

From the Desk Superintendent **Les Meyer**



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HEY 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR... • READY OR NOT HERE WE GO!

"Anyone who has never made a mistake has never tried anything new." -Albert Einstein

Hello Frenchtown School District • Parents and Community and welcome to the 2022-2023 school year. Students start their next chapter on Wednesday, August 24th.

The school year is shaping up once ullet again to be a challenging, awesome, • hard, rewarding filled with ups and • downs, along with a few twists and turns. We will work hard to bring our best for the students, families, and community of Frenchtown. We • will be met with challenges and solutions along the way, but regardless, . we hope to bring our best effort each and every day.

NEW STAFF MEMBERS

This past spring and summer we were busy • hiring new staff members for the 2022-2023 school year. As well as the new staff members you will also see some movement of current staff to new assignments. Please help us welcome all of our new staff to the Bus Drivers: Frenchtown School District.

Classified:

- Marie Aston
- Charlene Barnhart
- Leeza Burklund
- Anna Feusner
- Montana Holmes Katelen Levanway

- Jaque McMaster
- Jason Miller
- Heather Raddon
- Kelly Trop

Certified:

- Kyla Andres
 - Cody Allison
- Dylan Barnard
- Evangeline Campbell
- Michaela Delaney
- Sarah Drew
- Jared Forsythe
- Connie Hart
- Lindsay Hartze
- Joshua Hungate
- Karilyn McArthur
- Stefan Olson
- Archie Petritz
- Jordan Quinn
- Jerad Reinhardt
- Jasmine Schreckendgust
- Sydne Lamping
- Matt Warren
- Samantha Hollenback

- Tyler Arlint
- **Emily Copeland**
- Anna Feusner
- Randy Harrington
- Todd Kleitz
- Morgan Simonson
- Danielle Wilson

Administrative Support Person-

Benton Farquhar



We are in our fourth year working with full-time School Resource Officer (SRO) Scott Rasmussen. By the way, Deputy Rasmussen was honored by the Jeremy Bullock Safe Schools Summit on August 10th. Congratulations Deputy Rasmussen! We are fortunate to have the SRO position and we are extremely lucky to have Deputy Rasmussen as the person filling that position for us. The district is able to use safety funds and the cost is well worth it to have an SRO in our district every day of the school year.



The Frenchtown School District moved to not allowing dogs on the FTSD campus grounds a few years ago. Pet

owners were letting their dogs do their business on school grounds without picking up after them. This was happening in the same areas where children play and spectators are going to watch athletic events. It was a clean-up problem for district staff and a sanitary problem for people who didn't notice it and step in it.

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Another problem was dogs that are being let off of At this point the FTSD is closed to accepting out of district understanding.

NEWSLETTER ADVERTISEMENTS

Each USPO recognized mailing address in the district re-

ceives a printed copy of the FTSD newsletter once a month during the school year. Again this school year the district will sell advertising to help defray the cost to the district. For a nominal fee advertisers would reach each USPO recognized mailing address



in the district once a month during the school year to inform all the school district residents about their business or an upcoming event. Fees vary dependent on size of ad. For example, West Valley Community Council buys a full page in each newsletter to post its agenda. They pay \$50.00 per newsletter for a total of \$500.00 per year (10 newsletters). The fees go towards the cost of the newsletter during the 2022-2023 school year. Contributions will also be gratefully accepted. If you would like to learn more about the paid advertising option or to make a contribution to keep the newsletter going, contact the District district and do not know what bus your child(ren) will ride Office at 626-2600.

2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR IS IN THIS NEWSLETTER

SCHOOL OFFICES

Our building secretaries and principals returned to school in mid-August. If you are new to the district and have not registered your child for classes, please contact the school office to set up a time to come in and complete the paperwork. Please bring with you a copy of your child's birth certificate, immunization record and report card from last BREAKFAST AND LUNCH PRICES year. This will help to expedite the process.

