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**Special Board Meeting
Notes on Agenda Items
October 13, 2020**

Board Members Present:

Patrick Hanley
Heidi Apedaile
Drew Blankenbaker
Jeni Seifert
Rebecca Stamp
Seth Gale Wyrick

Board Members Not Present:

Tim Campbell

District Business:

1. **Reports:** Reports were given by Superintendent Korst and administrators in the following areas: Food Services, Technology, Finance, Communications, Maintenance/Grounds, Custodial & Transportation, HHS, HMS, Daly Elementary, Activities/Athletics, and Student Services.
2. **Consent Agenda:** The Board approved the Consent Agenda. No public comment was received.
3. **Old Business:** Review of Athletic/Activities COVIC Procedures – Safety of Participants and Spectators at Events. (Information / Action): Superintendent Korst reviewed the status of COVID-19 spread in the community as well as the spectator guidelines released by MHSAA for playoff games earlier in the day. Athletics Director Blome provided data on event attendance as well as ticket distribution logistics. There was no public comment.
4. **New Business:**
 - A. Request Approval of the MT Data Privacy Agreement with Señor Wooly, Inspired Classroom, and Breakout EDU for Compliance with the Montana Pupil Online Personal Information Protection Act. (Action) Superintendent Korst stated that the referenced programs have agreed to comply with data privacy requirements

and recommended their approval. There was no public comment. The Board Approved this Action Item.

- B. Recommendation to Approve 2020-2021 Individual Transportation Contract. (Action) Superintendent Korst stated that this item relates to a unique situation regarding a student who spends part of their time in the District. Transportation for this student would be reimbursed based on mileage. There was no public comment. The Board Approved this Action Item.
- C. Request Approval of Attendance for Possible Out of District / Out of County Students Testing for the National ACT Test to be held at the Hamilton High School on December 12th. (Action) Superintendent Korst and Hamilton High School Principal Wells advised the Board that HHS is capable of safely hosting up to 40 HSD and non-HSD students for the National ACT exam on December 12th. In response to Board Member Gale Wyrick's question, Principal Wells stated that students would be required to wear masks and maintain social distancing during the exam. There was no public comment. The Board Approved this Action Item.
- D. Consideration of Kiwanis Club use of Hamilton High School for Food Box Distribution Staging. (Action) Superintendent Korst provided information concerning the HHS Key Club sponsored Kiwanis food distribution staging event which serves approximately 300 community families and recommended that the Board approve this year's event. There was no public comment. The Board Approved this Action Item.
- E. Consideration of Rentals at HSD#3 Facilities. (Information/Action) Superintendent Korst stated that HSD must decide whether to permit facility rentals in light of the current status of COVID-19 infections in the community. Of specific concern due to timing requirements was the Velocity Gymnastics State Meet. The Board voted on two motions: 1) Motion to suspend rentals until the next Board meeting unless already approved; and 2) Motion to cancel the Gymnastics State Meet. There was no public comment. Board Approved both action items.
- F. Request to Change Elementary (K-4th Grade) Parent/Teacher Conferences to November 9th & November 11th. (Action) Superintendent Korst explained that the proposed rescheduled parent teacher conference dates provide more convenient timing for Daly Elementary. There was no public comment. The Board Approved this Action Item.
- G. District Enrollment from Official OPI Count Date. (Information) Superintendent Korst discussed the state of HSD enrollment. Despite some general enrollment loss, HSD has gained approximately 30 students in Washington Primary programs. There was no public comment.

- H. Consideration of Hiring Outside Vendor for Custodial Services at Daly Elementary. (Action) Superintendent Korst explained that there is a shortage of available nighttime custodians and that HSD would like to explore whether the use of an outside janitorial service provider for nighttime cleaning at Daly Elementary may resolve the issue. There was no public comment. The Board Approved this Action Item.
- I. Approval of Owner’s Construction Representative Agreement with Hulteng CCM for the Alternative Resource Center. (Action) Superintendent Korst described the Daly Elementary ARC project as well as the potential benefits of hiring an owner’s construction representative for the project. Board members Gale Wyrick and Board Vice Chair Blankenbaker’s questions concerning funding and logistics were answered. There was no public comment. The Board Approved this Action Item.
- J. Approval of Daly Elementary ARC Remodel Project Summary. (Action) Superintendent Korst estimated that this remodel project will cost approximately \$170,000 and indicated that it will be very beneficial for the operation of Daly Elementary and its students. There was no public comment. The Board Approved this Action Item.
5. **District Policies:** The Board held the First Reading of the following Policies that were revised to comply with Title IX Regulations:
- a. Policy 1085- Uniform Grievance Procedure
 - b. Policy 3000- Equal Educational Opportunities
 - c. Policy 3005- Harassment, Intimidation, Hazing and Bullying of Students Prohibited
 - d. Policy 5000- Equal Employment Opportunity
 - e. Policy 5005- Sexual Harassment

Superintendent Korst and HSD Legal/HR Specialist Lewanski advised that the referenced policy revisions are required to comply with new federal Title IX regulations. Board Chair Hanley indicated that this will be the first reading for the policies.

Public Comments

The following responses were made to public questions:

Question 1: Superintendent Korst advised that school hours will remain the same at this time due to the major impact any change would have on staffing and the benefits the

District is seeing regarding low infection and quarantine rates among District staff and students.

Question 2: Superintendent Korst stated that the District's online platforms will be evaluated with regard to the amount of work required and student progress. Both HHS and HMS have offered options to students who have experienced challenges with the online platforms.

Question 3: Athletics Director Blome advised that District athletic events may be viewed on the NFHS network.

Question 4: Superintendent Korst indicated that the Spectra program is still in place and that the District intends for it to return to its traditional form in the future.

Question 5: Superintendent Korst and Athletics Director Blome explained that MHSA has pushed back the start of winter sports with a goal of having no games over winter break. Board Chair Hanley indicated that MHSA guidelines are available on their website.

Question 6: Superintendent Korst and HHS Principal Wells indicated that online student success rates will be evaluated with data available at the quarter.

6. **Personnel:** The Quarterly Superintendent Evaluation was discussed in closed session.

The next regular Board Meeting will be held on November 10, 2020.