

Frenchtown School Board of Trustees Meeting

July 20, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

Middle School Shared Common Area

- I. **Call to Order:** The Regular School Board Meeting was called to order by Board Chair Jami Romney FitzGerald. Trustees Gordon Schmill, Shiloh Lucier, Bryce Simpson, David Weber and Jami Wright were in attendance. Trustee Noah Peters attended electronically. Also in attendance were Superintendent Les Meyer, Technology Coordinator Arron Rowan and District Clerk Shauna Anderson. Special Services Coordinator Jennifer Demmons and Principal Aaron Griffin attended electronically.
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance:** The meeting opened with the pledge at 7:02 p.m.
- III. **Board Recognition – none.**
- IV. **Public Comment Period – none.**
- V. **Individuals and Delegations to Address the Board – none.**
- VI. **Staff Presentation – none.**
- VII. **Approval of Minutes**

Shiloh Lucier made a motion to approve the minutes with the addition of trustees Gordon Schmill and Bryce Simpson to the Insurance Committee. Bryce Simpson seconded the motion. Public discussion – none. Board discussion – none. Unanimous.
- VIII. **Administrative Reports**

Highlights of the administrative reports were Maintenance Supervisor Sean Mecham discussing the challenges of facility maintenance over the summer months. Questions were asked about asphalt repairs, and the grounds crews were commended for the work they have done. Superintendent Les Meyer discussed facility work in progress, a School Administrators upcoming summit and the potential for grant funding high school girls flag football sponsored by the Atlanta Falcons. Also discussed was school board training, open positions at the District and the continuation of the food service program which will provide free meals to enrolled students for the 2021 – 2022 school year.
- IX. **Business**
 - A. Old Business
 - 1) Information/Discussion: Update on Summer Maintenance Projects

Summer projects were discussed above with the Maintenance Supervisor administrative report.
 - B. New Business
 - 1) Information/Discussion: Frenchtown School District – ARP – ESSER Plan

Superintendent Les Meyer discussed the template for the Frenchtown School District ARP ESSER Plan, which demonstrates how FTSD is planning to utilize ESSER funding. This plan will be reviewed and monitored frequently. A gap analysis identifying District needs will be formalized with administration soon, as well as community outreach to provide input on the District plan.
 - 2) Review/Action: Hiring
 - a. Middle School Coaches – moved to end of hire list on agenda.
 - b. Superintendent Les Meyer recommended the following for hire: Business Teacher Lindsey Goris, Kindergarten Teacher Ashley Grout, Middle School Title Teacher Rae-Ann Beaulieu, Bus Driver Amy Diehl, Substitute Bus Drivers Caleb Wilkerson, Arron Rowan, Leisa Thompson and Nicole Lamoreux, Full Time Custodian Daniel Aichlmayr, and Industrial Arts Teacher Louis Reynolds. Jami Wright made a motion to approve the hires as recommended. David Weber seconded the motion. Public discussion – none. Board

discussion – regarding being thankful the District was able to fill these positions. Unanimous.

- c. Middle School Coaches – Superintendent Les Meyer recommended hiring the Middle School Coaches as listed in the packet, with the addition of Ryann Rugg and Mariah Harvey to MS Volleyball. Also recommended was the additional coaching positions to increase MS football to four coaches and MS volleyball to four coaches. Discussion was held regarding participation numbers and the need for additional coaches for safety and supervision. Jami Wright made a motion to approve the Middle School Coaches as listed with the exception of Jennifer Bedell who has resigned. Bryce Simpson seconded the motion. Public discussion – Principal Aaron Griffin discussed the need for these coaches. Board discussion – none. Unanimous. David Weber made a motion to approve the additional positions/stipends as presented. Shiloh Lucier seconded the motion. Public discussion – none. Board discussion – none. Unanimous.

3) Information/Discussion: Resignations

The resignations of Bus Driver Christine Bearden, Playground Aid Jime Benitez, Industrial Arts Teacher Keith Kuroski and Permanent Substitute Madison Wickens were discussed.

4) Review/Action: MTSBA Membership Attention

MTSBA annual meeting action items regarding Principles and Guidelines, the FY23 Dues Revenue estimates and election of President and Vice-President were presented. The Board can delegate voting to the District Clerk. David Weber made a motion to allow the District Clerk to vote on the Board's behalf. Gordon Schmill seconded the motion. Public discussion – none. Board discussion – none. Unanimous.