THE K-12 ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF FOR 2022- trict 2023

The Frenchtown K-12 administrative staff for 2022-2023: Jodi Hall - Elementary Principal,

Riley Devins - Intermediate Principal/Director of Academic Services,

Aaron Griffin - Middle School Principal,

Beth Terzo – 9-12 Assistant Principal/Curriculum Coordi-

Jake Haynes – FHS Principal,

Eli Field – 9-12Activities Director/Math Teacher,

Jennifer Demmons - Special Services Coordinator,

Les Meyer – Superintendent.

We are looking forward to a great 2022-2023 school year.

DISCRETIONARY NONRESIDENT STUDENT A1-TENDANCE APPLICATIONS WILL BE PLACED ON A WAITING LIST

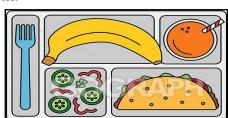
leashes and having the run of school grounds. The dis-students. This district will accept applications to be placed trict had concerns about the possibility of dog bites, aller- on a waiting list in the event something changes. There are gies, and dog fights. The district posted signs on school specific rules about the acceptance of nonresident students. grounds and will put out reminders about dogs not being The first one is that an application must be filled out allowed on campus. Thank you for your assistance and (which includes a request for student records) Next, a form from the Office of Public Instruction (OPI) called the FP-14 needs to be completed. Except as otherwise provided by law, admission to the District as a nonresident student would be a privilege. The Board, recognizing that an educational requirement of its resident students includes the need for an orderly educational process and environment, established criteria for the discretionary admission of nonresident students. Please contact a building principal for more information.

Description	Breakfast	Lunch
Elementary & Intermediate Student	\$1.40	\$2.60
Middle School Student	\$1.40	\$2.65
High School Student	\$1.65	\$2.90
Reduced Price K-6/MS/HS	\$.30	\$.40
Adult	\$2.00	\$4.00

BUS TRANSPORTATION

The Transportation Director, Jime' Benitez is working to get bus route times established. Transportation software is being utilized; however, kinks within the new system and Infinite Campus are being worked out. No matter what, parents will be informed as soon as possible. Parents and what bus their child will ride, the location of the bus stop, and the pick-up and drop-off times. If you are new to the on, once you register them for school you should receive the bus transportation information by mail. If you do not, please contact Jime Benitez at 626-2610 in the transportation office to get the bus schedules. Also, the 2022-2023 routes have been updated and are in this newsletter. There may be a few other minor adjustments due to new riders or in an effort to improve service. Many of our kiddos will be provided. on different buses this year so please refer to bus route stop times that were emailed on 8/16/22. Thank you!

For the 2022-2023 school year, Frenchtown School Diswill begin charging cost for the past two years for all schools in Montana, but as of the 2022-2023 school year this support will no longer occur. Meal prices are on the website at https:// www.ftsd.org/page/meal-prices. Go www.ftsd.org/documents/departments/food-service documents/151067 for application forms. These forms should be turned into the office of the school your child attends. If you need to add lunch money onto your student's lunch account prior to the first day of school, please login to the Infinite Campus Parent Portal/click on food service/then click pay. If you have any questions, please contact the school office to help with the navigation of this



SUMMER MAINTANENCE/CUSTODIAL/ PAINTING CREW & IT

Our custodial/maintenance summer crew had a many projects and much cleaning to do. If you get the chance, please thank and/or compliment them students will be informed by email in Infinite Campus of for their work. The hallways look awesome, classrooms are spotless. We had several challenges throughout the summer that put kinks into what was being done, but they have the buildings ready to go. Improvements in the world of technology as well as infrastructure continue to be upgraded. The summer has been busy around here and the campuses are looking great. We still have work to do, but we appreciate the efforts that our people have

PARKING IN THE LOOPS

The parking loops in front of the High School and the Intermediate Buildings have been painted in certain areas as designated fire lanes and handischool breakfasts and lunches again. The state covered the capped parking. Please do park in those restricted areas.





