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**Regular Board Meeting
Notes on Agenda Items
May 11, 2021**

Board Members Present:

Heidi Apedaile
Drew Blankenbaker
Patrick Hanley
Jeni Seifert
Seth Gale Wyrick

Board Members Not Present:

Tim Campbell
Rebekah Stamp

District Business:

1. Reports:

Reports were given by Superintendent Korst in the following areas: Food Service, Technology, Finance, Communications, Maintenance, Washington Early Learning Center, Daly Elementary School, Hamilton Middle School, Hamilton High School, Activities/Athletics, Transformational Learning, and the Superintendent. The Building and Grounds Committee also presented a report.

A member of the public requested that the Board revisit issues concerning Graduation logistics. Superintendent Korst recommended that the Board discuss these issues during its next meeting.

2. Consent Agenda:

Superintendent Korst presented the Consent Agenda. There was no public comment. The Board approved the Consent Agenda.

The Board recognized retiring teacher, Tammy Schultz, by awarding her its Golden Apple award.

3. Old Business:

None at this time.

4. New Business:

A. Recommendation to Contract with Hulteng to Facilitate Planning and Costing Options for Middle School Upgrade (Action)

Superintendent Korst recommended that the Board approve a contract with Hulteng CCM, Inc. to act as owner's construction manager with regard to a Hamilton Middle School upgrade. Board Chair Hanley asked what time period the contract would cover and Superintendent Korst advised that it would be for one year. Board Vice Chair Blankenbaker added that this contract came with the recommendation of the Buildings and Grounds Committee. There was no public comment. The Board approved this Action Item.

B. Recommendation to Contract with Hulteng for an Indefinite Deliver Definite Quantity Contract (Action)

Superintendent Korst recommended that the Board approve a contract with Hulteng CCM, Inc. to act as owner's construction representative during the process of upgrading infrastructure throughout the District. Board member Gayle Wyrick stated that the two Hulteng contracts make sense together as a way to facilitate spending on upgrades and/or new construction. In response to Board Chair Hanley's request, Attorney Lewanski confirmed that she reviewed the contract. There was no public comment. The Board approved this Action Item.

C. Recommendation to Add E-Sports Program and Hire a Coach (Information)

The Board was advised by Superintendent Korst and Activities Director Blome that several students, as part of their senior project, requested that the District establish an E-Sports team. Activities Director Blome stated that E-Sports are becoming more and more popular and have the potential to draw in students who normally do not participate in athletics. In response to Board members Seifert's and Apedaile's questions, Activities Director Blome stated that there would be approximately 5 students selected to compete at both the varsity and junior varsity levels, with about 16 students total participating in fall and spring seasons. Activities Director Blome shared that the E-Sports platform offers specific games for competition and would be relatively inexpensive since there is no travel required and that several District employees have already expressed interest in coaching. HHS Principal Wells emphasized that E-Sports would be structured to promote healthy gaming/screen time practices. He also advised that Board that gaming creates a welcoming social dynamic that attracts a diverse group of students who many not normally have an opportunity to interact with one another. The Board expressed interest in hearing more about E-Sports at a future meeting. There was no public comment.

D. Recommendation to Allow Bitterroot Performing Arts Council to Schedule Events for the 2021-22 School Year (Action)

Superintendent Korst advised the Board that the Bitterroot Performing Arts Council would like to begin scheduling events at the Performing Arts Center for the 2021-2022 school year and recommended that the District permit them to do so. There was no public comment. The Board approved this Action Item.

E. Renewal of Montana Medicaid Billing Contract (Action)

Superintendent Korst recommended that the Board approve this contract to permit Montana Medical Billing to process the District's Medicaid bills. There was no public comment. The Board approved this Action Item.

F. Recommendation to Purchase 40 Staff Computers (Action)

Superintendent Korst advised the Board that this purchase exceeds his \$30,000.00 limit for purchase approval and recommended that the Board approve the purchase of 40 new staff computers. There was no public comment. The Board approved this Action Item.

G. Recommendation to Purchase Meraki Access Points and Associated Licensure to Broadcast WiFi (Action)

Superintendent Korst recommended that the Board approve the purchase of Meraki access points and the associated licensure to broadcast WiFi. There was no public comment. The Board approved this Action Item.

H. Recommendation of 2021 Keystone Summer Program (Action)

Superintendent Korst and Transformational Learning Coordinator Watts advised the Board of funding options for the 2021 Keystone Summer Program, including federal funding that would become available at the beginning of the new fiscal year. In response to Board member Apedaile's question, Transformational Learning Coordinator Watts explained that the Keystone summer program would be a 3 week program for approximately 50 students from kindergarten through 8th grade with mornings dedicated to academic intervention and afternoons focused on enrichments, field trips, and guest speakers. Board member Gayle Wyrick asked whether funding sources such as ESSER might be used for Keystone, to which Superintendent Korst replied that it is a possibility that will be explored once more guidance is available on the use of those funds. There was no public comment. The Board approved this Action Item.

I. Annual Trustee Election (Action)

i. Canvas the Election – Approve Election Results

Board Chair Hanley introduced the official canvas of the election of trustees. There was no public comment. The Board approved this Action item.

ii. Recognize and Seat Newly Elected Trustees

Business Manager Binando administered official oaths of office to newly elected Board members, Hanley and Blankenbaker, and required forms were executed. It was noted that newly elected Board member Campbell's oath would be administered separately.

iii. Reorganization of the Board

a) Elect Board Chair

Outgoing Board Chair Hanley requested nominations for the position of Board Chair. Board member Hanley was nominated for the position by his fellow Board members. There was no public comment. The Board approved this Action item.

b) Elect Vice Chair

Newly elected Board Chair Hanley requested nominations for Vice Chair. Board member Seifert nominated outgoing Vice Chair Blankenbaker for the position. There was no public comment. The Board approved this Action item.

c) Board Committee Appointments

Board Chair Hanley noted that Board committee appointments would remain the same for the time being, but may be revised in the future.

d) Appointment of District Clerk

Board Chair Hanley requested nominations for the appointment of the District Clerk. Board member Seifert nominated Cathy Binando for the position. There was no public comment. The Board approved this Action item.

J. Transportation of Corvallis students for tennis divisional tournament.

Superintendent Korst advised the Board that the Tennis Divisional Tournament would be hosted jointly by Corvallis School District and Hamilton School District and requested that the Board give permission for the District to transport all athletes between venues, as needed, to facilitate the tournament. 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 asked whether the District's mask requirement would be lifted this school year. Superintendent Korst advised that because the item was not on the Agenda for the current Board meeting, it could be discussed during the June regular Board meeting.

The next regular Board Meeting will be held on June 8, 2021.