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**Regular Board Meeting
Notes on Agenda Items
September 8, 2020**

Board Members Present:

Patrick Hanley
Heidi Apedaile
Drew Blankenbaker
Tim Campbell
Seth Gale Wyrick

Board Members Absent:

Jeni Seifert
Rebecca Stamp

District Business:

1. Reports: Reports were given by the Superintendent and administrators in each of the following areas: Food Service, Technology, Finance, Communication, Maintenance/Grounds, Custodial, Transportation, Daly Elementary, Hamilton Middle School, Hamilton High School, Activities, and Student Services.
2. Consent Agenda: The Board approved the Consent Agenda. No public comment was received.
3. Old Business:
 - A. The Superintendent stated that he would like to identify a more permanent Boardroom location from among the available District facilities.
 - B. Safety of Participants and Spectators at Events. The Superintendent reported that current event capacity limits have been going well and that the majority of spectators are cooperating with mask/social distancing requirements. The Board was advised that Thursday evening’s Football game will likely draw a crowd in excess of the 500 person capacity and spectators will need to be turned away at the gate. The administration will work to get the capacity limit message out to the community so that people are not disappointed. The Board Chair reminded the community that masks must be worn to District events and that not wearing masks will result in reduced spectator capacity limits. MHS offers game broadcasts for purchase. There

was a question from the public regarding mask requirements for cheerleaders, which HHS Principal Wells addressed.

4. New Business:
 - A. Request Approval of the MT Data Privacy Agreement with Edgenuity, Inc., GoNoodle, Inc., & DragonFly Athletics. The Superintendent presented data privacy agreements for approval and explained that these agreements prevent contractors from using student information for illegitimate purposes. There was no public comment. The Board Approved this Action Item.
 - B. Recommendation to Contract with Noonan Accounting, CPA for FY20 Audit. The Superintendent and Business Manager recommended entering into a 3 year agreement with the District's current accountants. There was no public comment. The Board Approved this Action Item.
 - C. Review of HSD #3 Emergency Guidelines Handbook. The Superintendent presented the handbook along with the Director of Student Services. There was no public comment. The Board Approved this Action Item.
 - D. Recommendation to Approve Technology Upgrade & Capital Outlay Item that Exceeds \$50,000 *Policy #7010). The Superintendent and Information Technology Director explained the District's technology upgrade requirements and responded to Mr. Gale Wyrick's questions regarding funding. There was no public comment. The Board Approved this Action Item.
 - E. Request Approval for Additional Staff Position for 2020-2021. The Superintendent requested that the Board add an Academic Interventionist position for the Alternate Learning Center. HHS Principal Wells provided background supporting the need for this position. There was no public comment. The Board Approved this Action Item.
 - F. Recommendation to Approve the I-Stand Contract for HMS & HHS with Youth Court. The Superintendent, HHS Principal Wells, and HMS Principal Lewis provided historical information on the I-Stand program's function and funding and the benefit of restructuring payment terms through this contract. There was no public comment. The Board Approved this Action Item.
 - G. Board Approval of Kindergarten Students Under Five (5) Years of Age per MCA 20-7-117. The Superintendent and Director of Student Services requested Board approval of enrolled early kindergarten students under the age of 5 for purposes of MCA 20-7-117 and provided program information in

response to Ms. Apedaile's request. There was no public comment. The Board Approved this Action Item.

- H. Consideration for Endorsing the Bitterroot Valley Community College District. The Director of the Bitterroot College requested that the District support the Bitterroot College by submitting a letter to the Board of Regents. There was no public comment. The Board Approved this Action Item.
- I. Consideration of a Request to Extend a Bus Route on Eastside Highway. Members of the community requested the addition of a drop off and pick up location to the current bus route. Mr. Krout, of Majestic Transportation, presented information regarding safety concerns as well as the increase in mileage required to extend the current bus route. An existing pick up solution was found and a 1.5 mile increase to the bus route was recommended as a drop off solution. There was no public comment. The Board Approved this Action Item.
- J. Consideration of Increasing Rider Capacity on Activity Trips. The Superintendent, HHS Principal Well, and HMS Principal Lewis requested that the Board approve increased rider capacity for activity trips due to limited bus and driver resources. The Board discussed COVID-19 related concerns as related to current transportation logistics and recommended the following motion subject to re-evaluation in one week's time: to give leave to the superintendent and/or his designee to do their best to follow a one student per seat capacity, but that the capacity may be increased at their discretion after exhaustion of all possibilities to meet the one student per seat goal. This would include disclosing the fact of increased ridership to parents and continuing to allow parents the option to choose to drive their own children to events. There was no public comment. The Board Approved this Action Item.
- K. Consideration of Increasing the Activity Bus Drivers' Hourly Wage. The Superintendent proposed increasing activity bus drivers' hourly wage and altering the compensation formula to a flat rate in order to improve recruitment and retention issues. There was no public comment. The Board Approved this Action Item.

The next special Board Meeting will be held on September 15, 2020.

The next regular Board Meeting will be held on October 13, 2020.