From the Desk of **Jake Haynes High School Principal**



- #5 in Montana High Schools
- #1 in Missoula, MT Metro Area High Schools



- → Fall activities are currently underway and the HS is open for business (minus the educators).
- → Wednesday, August 24th First school day for Education from the Univerfreshman, new and exchange students.
- → Thursday, August 25th the first day of school for from the University of Monall students (9-12).
- → Thursday, September 21st SCHOOL PICTURES!
- → Parent Teacher Conferences, November 2-3



Jake Haynes Principal

I grew up in Fairfield, Montana. My wife Rachel and I have four children and are thankful to call Frenchtown home. We enjoy being in the outdoors and participating in our four children's lives. I have a Master's degree in school counseling and a school administration degree from the University of Montana. This is my 16th year in Frenchtown. I believe learn-



ing should be fun and exciting. I know with all of us working together we can make this a very successful school year. I consider it very important that you take an active role in your child's education. You are invited to call (626-2670), e-mail (haynesj@ftsd.org), or visit the school any time that you have a question concerning your child's progress or if you just want to stop by and say "Hi.". I consider it a great privilege and responsibility to be your child's principal this year, and look forward to working with each of you

Beth Terzo Assistant Principal

I am originally from North Carolina, but my husband, two boys and I have called Montana home since 2003. I have a B.S. in Education from the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill and a Master's in Counselor sity of Montana. I received my administration degree



tana as well. I started my career in education as a middle school science and social studies teacher in NC. After taking some time off to spend time with my boys, Tanner town and have felt very and Brayden, I was hired as a school counselor at Frenchtown. I have enjoyed the last ten years as a school counselor in the high school. I believe relationships and communication are keys to success, and I am excited to start my 11th year at Frenchtown as Assistant Principal. Please stop by to say hello any time. I look forward to continuing to

work with this amazing community!

Eli Field Athletic Director and Math Wizard

Hi, my name is Eli Field. I grew up in Missoula, Montana, attending Washington Middle School and eventually graduating from Sentinel High School in 1990. After high school I attended the University of Montana, graduating with a degree mathematics. I began my



teaching career at Frenchtown High School in fall of 1996, and 27 years later I am still here! Over that time I have taught mathematics, coached football and softball, and now I am embarking on a new role as the Activities Director (while still keeping a bit of a hand in mathematics and coaching softball). Through the power of the Internet I have a Masters of Education from the University of Missouri, despite never setting foot in state of Missouri. My wife Nicole and I have two adult children, Tanner and Mikaela, each graduates of Frenchtown High School.

Billie Warner Administrative Assistant

I am married with four amazing boys. My husband's name is Marc and my boys' names are Elijah, John, Dillon and Jordan. We have two boys off to college, two in high school (a freshman and a junior). Each is uniquely awesome in their own special way. I absolutely love being a mom.



I am in my 6th year as the High School Secretary. I certainly look forward to and am honored to be part of an amazing family and team here at Frenchtown School District. I have enjoyed working with the District Office Staff, Mr. Jake Haynes, High School teachers/staff and each and every one that is employed and part of the Frenchtown School District #40 team. I look forward and will embrace every growing pain that Frenchtown will endure over the next several years. I am excited to see what the future holds for Frenchtown and our little, but quickly growing community. We are FRENCHTOWN

Jaque McMaster Administrative Assistant

I grew up on a ranch outside of Chinook, Montana. My husband, Levi, and I chose to settle in Frenchfortunate to be able to raise our three kids in such an amazing community. As I enter my first year as Activities Secretary, I look forward to getting to know more families in our district and assisting with anything and everything Bronc



Wednesday. August 24th School begins for FRESHMEN, EXCHANGE STUDENTS, and NEW STUDENTS ON-LY. This is meant to be an orientation session for these students. Students will be introduced to educators, take school tours, hear about school rules and policies, run through a shortened class schedule, and have some fun time with high school mentors.

Our first full day of school grades 9-12 begin at 8:20 a.m. on Thursday, August 25th.

