January 21, 2020 Regular Meeting

The Unified Board of Trustees met in regular session on Tuesday, January 21, 2020 in the High School Library. Chairman, Bryan Phipps called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

PRESENT

Members present were: Chairman, Bryan Phipps; Beth Murnion, Matthew Bliss, Harold Erlenbusch, and Amber Saylor. Also present were: Superintendent, Nathan Olson; Clerk, Anna Guesanburu; Judy Billing, Cathy Murnion, Charlotte Billing, Brian Bills, Robert Stephenson, Beth Lawrence, and Katie Shawver.

AGENDA

Motion was made by Erlenbusch, seconded by Bliss to approve the agenda without correction. Motion carried unanimously.

A.D. REPORT

Athletic Director, Brian Bills attended the annual MHSA meeting yesterday and informed the Board of how the votes went on the proposals.

STUCO REPORT

Student Council Representative, Rachel Ryan informed the Board they are selling booster ads and will be planning a pep rally for District tournaments in February. Student Council is already planning for "Teacher Appreciation Week" for the week of May 4th-7th.

TEACHER REPORT

Mrs. Cathy Murnion informed the Board this is the year that the 1st-4th grade take their train trip. Mrs. Murnion explained to the Board what all this entails and that more details will be given as it progresses. The elementary is doing "I Love to Read" for the month of February, like they had done last year.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Superintendent Olson informed the Board we will find out about the DLA grant by the end of January no later than the end of February. Since we have started giving students the pre ACT tests the scores have been improving each year. Dusty Olson has contacted Mr. Olson and asked about students being interested in an Envirothon competition in Lewistown on April 20th and 21st. The competition has similarities to an FFA competition and Mrs. Barb Clark may be interested in being the advisor of it. At this time Chairman Phipps read to the Board a letter from Mrs. Cathy Murnion informing them of her retirement with the school district at the end of this school year. Mr. Olson has already received an application for this position and the Board agreed the hiring committee will try for February 4th to set up an interview. Superintendent Olson informed the Board there are two applications received for head and assistant track coaches. Summer projects will consist of replacing the windows in the MPR. Chairman Phipps read a letter from Richey schools congratulating everyone on their successful football season.

MINITES

Motion was made by Murnion, seconded by Saylor to approve the minutes of the December 17, 2019 regular meeting without correction or addition. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion was made by Erlenbusch, seconded by Murnion to approve the consent agenda including the following items: #6.1 Accounts Payable/Payroll Claims; #6.2 Payroll Claims Transfers; and #6.3 Extra-curricular reports HS/EL. Accounts Payable includes #30580 - #30613; Direct Deposit warrants include #85677 - #85648; Payroll warrants include #22851 - #22872. Motion carried unanimously.

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HANDBOOK REVISIONS

This item resumed after being tabled at the last regular meeting. After discussion, motion was made by Murnion, seconded by Saylor to approve the handbook revisions on punishments for alcohol, tobacco, and vaping; 1st offense – no sports for two weeks, 2nd offense – no sports for the rest of the school year. Motion carried unanimously.

INTENT TO RETIRE POLICY

Superintendent Olson handed the Board a revision for Policy# 5253 – Retirement Programs for Employees. Motion was made by Erlenbusch, seconded by Bliss to approve the first and final reading of policy revision #5253 - Retirement Programs for Employees. Motion carried unanimously.

VINYL SIGN

Superintendent Olson informed the Board as part of the agreement with the Central Montana Foundation a sign is to be at the football field and he would like to add all donators to the sign.

2020-21 SCHOOL CALENDAR

Superintendent Olson handed the Board a copy of the 2020-21 school calendar as agreed upon by the teachers and him to present to the Board. After discussion, motion was made by Saylor, seconded by Erlenbusch to approve the 2020-21 school calendar. Murnion vote yes, Bliss votes no, Erlenbusch votes yes, Saylor vote yes, and Phipps votes yes, motion carries.

SUPERINTENDENT EVALUATION

Chairman Phipps closed the meeting at 5:40 p.m., pursuant to Title 2-3-203; paragraph three, as the matter at hand, Superintendent Evaluation, is a matter of individual privacy, and the Chairman has determined that the demands of individual privacy clearly exceed the merits of public disclosure. The Board, Superintendent Olson, and Clerk Guesanburu remained in the meeting. The meeting was opened at 5:48 p.m. Motion was made by Murnion, seconded by Saylor to approve the closed session minutes as presented by Clerk Guesanburu. Motion carried

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