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**Regular Board Meeting  
Notes on Agenda Items  
February 9, 2021**

Board Members Present:

Heidi Apedaile  
Drew Blankenbaker  
Tim Campbell  
Patrick Hanley  
Jeni Seifert  
Seth Gale Wyrick

Board Members Not Present:

Rebekah Stamp

**District Business:**

1. **Reports:** Reports were given by Superintendent Korst and District administrators in the following areas: Food Service, Technology, Financial, Communications, Maintenance, Custodial, Activities Transportation, Washington, Daly, HMS, HHS, Activities/Athletics, Transformational Learning, and the Superintendent.

Board Chair Hanley reported on the Board’s Negotiation Committee.

Board member Seifert reported on the Board’s Curriculum Committee.

2. **Consent Agenda:**

HHS Principal Wells noted that Tammy Schultz will retire at the end of the school year and thanked her for her 36 years of service to the District. There was no public comment. The Board approved the Consent Agenda.

### **3. Old Business:**

#### **A. Consideration of Rentals at HSD3 Facilities (Information)**

Superintendent Korst recommended that the District wait to open its indoor facilities to community rentals until the COVID-19 infection rate decreases, vaccinations become more prevalent, and schools are legislatively released from liability. Superintendent Korst also advised the Board that several community athletic groups would like to rent the District's outdoor facilities for their spring seasons. Board Chair Hanley noted that some of these groups may have COVID-19 precautions/guidelines in place and that the Board could take those under advisement. Community member Lockhart spoke on behalf of his local baseball organization's interest in renting District facilities. Board Chair Hanley stated that the Board would take Mr. Lockhart's comments under advisement and that the Board would consider taking action on this item at its special meeting on February 23<sup>rd</sup>. No Board action was taken.

#### **B. Recommendation to Remove Haynes Field Bleachers and Other Obsolete and Unusable Structures (Action)**

Superintendent Korst reported that the District is working on a formal send-off ceremony for Haynes Field. He also advised that the bleachers and structures which remain are being vandalized and may create liability issues. The Superintendent stated that the District is obtaining estimates to remove the structures and recommended that the board approve their removal. There was no public comment. The Board approved this Action Item.

### **4. New Business:**

#### **A. Request for Approval of the MT Data Privacy Agreement with WeVideo, Inc., Yegros Educational LLC and Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Publishing Company for Compliance with Montana Pupil Online Personal Information Protection Act (Action)**

Board Chair Hanley identified the three contracts for which approval of the MT Data Privacy Agreement required Board approval. Superintendent Korst stated that this was a routine matter of approval. There was no public comment. The Board approved this Action Item.

#### **B. Adoption of Trustee Resolution Calling for an Election by Mail Ballot for the May 4<sup>th</sup> Election (Action)**

Board Chair Hanley stated that the Board adopts this resolution every year for the election of trustee(s). Board Chair Hanley also clarified that the District is not asking for

a bond or levy this year. There was no public comment. The Board approved this Action Item.

**C. Consideration of Graduation Ceremony Attendance (Action)**

Superintendent Korst requested that the Board consider and approve a reasonable number of guests for HHS graduation. Superintendent Korst stated that graduates were permitted 2 guests during commencement last spring and that the District permitted as many as 6 guests per player during the fall football season. HHS Principal Wells stated that graduation is one of the most important events in our students' lives and recommended that the Board permit as many guests as safely possible. Discussion was had by Board Chair Hanley, Board member Seifert, HHS Principal Wells, and Superintendent Korst concerning guest logistics and safety concerns. Public comment was received requesting that the Board approve 6 guests per graduate. A motion was made to approve 4 guests per graduate at this time. The Board approved this Action Item.

**D. Request by Coca-Cola to Amend the Beverage Contract (Action)**

Superintendent Korst stated that, as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, Coca-Cola lost significant sales through their contract with the District this past year and would like to amend the beverage contract to add an additional year to the term at half the funding during the extension year. There was no public comment. The Board approved this Action Item.

**E. Recommendation to Approve DEQ Clean School Bus Replacement Project Grant Funds and the Purchase of Two New Activity Buses (Action)**

Superintendent Korst and Transportation Director Pitzinger reported on the state of the District's current bus fleet. They also explained the DEQ Clean School Bus Replacement Project Grant opportunity, which would assist the District in replacing two buses with new, higher quality, more energy efficient models. There was no public comment. The Board approved this Action Item.

**F. Recommendation to Add Speech Pathologist Position (Action)**

Superintendent Korst recommended that the District hire a third speech pathologist due to the number of students requiring speech pathology services. In response to Board Chair Hanley's question, Superintendent Korst stated that the speech pathologist salary would likely be set between \$55,000 and \$60,000 to remain competitive. There was no public comment. The Board approved this Action Item.

**G. Recommendation to Continue Membership with the Montana School Board Association for 2021-2022 (Action)**

Superintendent Korst recommended that the District continue its membership with the Montana School Board Association (“MTSBA”) for 2021-2022. Among other benefits, Superintendent Korst advised the Board that MTSBA membership allows the District to obtain favorable workers’ compensation rates. There was no public comment. The Board approved this Action Item.

**5. Policies and Procedures:**

None at this time.

**Public Comment:**

There was no additional public comment.

The next special Board Meeting will be held on February 23, 2021.

The next regular Board Meeting will be held on March 9, 2021.