2022-2023 HIGH SCHOOL BELL SCHEDULE

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M8 days (Mondays)	Tues-Fri A/B Days	
P1A 8:20-9:00	P1 8:20-9:50	
P1B 9:05-9:45		
P2A 9:50-10:35	P2 9:55-11:25	
P2B 10:40-11:20		
Lunch 11:20-11:55	Lunch 11:25-12:05	
P3A 12:00-12:45	P3 12:10-1:40	
P3B 12:50-1:35		
P4A 1:40-2:25	P4 1:45-3:27	
P4B 2:30-3:20		

Early Out/Early Release Bell Schedule

P1 8:20-9:15 P2 9:20-10:15 P3 10:20-11:15

P4 11:20-12:15

Lunch 12:15 Dismiss 12:33

High School Web Page and Infinite Campus Access-Frenchtown High School has its own webpage! Go to the Frenchtown School District Webpage (ftsd.org) click on the "menu" tab then click High School. Here you will find our daily announcements, lunch menu, handbooks and our activities schedules. You can access your student's grades and attendance at any time via the Frenchtown School Dis-Parent/Student portal site is located on the top of the home page as well as the main page of the High School. Click on current grade report. If you do not have a copy of the access codes please call the high school office. Grades are updated at least one time per week. If you have a questions or a concern regarding a grade please contact the teacher. E-mail is the most effective way to communicate with our teachers as there are no phones in the classrooms. All e-mail addresses are available on our website. It's important to be involved!

Student Parking

All students must park in the west parking lots. Students then must walk to the main high school entrance. Driving in front of the school buildings is not an option. This part of the campus driveway system is intended for school Graduation is currently scheduled for Sunday May 28th at 1 bus loading/unloading and is a one-way road.

Parking in the Loop



school needs to remain free and clear of all vehicles. This area is a designated fire lane and parking in the loop is prohibited.

School Busses

Bussing information is found on the school district website: ftsd.org under the transportation heading.

STUDENT BREAKFAST AND HOT LUNCH PRO-GRAM BEGIN ON THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

The cost is \$1.65 for breakfast and \$2.90 for lunch.

Attendance - When you know your child is going to be absent, please call the Frenchtown High School office at (406) 626-2670 to report the absence and reason for the absence (appointment, taking the day off, sick). The office has voice mail 24/7. Both On-line and students attending school on site are expected to call the office when a child is sick or will not be in school.

*Sick Children _ During the 2022-2023 school year Rachel Laughnan email: rachellaughnan@ftbroncs.org trict website (ftsd.org). The link to the Infinite Campus FTSD is asking parents and students to monitor themselves closely and on a daily basis. If a child is not feeling well/ has a fever please keep them home for the safety and wellthe link and then enter your I.D. and password to see a being of our students, staff, and community at Frenchtown



The loop in front of the high Please make sure to check out the live stream on the new website to see some of the "in-class" happenings at the HS. Also follow us on Facebook and Twitter.







6-12 Counselors' Corner ROBYN RICHARDSON RACHEL LAUGHNAN

High School Counseling

Ready, set, go... another school year approaches quickly! The counseling department is excited about the 2022-2023 school year.

The counselors will continue to meet with each grade level multiple times throughout the year. This helps us ensure that each member of the class receives important information about testing, post-secondary information, scholarships, mental health and much more.

Just a reminder that school counselors are here to assist all students in the following three domains: academic, career, and personal/ social. The counselors also work closely with administration, teachers, and parents to help students get the most from their high school experience. If parents have any questions or concerns about their student's high school experience please feel free to contact us.

The high school counseling department has two full time counselors and they will be working with specific grade

Class of 2025

Robyn Richardson (406) 626- 2718 email: RobynRichardson@ftbroncs.org

Class of 2023, Class of 2024 and Class of 2026

We've had some changes in the high school counseling center this summer. Mrs. Terzo is now the High School Assistant Principal and Mrs. Laughnan has joined the high school counseling staff.

Hello Broncs students, staff, and families. I am so excited to be your new High School Counselor! This is my fifth year in the district as I have previously been teaching first grade over at the elementary. I have loved my time working at the south campus, but I am looking forward to this new role on the north campus.

A little about me... I am from Kansas City and graduated from Kansas State University (Go Cats!). I currently live in Missoula with my husband, our two dogs and our baby boy who was just born this summer! I will be coming in limited days this fall while on maternity leave, but will be returning full time just before winter break.

I look forward to meeting all of the north campus Broncs family! Please feel free to reach out to me with anything Rachel Laughnan and welcome back to school!

Schedules! And Schedules!

