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**Regular Board Meeting
Notes on Agenda Items
June 8, 2021**

Board Members Present:

Drew Blankenbaker
Tim Campbell
Patrick Hanley
Jeni Seifert
Rebekah Stamp
Seth Gale Wyrick

Board Members Not Present:

Heidi Apedaile

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, Hamilton Middle School, Hamilton High School, Activities/Athletics, Transformational Learning, and the Superintendent. Board Chair Hanley reported on the Governance Committee and Board Vice Chair Blankenbaker reported on the Buildings and Grounds Committee. It was noted that the Curriculum Committee would meet the following day.

2. Consent Agenda:

Board Chair Hanley presented the personnel report, claims, and warrants. Superintendent Korst presented the remainder of the Consent Agenda. Activities Director Blome noted that spring 2022 coaches will be presented at the regular Board meeting in July. There was no public comment. The Board approved the Consent Agenda.

3. Old Business:

None at this time.

4. New Business:

A. Request Approval of the MT Data Privacy Agreement with Gimkit for Compliance with Montana Pupil Online Personal Information Protection Act (Action)

Superintendent Korst stated that this is a standard MT Data Privacy Agreement with Gimkit to ensure that this vendor follows all requirements concerning any student information with which it comes into contact. There was no public comment. The Board approved this Action Item.

B. Recommendation to Approve Audit Engagement Letter (Action)

Superintendent Korst requested that the Board approve the standard engagement letter necessary to proceed with the District's regular audit process. There was no public comment. The Board approved this Action Item.

C. Adoption of the Resolution to Dispose of Obsolete and Unsuitable Surplus Property (Action)

Board Chair Hanley presented the routine resolution to dispose of obsolete and unsuitable surplus property. There was no public comment. The Board approved this Action Item.

D. Recommendation to Approve an Additional Teacher for Kindergarten Students Under 5 years of Age (Action)

Superintendent Korst advised the Board that based on current enrollment trends, the District will need to add an additional kindergarten class for the 2021-2022 academic year. Superintendent Korst recommended that the Board approve hiring an additional kindergarten teacher to address this need. Director of Student Services Hansmann stated that the District currently has 36 kindergarten students enrolled, which would prevent the District from accepting any additional children without adding another classroom. There was no public comment. The Board approved this Action Item.

E. Recommendation to Approve the Administrative Salary Matrix (Action)

Superintendent Korst recommended that the Board approve the administrative salary matrix. Superintendent Korst noted that the Activities Director position was moved to lane 2 based on additional duties assigned. There was no public comment. The Board approved this Action Item.

F. Recommendation to Consider and Approve the Lease of the Performing Arts Center (PAC) to the Bitterroot Performing Arts Council for their Performing Arts Series (Action)

Superintendent Korst advised the Board that the District's Performing Arts Center lease with the Bitterroot Performing Arts Council includes six performances. Board Chair Hanley stated that the Governance Committee recommended this lease. There was no public comment. The Board approved this Action Item.

G. Recommendation to Approve a Lease for Westview with the Bitterroot Valley Community College (Action)

Superintendent Korst and Board Chair Hanley recommended that the Board approve the Westview lease currently in place with Bitterroot Valley Community College ("BVCC") on the condition that it may be further negotiated for amendment at a later date. Victoria Clark, Director of the BVCC supported this approach. Board Chair Hanley stated that the Governance Committee would present any recommendations to the Board at a future date. There was no public comment. The Board approved this Action Item.

H. Adoption of the Trustee Resolution Requesting the County to Conduct Elections (Action)

Board Chair Hanley stated that this matter is considered by the Board each year. Superintendent Korst recommended contracting with the County to run elections for the District. There was no public comment. The Board approved this Action Item.

I. Recommendation to Approve Physical Therapy Services Contract with Marcus Daly Memorial Hospital (Information/Action)

Superintendent Korst recommended contracting with Marcus Daly Memorial Hospital for a part time physical therapist and added that this has been a beneficial arrangement for the District in the past. There was no public comment. The Board approved this Action Item.

J. Recommendation to Add E-Sports Program and Hire a Coach (Information/Action)

Superintendent Korst stated that a group of 29 students has expressed interest in establishing an E-Sports team. In response to Board members' questions, HHS Principal Wells and Activities Director Blome explained that E-Sports is a growing activity with broad appeal to the student population. Practices would take place two to three times a week, with competitions once a week during the fall and spring seasons. Principal Wells emphasized that this is an opportunity for which the students have self-advocated. Board Chair Hanley asked whether E-Sports would be pursued at the middle school level. HMS

Principal Lewis stated that the possibility has not yet been considered but could be looked into. Board Chair Hanley requested a motion to approve E-Sports as a one-year pilot program. There was no public comment. The Board approved this Action Item.

K. Board Committee Appointments (Information)

Committee appointments were discussed and Board Chair Hanley requested that Board members let him know if they are interested in switching committees and/or if any additional committees are needed. Board Chair Hanley proposed a meeting to discuss the use of ESSER funds in July. The District's Reopening Plan was addressed and it was decided that a Special Board meeting would be noticed for June 22, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. to consider the Reopening Plan. There was no public comment.

5. Policies and Procedures:

None at this time.

Public Comment:

In response to a community member's request, Superintendent Korst responded that the District's mask requirement expires on June 10, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. He stated that masks are still recommended, but not required in District buildings.

A member of the community asked for an update on daycare. Superintendent Korst stated that a Request for Proposals for a childcare provider would be issued soon.

Board Chair Hanley thanked all District community members for completing what was undoubtedly one of the toughest school years. He added that he was very thankful that the District was able to offer a full year of academics and athletics, while other school districts barely had a school year. Board Chair Hanley thanked the teachers and administrators and shared his hope that they felt supported by the Board.

The next regular Board Meeting will be held on July 13, 2021.