

**POWELL COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING – September 13, 2021 – 6:30 p.m.**

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Board Chair Maureen Mannix called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. ROLL:

Board Chair: Maureen Mannix.

Board Members: Amanda Bohrer, Baylee Brown, Will Graveley, Jennifer Nicholson, and Bart Smith.

Administration: Rick Duncan, Katie Crofutt, and Annette Galahan.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

4. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS:

Jay Coughlin, Susan Graveley, Kimberly Lamb, Sean McConnaha, Brooks Philips, Clint Stevenson, and Dave Williamson (Zoom).

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The August 9, 2021 regular meeting minutes were approved by consent.

The August 19, 2021 special meeting minutes were approved by consent.

6. CORRESPONDENCE:

Rick Duncan received the following thank you note:

Dear Rick,

Thank you so much for conducting the tour of PCHS for our Class of 1970 Reunion. Everyone enjoyed the tour, and there were many positive comments about all the changes since we were students.

The rest of the reunion went very well too.

Thanks again,

Steve Owens

Note: Our class was also the first to organize and place the “P” on the hill as an alternative to freshman initiation.

Patricia Liedes received the following email:

Dear Patricia,

CONGRATULATIONS! This mail is to confirm your poster was selected as one of the top prize winners by judges from the ASM Chicago Chapter.

The intended prize is a 3D printer and supplies worth \$800 for your classrooms, but upon seeing your ideas we decided to give you the flexibility to be able to use these funds towards another equipment and supplies which may be more needed or more fitting to implement your ideas in your classrooms...

Best,

E. Begum Gulsoy, Ph.D.

Associate Director, Center for Hierarchical Materials Design

Research Associate Professor, Department of Materials Science and Engineering

Northwestern University, Evanston, IL

7. STUDENT COUNCIL:

Rick Duncan discussed the following council activities on behalf of President Nia McLanahan: FFA went to a District Leadership Conference; FCCLA will host the upcoming Western District Conference; Student Council is busy organizing Homecoming Week activities, which include painting the “P”; National Honor Society will be helping with the FCCLA food pantry; and 5 Envirothon students are doing national testing.

8. ATHLETIC DIRECTOR REPORT:

Katie Crofutt reported on behalf of Henry Huber who was overseeing the football game. Mrs. Crofutt gave the following numbers of athletic participants: 31 girls in volleyball, 18 girls and boys in cross country; 15 boys in football; and 3 girls in cheerleading. Mrs. Crofutt also stated that she and Mr. Huber researched eligibility numbers. The consensus was to study it more, and that the teachers thought the MHS rules were sufficient, while the coaches tended to be stricter. Baylee Brown stated that she thinks the winter sports are the most affected, as 3 quarters are involved; Mrs. Crofutt discussed giving a 2-week period, or at least 1 chance to get back on the team as eligible. The Board was split between changing this year at mid-year, or plan for next year. Jennifer Nicholson proposed that our 4-class block schedule is helping to alleviate the problem.

9. NEW BUSINESS:

Employment Contracts

Action: Will Graveley moved to hire Chloe Huerta as Assistant Volleyball Coach, seconded by Maureen Mannix.

The motion passed unanimously.

Action: Amanda Bohrer moved to hire Ashleigh Cease as Special Ed Paraprofessional, seconded by Will Graveley.

The motion passed unanimously.

Action: Jennifer Nicholson moved to approve the 2021-22 Substitute List, seconded by Baylee Brown.

The motion passed unanimously.

Action: Amanda Bohrer moved to hire Will Pauley as Head Basketball Coach, seconded by Will Graveley.

The motion passed unanimously.

Action: Jennifer Nicholson moved to hire Jennifer Logan as Technology Assistant for 10 hours/week, seconded by Bart Smith.

The motion passed unanimously.

Classified Contracts

Baylee Brown moved to approve \$1,000 one-time-only stipend for the Classified Staff, seconded by Amanda Bohrer.

The motion passed unanimously.

Student Attendance Agreements

Action: Will Graveley moved to approve 4 mandatory Student Attendance Agreements with Drummond High School, seconded by Maureen Mannix.

The motion passed unanimously.

Action: Amanda Bohrer moved to acknowledge 1 Student Attendance Agreement with Drummond High School, and 1 Student Attendance Agreement with Helena High School (tuition waived and no transportation provided), seconded by Maureen Mannix.

The motion passed unanimously.

Great Divide Education Services Board Representation

Maureen Mannix passed the gavel to Vice-Chair Jennifer Nicholson for discussion of the Great Divide Education Cooperative.

Rick Duncan presented to the Board the history of Great Divide Education Services (GDES) Cooperative, and also the history and makeup of education cooperatives in Montana; he stated that the GDES Cooperative is one of 23 statewide cooperatives, and it serves 23 schools across 7 counties in southwestern Montana. The GDES provides the following services: school psychologist, speech and language pathologist, occupation therapists, physical therapists, behavioral interventions, administrative monitoring assistance for FAPE and IDEA compliance, and legal training and guidance for professional development in Special Education. Mr. Duncan provided a 5-year comparison of costs, and discussed the funding sources for the PCHS membership in the cooperative. Discussion was held regarding the pros and cons of membership, and membership versus contracting out all the services provided.

Jennifer Nicholson passed the gavel back to Maureen Mannix.

Action: Will Graveley moved to reappoint Rick Duncan as the Authorized Representative for the Great Divide Education Services Cooperative, seconded by Bart Smith.

The motion passed unanimously.

Board Policy Adoptions – DPHHS & DEC Mandated Regulatory Changes; BP 3416, 3417, 5230, 5325, 8129, 8130, 8131, 8200, 8301, 8302, 8303, 8410, 8411, 8421, 8502

Action: Jennifer Nicholson moved to approve the DPHHS & DEC Mandated Regulatory Changes in BP’s 3416, 3417, 5230, 5325, 8129, 8130, 8131, 8200, 8301, 8302, 8303, 8410, 8411, 8421, 8502, seconded by Baylee Brown.

The motion passed unanimously.

10. PRINCIPAL’S REPORT:

Katie Crofutt reported that September 13, 2021 enrollment was 176 students, which is an increase of 36 from June. Mrs. Crofutt also discussed assessing at-risk students, and stated that we need to make school relevant, and connect with kids; she stated that the addition of a school counselor is an enormous step. Mrs. Crofutt also reviewed Covid-19 numbers, and staff development.

11. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT:

Rick Duncan discussed Trustee Goals, which are built upon the Strategic Plan.

12. BUSINESS MANAGER:

Action: Baylee Brown moved to approve the September bills, as presented by Annette Galahan, seconded by Will Graveley.

The motion passed unanimously.

Revenues – No report.

13. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

- Joint meeting with Deer Lodge Elementary.
- Gaining Committee.
- Professional development in Boardsmanship, MCEL.

12. PUBLIC COMMENT

Dave Williamson stated that the microphone was not sufficient for the Zoom attendees, and that you can’t hear the entire Board.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m. by unanimous consent.

The next regular meeting will be Monday, October 11, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

s/Annette Galahan, District Business Manager/Clerk

s/Maureen McMahon Mannix, Chairperson