Freshmen and new students will receive a copy of their schedule during orientation. All other students should view their schedule through the Infinite Campus portal.

for the following reasons only:

- A required class is missing
- There is an open class period in the student's schedule
- The student is changing into/out of an honors class

Testing Information

Testing dates, price and registration information for the ACT and SAT can be found online at act.org and collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat.

Reminder: Frenchtown will host the ACT test free of charge for all juniors in the spring.

Sophomores will be offered the chance to take the Pre-ACT for free in spring.

SAT subject tests are also available. Check your university admission requirements to see if you need to register for soon after you have completed the high school course. For example, if you need to take the chemistry subject test, it is best to take the test toward the end of or after completing chemistry while the material is fresh in your mind.

The PSAT will be offered on October 12th. The cost is \$18.00. Students should sign up and pay in the high school Get Involved office by September 14th if they are interested in taking Look at the list of after school sports and clubs available to the PSAT. Fee waivers are available to juniors who qualify for free//reduced lunch. The PSAT is the qualifying test This not only looks good on your college resume, but it is a for the National Merit Scholarship; this qualification only great way to meet people, exercise your brain or body and applies to the juniors who take the PSAT. Many sopho- show your school spirit. mores and freshmen take the test for practice.

As the beginning of school approaches, the counseling department wants to offer a few tips taken from https:// teens.lovetoknow.com/Category:Teen_Health to help students get prepared for a wonderful year

Don't just assume a great year is going to fall into your lap. You have to work to make it happen. Whether you're already super organized or you like to procrastinate until the very last minute - the time to plan ahead is before school starts. Use specific strategies to help you not only stay afloat during the school year, but really thrive.

Get Plenty of Rest

Having an adequate amount of sleep is imperative to a successful high school career. Students who tend to sleep less than eight hours a night may not be as awake or alert during the day. In addition to needing rest to focus on school work, if you plan to participate in after-school activities or sports, you will need to rest up to do your best.

Eat Breakfast and Lunch

Always start your school days off with a healthy breakfast to get you through the day until lunch. Even if you are not a big breakfast eater, consider eating a protein bar or smoothie to stave off hunger. If you tend to eat later in the

Students wishing to print their schedules can do so using morning, you may want to carry a small snack to munch on the counseling center or library computers. Counselors between classes before lunch. If you do not like the school will make schedule changes during the first week of school lunch, you can pack lunch to take to school. This way you have exactly the kind of food you enjoy.

Keep Your Locker Organized

available. Choose a shelving system that allows you to and August in Montana! store your books and folders in an upright position. This will be especially helpful for when you are rushing to your locker between classes. In addition, hang a magnetic, dry erase board on the inside door to help you keep track of the day's to-do list.

Organize Classes with Binders

Purchase color-coded binders to use for each class. This will not only help when you are looking in your locker for a specific class, but you can also store all the class notes in one area without mixing them up with another class. Choose binders with a clear front sleeve that allows you to display a weekly class calendar.

Talk with People

There is no reason to be shy with new people. Whether you a subject test. It is better to take any necessary subject test are returning to high school, or you are new, talk with the people around you. Look to your left and right, and meet Frenchtown Schools the people on either side of your locker - they'll be there all year long. In addition to making friends, talking with people may help you with class work and trying out for sports.

you. Pick something that interests you, and join the team.

Create a Homework Area

Assign a place at home that is your designated homework area. This area should be off-limits to anyone besides you during your designated homework time. Choose an area that is free of distractions, such as a desk in your room or dining room table, so you can concentrate on school work.

Before the first day

Before heading out the first day of school, take a moment to breathe. Your high school years will fly past and soon you will be heading off to college. Take time to meet new people, participate in after school activities and study hard. Good luck!



From the Desk of **Aaron Griffin** Middle School Principal



Welcome Back! What a crazy summer, from the floods There are several types of locker organization systems and rain in June to the probable smoke and fires in July

> As I enter my 31st year as an educator, I still get crazy excited for the 1st day of school. It is crazy to think that I am starting year 10 as a principal at Frenchtown Schools. I am blessed to have two boys that attend Frenchtown Schools (Henry in 9th grade and Holden in 3rd grade). My wife, Amy (A.K.A – Mrs. America is the PK-2 counselor at Frenchtown Elementary), we enjoy chasing Henry and Holden around the state playing several different sports. The Griffin family also follows the Montana State Bobcats and we are excited for the start of the college football season! There is nothing better than being part of Frenchtown Schools -- Go Brones!

