa Stavish were recognized for their outstanding season and accomplishments.
4. Member of the Cheerleading team Darby McNally, Jamie McNally, and Kylee Moss accepted their award.
5. Congratulations to the High School Pep Band for a great season.
6. Congratulations to the Speech and Drama Team-Thanks for all of your hard work.
7. Tanner Field accepted the Award for JH Boys Basketball.
8. Tanner Field was 29th out of 85 at the State Math Counts competition in Bozeman.
9. Coach Eli Field received the Math Count award and talked about the season.

Coach Botsford thanked the administrators and the board for their wonderful support. Chair Dianne Burke recognized Superintendent Randy Cline for his nomination of President Elect of the State Superintendent Association (MASS).

IV. Public Comment Period

Trustee Teresa Teagle provided an update on the PTSA Carnival that is scheduled for April 11, 2014. They still need volunteers for this project that is geared for K-6 graders. If anybody is available please contact the PTSA

V. Individuals & Delegations to Address the Board

Andrew Honken noted that the HS Student Council purchased water bottle filtration systems for the water fountains. They will probably out in place next school year. He also talked about the student counsel getting more involved with planning the prep assemblies.

- A. PTSA
- B. Student Council
- C. National Honor Society

Andrew Honken talked about the NHS was donating \$2000 towards High School Graduation and collected another \$2000 from other clubs.

Dalene Normand gave a presentation on the Gifted and Talented Program. Ryan Rugg, student Hank Rugg, and Kathy Ford-Long were in attendance to provide additional information. About 3%-8% of the population falls into this category. Students are identified by a 95% or higher on the MAPS test giving to third graders, Hawthorne Assessment, and then an IQ test is giving. The students are a pullout group for one afternoon a week, three times a month. One project is interpretative signage for the nature walk. The students have created short i-movies that can be viewed when the QR code is scanned from the sign. The students did a similar scan and watch project for books in the library. In addition, Imagination Destination, an extra curriculum and creative problem solving, is headed to the state completion in Manhattan. Discussion ensued about the funding of the programs, how other schools programs work, and what are possibilities for the future.

VI. Staff Presentation

--Superintendent Cline commented on the subfinder trial with teachers being able to request a specific sub for prearranged absences. The trial seems to be working, but minimal usage for the month. The trial will be extended thru the end of the current school year to gather more

VII. Business
A. Old Business
1)Review/Action

information.

Subfinder Trial
Review

--Superintendent Cline gave an update on the preliminary budget. FTSD has a \$243,300 increase in funding for 2014-2015 school year. Total expected increased expenses at this point are \$283,245. Right now at a breakeven point looking forward at next year. General Budget with no levy is \$8,212,790.08. Can have an option levy of \$512,000. The District has been in a negative position at this point in time for the last three years.

2)Review/Action
Update
Preliminary
Budget

--Request to move mill levy up on the agenda. No objection.

The Board discussed the upcoming school election. The Board discussed whether or not it would be necessary to run a levy election in conjunction with the trustee election. With the input and recommendation of Superintendent Cline and after fully discussing the matter, it was the consensus of the Board that financially, it was not necessary to run a levy election this year. The Board discussed that, in the future, if a levy election was necessary, the District would need to prepare much earlier if it were to run a levy election on the regular election day.

B. New
1)Review/Action
School Levy
Request

The Board then discussed that 2 candidates had filed for the 3 seats on the Board of Trustees and that the District may not need to hold any election since acclamation was an option unless more than 3 candidates were running. The Board discussed the March 27 filing date and discussed potential district patrons who might run for the 3rd open seat. Superintendent Cline referenced the write-in period as another time frame for the 3rd candidate to declare for the position.

David Weber made a motion to move forward with the regular school trustee election without a levy election unless the number of candidates for trustee was equal to or less than the 3 open positions, in which case, the Board would declare elected by acclamation the candidates who filed for the trustee positions. Michelle Bashor seconded the motion.

Hearing no further discussion, there was unanimous consent to move forward with the regular school trustee election without a levy election unless the number of candidates for trustee was equal to or less than the 3 open positions, in which case, the Board would declare elected by acclamation the candidates who filed for the trustee positions.

2)Review/Action
Out of State
Student Travel

The 8th grade class would like permission to take their annual 8th grade promotion trip to Silverwood. Teresa Teagle made a motion to allow out of state travel for the 8th grade class. Michelle Bashor seconded the motion. Board Comment-None. Public Comment-None. Unanimous.