5) Review/Action: Calendar Changes for 2021-2022 School Year

Superintendent Meyer recommended two calendar changes for the 2021-2022 school year.

- a. Jami Wright made a motion to approve changing the Thursday, April 21st early out to Friday, April 22nd as recommended. Shiloh Lucier seconded the motion. Public discussion – none. Board discussion – none. Unanimous.
- b. Superintendent Les Meyer discussed the recommendation to change the half day early out on September 30th to a full day PIR. This would make the “I Love U Guys Foundation” staff training a full day event. This Foundation started in 2006 by John-Michael and Ellen Keyes following the school shooting that took the life of their daughter Emily. Emily texted “I Love U Guys” during the ordeal that set the tone for the Foundation. The training will focus on school safety and reunification procedures in the event of safety and security emergency. Shiloh Lucier made a motion to approve changing the half day early out to a full day PIR on September 30, 2021 for the “I Love U Guys” staff training. Public discussion – none. Board discussion – regarding questions about instruction time. Unanimous.

6) Review/Action: Approve the contract with Western Montana Mental Health Services

Superintendent Les Meyer discussed the contract with Western Montana Mental Health Services. Discussion was held regarding the potential District match, and questions were asked regarding the need to switch from the existing provider of services. David Weber made a motion to approve the contract with Western Montana Mental Health Services to provide CSCT services. Jami Wright seconded the motion. Public discussion – Superintendent Meyer further discussed the reasons for changing providers. Board discussion – regarding the selection of the new provider. Unanimous.

7) Review/Action: Approve Adult Education Program Coordinated by Missoula County Public Schools (MCPS)

The Lifelong Learning Center providing adult education sent a proposal renewal for the 2021-2022 school year. The Lifelong Learning Center coordinates classes, advertises the program, provides a community liaison and also provides ABE and GED preparation courses for district residents. Superintendent Les Meyer recommended approving the agreement with The Lifelong Learning Center. Bryce Simpson made a motion to approve the agreement with The Lifelong Learning

- Center. Shiloh Lucier seconded the motion. Public discussion – none. Board discussion – regarding adult education as part of the District Strategic Plan. Unanimous.
- 8) Review/Action: Approve Contract with Samara Physical Therapy
Superintendent Les Meyer recommended the approval of contracting physical therapy service with Samara. David Weber made a motion to approve the contract with Samara Physical Therapy. Shiloh Lucier seconded the motion. Public discussion – none. Board discussion – none. Unanimous.
 - 9) Review/Action: Approve Resolution for Signature Changes
Signature changes are needed for the District Visa card held with Montana Educators Credit Union. Gordon Schmill made a motion to approve the Corporate Resolution to change signatures. Shiloh Lucier seconded the motion. Public discussion – none. Board discussion –none. Unanimous.
 - 10) Review/Action: Obsolete/Surplus Equipment
Superintendent Les Meyer recommended the sale/obsolete of green boards, 5-man sled, 3-man chute, well casings, 2009 International Bus, computers and padded school chairs. Discussion was held regarding the need for a minimum bid on some of the items. Questions were asked regarding the well casings and their value. Jami Wright made a motion to approve obsolete/surplus equipment as presented requiring minimum bids for items as discussed. Bryce Simpson seconded the motion. Public discussion – none. Board discussion – regarding the well casings. Unanimous.
 - 11) Review/Action: Approve Discretionary Non Resident Students
Shiloh Lucier made a motion to accept the non-resident students as listed and approved by administration. Gordon Schmill seconded the motion. Public discussion – none. Board discussion – regarding administrative approval of the students. Unanimous.
 - 12) Review/Action: Purchases – Flintstone Paving
Superintendent Les Meyer recommended the purchase of \$31,890 for south campus asphalt repair provided by Flintstone Paving. Maintenance Supervisor Sean Mecham discussed the estimate and the recommended repairs. Discussion was held regarding the improvements needed to the south campus lot. Bryce Simpson made a motion to approve the estimate of \$31,890 by Flintstone Paving as submitted pending any required permitting. Gordon Schmill seconded the motion. Public discussion – none. Board discussion – regarding the need to completely pave the south campus and if this should be completed now. Unanimous.
 - 13) Review/Action: Set Date for Approving Trustee Report and date for holding the Budget Meeting
Jami Wright made a motion to set August 11th at 5:30 p.m. to approve the Trustees Financial Summary for FY21 and set the Budget for FY22. Gordon Schmill seconded the motion. Public discussion – none. Board discussion – regarding meeting invitations to be sent. Unanimous.