Ready for a great school year!

Aaron Griffin

Middle School Principal

aarongriffin@ftbroncs.org/406-626-2650



Middle School Office Hours

We are very lucky to have Cindy Felton returning to the front office. Ms. Felton is here to help you with your school related questions. Ms. Felton makes amazing things happen for the students of Frenchtown Middle School! Please feel free to contact the Middle School Office at 626-2650 regarding any questions you may have.

- ⇒ Middle School Office Hours: Daily 7:30 am to 4:00
- If your son/daughter is absent for any reason please notify the Middle School Office by 9:00 am daily.

Information for the 2022-2023 School Year ---

- Weekly Emails: Each Thursday during the school year families will receive a weekly update from the Middle School with upcoming events and important notices.
- Middle School Office: Office Hours are from 7:30

am to 4:00 pm.

- Open House: Tuesday, August 23, 2022 from 4:00 to 5:30 pm. Please do not bring school supplies at this time.
- 1st Day of School: Wednesday, August 24, 2022 from 8:20 am to 3:28 pm.
- School Supply Lists: Can be found online at www.ftsd.org under documents in for the Middle School.
- Student Schedules: Please call after Monday, August 15, 2022 if you have scheduling questions. All student schedules will be subject to change. Elective classes have been assigned for all Middle School Students and will not be changed. Band/Choir will be combined for 7th/8th grade this year and done on an A/B rotation during advisory and is optional for 7th/8th grade students.
- 6th Grade Band and Choir --- Students have to both programs if they choose. Band/Choir will be on a rotation during advisory last period of the day.
- **Incoming 7th Grade Reminder**: Montana State Law requires any child enrolled in a Montana public school must have the following immunizations before entering the 7th grade: ***1 dose of Tetanus, Diphtheria, and Pertussis (Tdap) booster before entering 7th grade (Tdap is required to protect against whooping cough) You will need to have your child immunized before the start of the 7th grade year. Please provide the office with documentation from the health provider of the booster and the date that it was given. You may FAX documentation to the middle school office at (406) 626-2654. Exemptions to this law for religious or medical reasons will require an exemption form signed by the parent/guardian and be notarized.

Going Green—

In a continued effort to save paper and extra expenses, our parent and student handbook will be placed online at www.ftsd.org. Parents and students can access this by 2. going to the district website selecting public documents on the left side and then select Middle School Handbook. However, if you would like a hard copy of the 2020-2021 student handbook please stop by the Middle School Office at any time! The school website is an amazing tool that will help keep you linked to school events, activities, school supply lists, and individual teacher websites/emails.

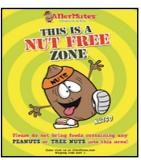
Lunch Information 2022-2023

For the 2022-2023 school year, Frenchtown School District will begin charging for school breakfasts and lunches again. The state covered the cost for the past two years for all schools in Montana, but as of the 2022-2023 school year this support will no longer occur. That being said, meal prices are on the website at https://www.ftsd.org/ Go to https://www.ftso departments/food-services/documents/151067 for the application forms. These forms should be turned into the The sports physical, concussion statement, and permission

have any questions, our school offices will be open for **DRAGONFLY FOR STUDENT PAPER WORK IN** regular hours on August 8, 2022 to help you navigate this process.

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choose either Band or Choir as an elective per state Just a reminder FMS is a Nut Free School --- We will have at: www.ftsd.org, Athletics, Sports Calendar, Select accreditation standards. Students can participate in designated safe lunchroom/classroom areas for students Sports. with nut allergies to sit at with their peers.



