

**POWELL COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SPECIAL MEETING – July 12, 2021 – 6:30 p.m.**

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Board Chair Maureen Mannix called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

2. ROLL:

Board Chair: Maureen Mannix

Board Members: Will Graveley, David Miller, and Jennifer Nicholson.

Administration: Annette Galahan.

3. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS:

Amanda Bohrer, Baylee Brown, Katie Crofutt, Dawn Hagan, Kacie Perkins, Bart Smith, Clint Stevenson, and Dave Williamson.

4. CORRESPONDENCE:

None.

5. CANVASS RECOUNT VOTE:

The recount for the Trustee Election for the Deer Lodge/Racetrack District was held, and the results were exactly the same as the original tally, and were accepted by the Board.

The vote was Bart Smith 421; Amanda Bohrer 413; and Baylee Brown 413.

Action: David Miller moved to approve the recount tally sheets, seconded by Will Graveley.

The motion passed unanimously.

6. SWEARING IN OF NEWLY ELECTED TRUSTEES:

Bart Smith was elected to serve a 3-year term for Deer Lodge/Racetrack District. The tie-breaker between Amanda Bohrer and Baylee Brown was determined by drawing a name from a hat; Baylee Brown was the winner. A tie-vote is considered a “vacancy,” and Baylee Brown was elected to serve 1 year of a 3-year term for Deer Lodge/Racetrack District on the Powell County High School Board of Trustees (Ms. Brown will need to run again in the next regular school election). Mr. Smith and Ms. Brown were sworn in by Annette Galahan, Notary Public for the State of Montana.

7. NEW APPOINTEE:

Action: Jennifer Nicholson moved to appoint Amanda Bohrer to the vacated trustee position in the Deer Lodge/Racetrack District for 1 year of a remaining 2-year term (Mrs. Bohrer will need to run again in the next regular school election), seconded by Bart Smith.

Discussion: Mrs. Nicholson stated that Mrs. Bohrer was on the initial ballot and tied, and thus believes she should be appointed to the vacated position.

The motion passed unanimously.

8. CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR VICE-CHAIRPERSON:

Action: Will Graveley nominated Jennifer Nicholson as Vice-Chairperson, seconded by Amanda Bohrer.

The motion passed unanimously.

10. COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS:

Maureen Mannix appointed Baylee Brown and Will Graveley to the Claims Committee.

Maureen Mannix appointed Amanda Bohrer, Jennifer Nicholson, and Bart Smith to the Interview Committee.

12. NEW BUSINESS:

Certified Master Agreement

Postponed.

Safe Return to School Plan

The Safe Return to School Plan was reviewed. Discussion included attendance; policy, etc. The general consensus is that the public health emergency is over, and that the Board wants to see students “eyeball to eyeball” in the brick and mortar school. Several teachers stated that simultaneous onsite/offsite instruction is very difficult! The Board wants to see the students, in-person, at PCHS.

13. PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

14. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

- Failed General Fund Levy.
- Activities Eligibility.
- Board Trainings/Workshops.
- Math Positions.
- Student Retention.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m. by unanimous consent.

The next regular meeting will be Monday, August 9, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

s/Annette Galahan, District Business Manager/Clerk

s/Maureen McMahan Mannix, Chairperson