X. **Policy Review**

A. First Reading – Revisions – Requires One Reading

All policy revisions were reviewed by the Policy Committee July 20 2021 at 7:00 a.m.

- 1) BP2170 and 2170P – Digital Academy. Changes required acknowledge the authority of MTDA to charge for courses not required for graduation om accordance with Section 20-7-1202 MCA.
- 2) BP2332 – Religion and Religious Activities. Changes recommended to language regarding non-curricular groups.
- 3) BP2600 – Work Experience Program. Tabled.
- 4) BP3121 – Enrollment and Attendance Records. Required changes in response to SB72 allowing certain unenrolled children to participate in extracurricular activities.
- 5) BP3150 – Part-Time Attendance. Required changes in response to SB72 regarding unenrolled children participating in extracurricular activities.
- 6) BP3310 – Student Discipline. Language change regarding firearms.
- 7) BP3311 – Firearms and Other Weapons. Required change in response to SB283 regarding procedures when considering expulsion in violation to firearms policy.
- 8) BP3413 – Student Immunization. Required changes containing new terminology and procedures for medical exemptions to immunizations in response to HB334.

- 9) BP3510 – School-Sponsored Student Activities. Required changes in response to SB157 regarding student clubs and groups.
 - 10) BP3550 – Student Clubs. Changes recommended to student clubs and informal student gathering language.
 - 11) BP4315 – Visitor and Spectator Conduct. Language change to include reference to B4332.
 - 12) BP4331 – Use of School Property for Posting Notices. Language changes recommended regarding building access and violation of policy.
 - 13) BP4332 – Conduct on School Property. Language changes recommended to the definition of school property and additional language added regarding firearms.
 - 14) BP5223 – Personal Conduct. Additional language added regarding firearms and weapons.
- Jami Wright made a motion to approve the policy revisions as recommended by the Policy Committee. Bryce Simpson seconded the motion. Public discussion – none. Board discussion – none. Unanimous.

B. First Reading – New Policies – Requires Second Reading

- 1) BP2600F – Tabled.
- 2) BP3550F – School District Student Club Application. Recommended new policy requiring an application form for student clubs.
- 3) BP4211 – District and School Name, Logo, Imagery and Colors. This model policy requires Board approval for use of the District name, logo, imagery and colors by any group, individual, business, entity or organization.

XI. Approval of Warrants/Approval of Financial Report

Jami Wright made a motion to approve the warrants and financial reports as presented. Shiloh Lucier seconded the motion. Public discussion – none. Board discussion – none. Unanimous.

XIII. Committee Reports

- A. Policy (Shiloh Lucier, Jami Wright, Noah Peters)
- B. Insurance (David Weber, Gordon Schmill, Bryce Simpson)
- C. Negotiations/Labor Relations (Jami Romney FitzGerald, Gordon Schmill & Bryce Simpson)
- D. Transportation (David Weber & Bryce Simpson)
- E. Safety (Gordon Schmill & Bryce Simpson)
- F. School Improvement/Goals Committee (Jami Romney FitzGerald, Bryce Simpson & Noah Peters)
- G. Ad Hoc Committees – IT (Jami Romney FitzGerald & Jami Wright), Facilities – (Jami Romney FitzGerald, Gordon Schmill, & Bryce Simpson), Curriculum/Professional Development (Jami Romney FitzGerald & Noah Peters), Academic Achievement – (Shiloh Lucier, Noah Peters & Jami Wright), Wellness (Jami Romney FitzGerald & Shiloh Lucier).

Committee chairpersons were selected for each committee.

XI. Correspondence – none.

XII. Board Recognition – Send recommendations to the Superintendent prior to the next regular board meeting.

ADJOURNED 9:52 p.m.

Approved: August 17, 2021

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Jami Romney FitzGerald
Board Chair

/s/ Shauna Anderson
District Clerk