Middle School Sports Information

pating in Middle School sports <u>must</u> have the following homework. forms on file in the Middle School office before participating in any sport in the Middle School:

- A current sports physical must be conducted AF- coming and going. TER May 1, 2022.
- A current Student-Athlete & Parent/Legal Guardian Concussion Statement (one per year).
- A current Athletic Parent Permission Form (one per year – covers all sports).
- NEW THIS YEAR! There is a \$25.00 participation fee for each sport a student participates in. This Establish a set time each day for doing homework. Don't fee can be paid through the parent/guardian Infinite Campus Portal (Infinite Campus Pay).
- OPTIONAL THIS YEAR! If a student would like to watch high school or middle school events, then a \$30.00 activity pass may be purchased through Infinite Campus Pay. Otherwise, the student will have to pay the gate fee to get into all home high school or Tell your child how important school is. The attitude you the high school "family pass" (\$120.00), the \$30.00 middle school activity pass is covered.

office of the school your student attends. If you need to slip are located on the school website at: (www.FTSD.org

add lunch money onto your students lunch account prior to - More - Our Schools - Middle School - Documents) OR the first day of school, please login to the Infinite Campus right outside the Middle School office door in the right Parent Portal/click on food service/then click pay. If you hand side of the two organizers. WE ARE NOT USING <u>2022-2023.</u>

> Cross Country – Coach Shanelle Shirey nelleshirey@ftbroncs.org

Practice begins August 24 @ 3:30 p.m.

Football – Coach Bill Boudreaux – billboudreaux@ftbroncs.org

Practice begins August 22 @ 3:30 p.m.

Soccer - (Co-ed) - Coach Kirsten Gyapay - kirstengyapay@ftbroncs.org

Practice begins August 24 @ 3:30 p.m.

Volleyball - Coach Robyn Richardson - robynrichardson@ftbroncs.org

Practice begins August 24 @ 3:30 p.m.

**All games/meets will be posted on the school website

 6^{th} grade: eligible to participate in Cross Country, Soccer, Wrestling, and Track.

Fall sports parent meeting on Monday, August 22, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. in the Middle School gym!

Tips for parents/students regarding HOMEWORK

The dreaded homework! As a former middle school/ junior high teacher I remember the struggles I had with students to complete their homework on a daily or weekly basis. I do believe students should have some homework each night. However, if your child is doing two to three hours of homework each night please contact Aaron Griffin, Middle School Principal at 626-2650.

2022-2023 Middle School – Sports – All students partici- O Make sure your child has a quiet, well-lit place to do

Avoid having your child do homework with the television on or in places with other distractions, such as people

Make sure the materials your child needs, such as paper, pencils and a dictionary, are available.

Ask your child if special materials will be needed for some projects and get them in advance.

Help your child with time management.

let your child leave homework until just before bedtime. Think about using a weekend morning or afternoon for working on big projects, especially if the project involves getting together with classmates.

© Be positive about homework.

middle school events. If a parent/guardian purchases express about homework will be the attitude your child acquires.

When your child does homework, you do homework.

Show your child that the skills they are learning are related

to things you do as an adult. If your child is limited to the safe transportation of students to and from NEW STAFF reading, you read too. If your child is doing math, balance their homes, daycare providers for younger students, and We have a few new teachers that have joined our Interm your checkbook.

• When your child asks for help, provide guidance, not answers.

Giving answers means your child will not learn the material. Too much help teaches your child that when the going gets rough, someone will do the work for him or her.

• When the teacher asks that you play a role in homework, do it.

Cooperate with the teacher. It shows your child that the school and home are a team. Follow the directions given by the teacher.

O If homework is meant to be done by your child alone, stay away.

Too much parent involvement can prevent homework from having some positive effects. Homework is a great way for kids to develop independent, lifelong learning skills.

Stay informed.

Talk with your child's teacher. Make sure you know the purpose of homework and what your child's class rules

O Help your child figure out what is hard homework and what is easy homework.

Have your child do the hard work first. This will mean he will be most alert when facing the biggest challenges. Easy material will seem to go fast when fatigue begins to set in.

2022-2023 Helpful Tips for Parents/Guardians Welcome to Frenchtown Middle School!

School Day First bell rings at 8:10 a.m. Day Begins @ 8:20 a.m. Day Ends @ 3:27 p.m.

Below are some important tips for parents/guardians.