3)Review/Action:
Hiring Staff

Superintendent Randy Cline recommended hiring the following: Half-time Asst. Softball Coach - Rod Paskey, Summer School Teachers- Staci Hedrick, Dawn Johnson, and Tony Davis, Substitute Teacher - Dacey Jedlicka, Jordan Ferris, Amanda Pool, and Taylor Baughman Classified Substitute- Dacey Jedlicka (paraprofessional), Grounds crew- Dan Moe, Andrew Baird, Sarah Cari-Roberts, Student Grounds Worker Gus Butler, Summer painters Roberta Chapman, Marcy Fisher, Veronica Morgan, & Brandy Houlihan. Motion by Michelle Bashor, seconded by Teresa Teagle, to hire the individuals as recommended for 2013-2014 pending successful completion of a background check as needed. Board Comment-None. Public Comment-None. Unanimous

4)Review/Action
Approve
Petitioning OPI
for Budget
Amendment

Superintendent Cline talk about the District being able to petition OPI to be allowed to adopt a budget/amendment for an unseal enrollment increase (per 20-9-161 MCA). The budget amendment for the enrollment increase is in the K-8(budget unit). The unanticipated enrollment increase is greater than 4% this year in K-8. The increase was about 9% The state will pay for additional DSA for a portion of the budget amendment, if approved by the Board and OPI. This would mean additional funds for will be available for the 2013-2014 school year. The difference would be an increase of 37 students to be counted for the whole year. Michelle Bashor moved to petition OPI. Teresa Teagle seconded the motion. Board Comment-None. Public Comment-None. Unanimous

5)Review/Action
Approval of 2014

Summer Traffic Education and Set Fees

There are 40 students interested in the Summer Driver's Education program. Bill Boudreaux is now also certified to teach Driver's Education. There was a discussion of what the District should be charges for the summer program. Our fee is one of the lowest compared to other surrounding school district: Missoula \$340, Hamilton \$350, Stevensville, \$250, Polson \$150 and Florence \$255. Michelle Bashor made a motion to have a summer driver's education program and set the fee at \$250 per student. Debbie Lester seconded the motion. Board Comment-None. Public Comment-None. Unanimous.

6)Review/Action
Set dates for building visits to review custodial/maintenance issues

A discussion about a good day to set the building visits to look at what projects need to be accomplished. It was decided to wait until the April Board meeting to set building visitation dates.

7)Review/Action
Set Special Board Meeting for levy, budget, and future staff considerations

Two special board meetings will take place on April 8th for next year's staffing, policy, and budget discussions. Robb Latrielle from Allegiance will attend the 6pm Insurance Trust board meeting and Joe Brott from MTSBA will talk about the Board policies starting at 7 p.m.

None

Break

None

VIII. Policy Review

None

IX. Update on District Goal for 2013-2014

The consent agenda included: Minutes from regular board meeting of February 18th and Special Board Meeting February 21st and February 27th, claims warrants for the month of February 2014 in the amount of \$185,410.20; & Resignations-6th Grade Teacher and JH Track Coach-Gary Fegan; JH Science/PE Teacher-Greg Kuehn; HS Speech Coach-Susan Dansie (information only). Motion by Debbie Lester, seconded by Michelle Bashor, to approve the minutes as amended. Board Comment-None Public Comment-None. Unanimous. Motion by Michelle Bashor, seconded by Debbie Lester to approve the warrants as listed. Board Comment-None Public Comment-None. Unanimous. Motion by Michelle Bashor, seconded by Teresa Teagle to approve the letters of resignations. Board Comment-None Public Comment-None. Unanimous.

X. Consent Agenda
A. Minutes
B. Warrants
C. Ratify letters of resignation

A question was asked about what the limits on the procurement cards are. Unable to answer, Cindy can answer at the next board meeting. The Insurance Trust Board meeting coming up is with Allegiance to discuss this year's insurance claims and revenues. Motion by Debbie Lester, seconded by Michelle Bashor to approve the Financial Reports. Board Comment-None Public Comment-None. Unanimous. Judy McKay talked about the internet bandwidth for the upcoming testing. Mark McMurray had left a request to ask for Promotion volunteers from the Board for the JH Promotion ceremony June 4th. Superintendent Cline talked about IDEA Part B Project and the process going on to appeal decision by OPI not to allow the purchase of the Read 180 program in FY 12 to count towards our maintenance of fiscal effort (MOE). Letter to DEQ Permitting and Compliance Division. FTSD public comment in response to DEQ proposal for permit renewal of drain fields on the North Campus. Department of Administration-Jennifer Cote, auditor, sent a written letter asking for an extension but forgot to send it, After notice was sent, she sent the letter and the extension was approved. Jamie asked questions about the maintenance report and painting the stadium. The stadium needs to be painted before the sculpture can go up. Motion by Michelle Bashor, seconded by Debbie Lester to approve the Administrative Reports. Board Comment-None Public Comment-None. Unanimous.

XI. Reports
A. Approval of Financial Reports
B. Administrative Reports
1) K-4
2) 5-6
3) 7-8
4) 9-12
5) Technology
6) Maintenance
7) Activities/Athletic
8) Transportation
9) Superintendent

10) Administrative Assistant

Policy- None. Insurance- None. Negotiations/Labor Relations- None. Transportation- None. Safety- None School Improvement/Goals- None Committees: IT- None. FFIC (Track, etc.)- Met in March talked about next projects. Curriculum- None. Block Scheduling-None.

XII. Committee Reports

Letter sent to FEA about setting up negotiation meetings for salary and insurance and the FCA for salary negotiation.

XIII. Correspondence

Board Chair Dianne Burke noted that all recommendations for recognition for the next month's board meeting should be submitted to Supt. Randy Cline

XIV. Board Recognition (recommendation)

Adjourned at 9:54 p.m.

XV. Adjournment

Approved April 15, 2014

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Debbie Lester
Vice Chair, Board of Trustees

/s/ Cindy L. McMurray
District Clerk