

**REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
TOWNSEND SCHOOLS K-12 DISTRICT #1
LIBRARY COMMUNITY ROOM
TUESDAY, MAY 11, 2021 6:00 PM**

The regular meeting of the trustees of Townsend Schools was held on this date with the following board members present: Jason Noyes, Todd Olson, Shaun Scott, Kevin McDonnell, Vanessa Flynn, and others: Shane Swandal, Rich Whitney, Tim Tholt, Doug Ellis, Amanda Hazlett, Jennifer Beatty, Dallas Diehl, Joe Gill, Christina Hartmann, Brad Racht, Erik Wilkerson, Sheri Heavrin, Susie Hedalen, and Kristi Sangray.

Chairman Noyes called the meeting to order at 6:00pm and allowed for public comment.

Jennifer Beatty and Amanda Hazlett presented information about ACE, which is a program to advance awareness for students dealing with trauma. ACE connects schools and agencies to create a healthier community and future for children affected by trauma and to promote resiliency.

Shane Swandal stated that the asbestos abatement is scheduled to start June 1, 2021. Five vendors were invited to bid and only one vendor submitted a bid. Shane stated that he met with A & E to work on the design for the roof. It will be put out for bid in the fall. Shane stated the FF&E process started last week for all of the furnishings for the new school.

Tim Tholt stated that on Thursday the first wall will be poured for the new school. The band addition between the middle school and high school will be started next week.

Sheri Heavrin stated the new technology pieces for the new elementary building will need to be paid for with the technology fund. Sheri stated the new school will reuse the functional technology already in place.

Kevin McDonnell stated he met with Jason Noyes and the teacher's union to discuss a 1-3% raise.

Doug Ellis swore in Jason Noyes and Vanessa Flynn as Board Members.

Vanessa Flynn made a motion to approve the consent agenda items as presented.

- April 13, 2021 Regular Meeting minutes
- May Claims (#28070- #28134 for \$448,509.53)

Shaun Scott seconded the motion. All voted in favor

ATTENDANCE

CALL TO ORDER

**TRAUMA INFORMED
ADVOCATES OF
BROADWATER COUNTY**

DISCUSSION ITEMS

**BUILDING PROJECT
UPDATES**

**COMMITTEE MEETING
REPORTS-TECHNOLOGY**

**NEGOTIATION
COMMITTEE**

**SWEARING IN OF
BOARD MEMBERS**

**APPROVE MINUTES
APPROVE CLAIMS**

Todd Olson made a motion to approve the bid of \$34,450 submitted by Ingraham Environmental Inc. for asbestos abatement. Shaun Scott seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

ACTION ITEMS

Shaun Scott made a motion to approve the increase of meal prices for both child and adult meals by \$.10, including lunch and breakfast. Vanessa Flynn seconded the motion. All voted in favor

APPROVE MEAL PRICING

Shaun Scott made a motion to approve the Interlocal Agreement with Prickly Pear Coop. Vanessa Flynn seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT

Shaun Scott made a motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with Montana Job Corps for the 2021-2022 academic year as amended. Kevin McDonnell seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

MONTANA JOB CORPS MOU

Vanessa Flynn made a motion to approve payment of annual dues for MHSA participation for \$4,502.00. Shaun Scott seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

MHSA DUES

Kevin McDonnell made a motion to request the County Election Administrator conduct school elections for the 2021-2022 school year. Todd Olson seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

COUNTY ELECTION ADMINISTRATOR

Todd Olson made a motion to adopt the revised 1905 policy with option 2 under the first set of options and option 2 for the second set of options to make masks optional not required. Shaun Scott seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Masks are optional and routines will be maintained.

POLICY

Vanessa Flynn made a motion to appoint Kristi Sangray as the Townsend Schools Medicaid Billing Administrator. Kevin McDonnell seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

EMPLOYMENT 2020-2021

Shaun Scott made a motion to approve the hire of Denise Bakkum as the Spring Play Director for 2021. Todd Olson seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Todd Olson made a motion to approve the hire of the summer camp employees as presented. Shaun Scott seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Kevin McDonnell made a motion to approve the hire of Hannah Rauser as Elementary Secretary for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year. Shaun Scott seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Shaun Scott made a motion to approve the hire of Beth Roelofs as Elementary Music teacher for the 2021-2022 school year. Vanessa Flynn seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

EMPLOYMENT 2021-2022

Todd Olson made a motion to approve Magalie Belanger and Mardee Scott as Elementary Special Education teachers for the 2021-2022 school year. Shaun Scott seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Vanessa Flynn made a motion to approve the hire of Denise Bakkum as the Fall Play Director for the 2021-2022 school year. Shaun Scott seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Shaun Scott made a motion to approve the hire of Hannah Rauser as the Elementary Secretary for the 2021-2022 school year. Vanessa Flynn seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Todd Olson made a motion to approve a 2.5% increase for Mandi Hall as After-School program facilitator for 2021-2022. Vanessa Flynn seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Shaun Scott made a motion to approve the resignations as presented. Kevin McDonnell seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

RESIGNATIONS

The following will resign at the end of the 2020-2021 school year:

Travis Rauh- .5 Activities Director, Addie Fiedler- Special Education Teacher, Jeremy Bartlett- C Squad Boys Basketball Coach, Julia Crook- Paraprofessional, Sara Shaffer- H.S. Student Council Advisor, Shae Bruursema- 7th grade volleyball coach and 8th grade girls' basketball coach.

POLICY

Shaun Scott made a motion to approve MTSBA model policy 5120P on first reading. Todd Olson seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

BOARD REORGANIZATION

Todd Olson made a motion to appoint Jason Noyes as Chair and Shaun Scott as Vice Chair of the Townsend School Board for the 2021-2022 school year. Vanessa Flynn seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Committee assignments will be discussed at the next meeting.

EL PRINCIPAL REPORT

Mr. Racht reported on the upcoming 8th grade Awards Night on May 25, 2021 at 7:00pm. He also informed the Board that the Laser Tag behavior reward activity will be rescheduled for next week. Mr. Racht informed the Board about the changes in routine that the building project will cause. He stated how the abatement preparation will involve one 4th grade, both 5th grade and the middle school classrooms. The project will start June 1, 2021. Everything will be removed from the classrooms before June 1, 2021. He expressed appreciation to the board

members for keeping our school open during the 2020-2021 school year. He thanked the Board for their time and consideration during a tough year.

Mrs. Heavrin reported on the statewide Academic competition. Jonah Wishman took 5th overall and the team took 5th overall. Mrs. Heavrin reported on the Safe as a bulldog week, Lunch lady appreciation day, and teacher appreciation week. She stated the seniors would like a reverse parade right after the graduation ceremony this year. She stated registration for high school classes will take place this week. She also reported on Prom, Divisional Tennis, District Track, Divisional Golf, and State Golf. The senior's last day will be May 19th.

HS PRINCIPAL REPORT

Erik Wilkerson reported on the Criss compliance audit. He also stated that he is working on the interlocal library agreement. Mr. Wilkerson stated that a bus barn garage door was accidentally closed on a bus. The bottom panel of the garage door was damaged. It will take 3-4 weeks before the repair is made.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Jason Noyes adjourned the meeting. The next regular board meeting will be held Tuesday, June 8, 2021.

Jason Noyes- Chairman

Kristi Sangray- District Clerk