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**Regular Board Meeting
Notes on Agenda Items
August 10, 2021**

Board Members Present:

Drew Blankenbaker
Tim Campbell
Patrick Hanley
Jeni Seifert
Rebekah Stamp

Board Members Not Present:

Heidi Apedaile
Seth Gale Wyrick

District Business:

1. Reports:

Reports were given by Superintendent Korst in the following areas: Food Service, Finance, Maintenance/Custodial, HHS, Director of Student Services, and Activities.

2. Consent Agenda:

Superintendent Korst presented the consent agenda including appointments, retirements, and HMS/HHS Activities hires. Superintendent Korst recognized Ms. Gayle Watts’ retirement and thanked her for helping to develop the program at Washington Early Learning Center. There was no public comment. The Board approved the Consent Agenda.

3. Old Business:

None at this time.

4. New Business:

A. Recommendation to Increase Legal/HR Specialist Hourly Wage of \$50.00 Per Hour and Subsequent Steps for 10 Years at 2.5% (Action)

Superintendent Korst recommended that the Board increase the Legal/HR Specialist hourly rate and establish subsequent steps for 10 years at 2.5%. There was no public comment. The Board approved this Action Item.

B. Recommendation to Provide Darren Crnich, the HVAC Specialist, Deferred Maintenance and Safe Schools Coordinator, a \$1,000 One-Time Moving Stipend (Action)

Superintendent Korst recommended approving a \$1,000 moving stipend for HVAC Specialist Darren Crnich. There was no public comment. The Board approved this Action Item.

C. Review District Procedures for Monitoring Air Quality and Student Outdoor Activities (Information)

Superintendent Korst stated that air quality is a concern at this time of year and that the District will continue to monitor air quality for activities through the DEQ monitoring website. Activities Director Blome stated that MHSA will follow the same guidelines as in the past for air quality. Board Chair Hanley recommended that District community members check the District's website and social media posts to stay up to date on air quality related schedule changes. There was no public comment.

D. Consideration of MTSBA Region Six Director – Charlee Thompson – for Re-Election (Action)

Superintendent Korst stated that the Board must approve a regional director and that the MTSBA recommended Charlee Thompson. Board Vice Chair Blankenbaker stated that the candidate is running unopposed. There was no public comment. The Board approved this Action Item.

E. Consideration of Child Care Proposal – Request for Proposal Due 8/5/21 (Information/Action)

Superintendent Korst advised the Board that no proposals were submitted for the District's revised RFP. For child care. In response to Board member Seifert's question, Certified Union President Hattlestad shared that some teachers have asked about daycare, but that she is not aware of anyone who is without daycare because there is no facility

available on District property. She added that she believes many teachers will use the service if a facility opens on District property. Board Chair Hanley expressed his hope that the District is able to work something out in the future. There was no public comment.

F. Recommendation to Approve a TR-4/Individual Transportation Contract According to the McKinney-Vento Homeless Act (Action)

Superintendent Korst advised the Board that the District cannot provide regular route bus transportation in this unique situation and must reimburse for student transportation due to the McKinney-Vento Homeless Act. There was no public comment. The Board approved this Action Item.

G. Recommendation to Approve a MOU with the Bitterroot Valley Community College for Continuing to Provide Adult Education Services (Action)

Superintendent Korst advised the Board that this memorandum of understanding was the same agreement that the District has had with Bitterroot Valley Community College (“BVCC”) for the past two years. Superintendent Korst recommended approving this agreement with BVCC for one year and revisiting the arrangement in the future. There was no public comment. The Board approved this Action Item.

H. Recommendation to Modify Washington Office Manager to Include Special Education and District Office Support Duties (Action)

Superintendent Korst recommended that the Board approve modifying the Washington Early Learning Center office manager position to include momentary assignment responsibility to the District Office and Special Education Department. There was no public comment. The Board approved this Action item.

I. Recommendation to Approve a Memorandum of Understanding with the Montana Job Corps (Action)

Superintendent Korst recommended that the Board approve the longstanding memorandum of understanding with Montana Job Corps, which allows Job Corps to provide services to District students while maintaining the students’ District enrollment. There was no public comment. The Board approved this Action item.

J. Consideration of Re-Opening Plan (Information / Action)

Superintendent Korst thanked the public for attending and advised the Board that with school starting soon, the District needs to make decisions concerning the re-opening plan. Superintendent Korst explained that the process for making a re-opening

recommendation to the Board included consulting with the administrative team, teachers, parents, county health department, and local healthcare facilities. Superintendent Korst reviewed the COVID-19 prevention efforts taken during the 2020-2021 academic year and recognized District staff, teachers, and administrators for the time and effort they invested in making our District successful throughout the pandemic.

Board Chair Hanley welcomed the Hamilton community to share their thoughts and feelings regarding the District's re-opening plan and asked that everyone speak and listen respectfully. Board Chair Hanley also explained that each person who wished to speak would have 2 minutes to do so.

Approximately 30 community members shared their views and asked questions with regard to the District's re-opening plan. Community perspectives ranged from advocating for universally required masking, to advocating for individual masking choice. The Board took no action on this Action Item

K. 2021 – 2022 Final Budget Hearing:

Superintendent Korst and Business Manager Binando advised the Board of the contents of the 2021-2022 District Budget. Board Member Campbell asked about the career services funding allocation, to which Superintendent Korst replied that he, Principal Wells, and Director of Transformational Learning Watts continue to work on this issue. Board Chair Hanley advised that the 2021-2022 is open to any tax payer in the District for clarification and invited questions and comments from the public.

a. Approve Budgets and Set Levies for the 2021-2022 School Year (Action)

There was no public comment. The Board approved this Action Item.

5. Policies and Procedures:

None at this time.

Public Comment:

A member of the public expressed her appreciation for being able to watch live Board meetings online.

A member of the public expressed his dissatisfaction with the condition of the Hamilton High School softball fields.

The next special Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 17, 2021.

The next regular Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 14, 2021.