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**Regular Board Meeting
Notes on Agenda Items
November 10, 2020**

Board Members Present:

Heidi Apedaile
Drew Blankenbaker
Tim Campbell
Patrick Hanley
Rebecca Stamp
Seth Gale Wyrick

Board Members Not Present:

Jeni Seifert

District Business:

1. **Reports:** Reports were given by Superintendent Korst and HSD administrators in the following areas: Food Services, Technology, Finance, Communications, Maintenance/Grounds, Custodial & Transportation, HHS, HMS, Daly Elementary, Activities/Athletics, Legal/HR, Student Council, Student Services, and Transformational Learning.

Special Presentations were made on the following matters:

Cognia (AdvancED) 100 years as an Accredited Institution: Superintendent Korst advised that the accrediting organization, Cognia, has recognized Hamilton School District (“HSD”) for its 100 years of accreditation. Superintendent Korst also stated that HSD has been accredited at the highest level of AdvancED for the last 5 to 6 years.

Garrett Turner’s Eagle Scout Project

Hamilton High School student, Garrett Turner, presented his Eagle Scout project which entails constructing a veterans memorial on the grounds of Bronc Stadium. Mr. Turner advised that he is working with HSD to determine the most appropriate location for the memorial and stated that it will include granite monuments with plaques recognizing the six branches of the military. The timeline for completion of the project is late April, or early May. Mr. Turner

shared his budget for the project, which included material donations from Garden City Monument Services and Donaldson Brothers Ready Mix, Inc. Athletics Director Blome will continue to work with Mr. Turner to facilitate the project.

2. **Consent Agenda:** Superintendent Korst provided background information concerning the inclusion of certain employee salary increases in the consent agenda. There was no public comment. The Board approved the Consent Agenda.
3. **Old Business:**
 - A. **Review of Athletic/Activities COVID Procedures – Safety of Participants and Spectators at Events. (Information / Action)**
Nothing presented. There was no public comment. No Board action was taken.
 - B. **Consideration of Rentals at HSD#3 Facilities (Information / Action)**
Superintendent Korst recommended that HSD continue to postpone outside rentals of HSD facilities and events on campus due to the COVID-19 infection rate in the community. There was no public comment. No Board action was taken.
4. **New Business:**
 - A. **Request Approval of the MT Data Privacy Agreement with Classkicks, EDPuzzle, and Screencastify for Compliance with the Montana Pupil Online Personal Information Protection Act. (Action)** Superintendent Korst stated that these contracts comply with the Montana Pupil Online Personal Information Act. There was no public comment. The Board Approved this Action Item.
 - B. **Consideration of Additional COVID-19 Communications. (Information/Action)**
Superintendent Korst addressed the Board's interest in issuing a COVID-19 related message to the HSD community and/or the greater Hamilton community and requested direction as to the scope and content of that message. Board Chair Hanley indicated a preference for expressing a positive message to the HSD community consistent with the Board's circle of influence. Board Member Gale Wyrick added that the HSD infection rate is 1.1% compared to the Valley-wide infection rate of 1.8%. There was no public comment. No Board Action was taken.
 - C. **MHSA – Executive Board Action and Winter Sports Rule Considerations. (Information)** Superintendent Korst and Athletics Director Blome explained MHSA's recently issued instructions and requirements for the winter sports

season. Board Chair Hanley asked whether HSD has adequate supplies to comply with the MSHA guidelines for sanitizing. Athletics Director Blome stated that HSD has some of the necessary materials and others have been ordered. There was no public comment. No Board Action was taken.

D. Consideration of BinaxNOW Antigen Testing Program for Educational Institutions from MT DPHHS (Information)

Superintendent Korst and Legal/HR Specialist Lewanski advised the Board that HSD has been provided with a limited number of BinaxNOW rapid COVID-19 tests. The rapid testing process was presented and Superintendent Korst stated that HSD's pandemic team has begun identifying and evaluating issues surrounding rapid testing services including: logistics, staffing, record keeping, liability, PPE, test reliability, and biomedical waste management.

Superintendent Korst requested the Board's direction as to whether the administration should pursue the possibility of providing this service within HSD. Board Member Apedaile raised concerns relating to liability, staff training, waivers, record keeping, candidate selection, and the potential for inadvertently adding pressure to the local viral clinic and/or emergency room's case loads. Board Member Gale Wyrick expressed interest in considering the opportunity of rapid testing in an effort to reduce student and staff exposure to positive cases. Board Chair Hanley stated that HSD administration should consider the issue further and determine whether there is a way to make rapid testing feasible. Superintendent Korst will report back at December's regular Board meeting. There was no public comment.

5. District Policies: The Board will hold Second Reading on 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 advised that the referenced policy revisions are required to comply with new federal Title IX regulations. There was no public comment. The Board approved adoption of the policies.

Public Comments

There was no public comment.

The next regular Board Meeting will be held on December 8, 2020