After School Arrangements – (1) If you and your child have communicated after-school arrangements, the office does not need to know about these arrangements. Example: if a parent/guardian conveyed to their child they will pick them up after school and they will not be riding Fun and Enjoyment - engagement in either fun or enjoyathe bus, the office **does not** need to know. (2) Last minute after school changes must be communicated to the office by 2:00 p.m. We will have more flexibility with after school arrangements/communications as we are asking our community to help transport students to and from school on a regular basis again this academic year.

absent, please call the Frenchtown Middle School office at new students and parents in the district, as well as continue (406) 626-2650 to report the absence and reason for the absence (appointment, taking the day off, sick). The office has voice mail 24/7.

Backpacks - Backpacks will be allowed in classrooms this academic year.

Bus Notes - By school board policy, we do not transport children to a friend's house. School bus transportation is

trips. All transportation requests must be submitted to the to Frenchtown School District during the Open House! office by 2:00 p.m. Bus drivers will not accept notes written by parent/guardian. Please limit these requests this academic year! It is extremely important that we keep our bus routes safe and not overcrowd them with stu-

Cell Phones – Each grade level team will have a cell phone collection policy at the beginning of the academic day for each homeroom. Students should not have their cell phones in their clothing. Cell phones are not to be used at lunch/recess. We will allow students to come to the office and use their cell phone to call parents during the academic day. If you need to talk to your student, please call the middle school office.



From the Desk of Riley Devins Intermediate Principal

The 2022-2023 school year is finally here, and with it comes many opportunities for kids of all ages. The staff at Frenchtown is ready to give your kids the opportunity to learn in a positive, fun and academic environment. At Frenchtown Intermediate, we will continue to strive for all students to feel:

Safe - the freedom from fear and embarrassment, as well as the feeling of comfort and acceptance.

Success - the accomplishment, or recognition of growth in things people value.

Love and Belonging- feeling included, valued, respected, and cared for.

Freedom and Independence - the feeling that meaningful choices are available.

ble experiences.

doing fulfills a need, solves a problem, or serves a valuable purpose.

(Spence Rodgers, 2012)

Attendance - When you know your child is going to be We look forward to the opportunity to get to know all our to build relationships with our current Frenchtown family.

Riley Devins

Intermediate Principal (4-5)/ K-8 Director of Academic

Frenchtown School District #40

school sponsored events such as team sports and field diate (4-5) education team. Please welcome them officially



Matt Warren (5th Grade Math)

Hello everybody! My name is Matt Warren and I wanted to start out by saying how truly excited I am to be a part of the Frenchtown community! Growing up in Missoula, I was able to attend events that were held at Frenchtown and could sense the emphasis on community immediately. After graduating from high school in Missoula, I decided to attend MSU-Bozeman (Go Cats!) where I earned a Bachelors in K-8 Elementary Education. After I finished my degree in Bozeman, I accepted my first teaching position in Victor, Montana where I started in a 5th grade classroom. Since then, I have spent three years teaching math to 5th-8th graders. While in Victor, I also had an opportunity to coach high school basketball, a huge passion of mine. When I am not at school, you can find me hiking, watching sports, golfing, and, most importantly, surrounding myself with friends and family. Again, I am so excited about this opportunity to be a part of this team!

The K-5 Counseling team welcomes you all back to school!

Our Counseling Theme for the year is "We Are Family". We can't think of a better way to embrace what being a Bronc means: Respect, Responsibility, Safety, Kindness, Initiative, Friendliness, and Service. We are all in this messy world together, and here in Frenchtown, we take care of each other, support one another, and practice family! We will be focusing on all of these amazing attributes throughout the year. Be sure to sing along as the students practice the song, We Are Family.

As the school year gets started and summer activities wind down there are a couple of things that help our students get back into the summer routine. Here are just a couple that you may find helpful in your family:

Valued Purpose - knowing and believing that what we're -Button up that bedtime routine and get those kids in bed earlier. It may mean that you start inching your way to a healthy bedtime 20 minutes each night until you get to the desired bedtime. Kids are going to be sleepy when they get back to school. Adequate downtime assures less meltdowns (for all of us really).

> -Establish those home routines. Make a plan for backpacks: unpacking, homework-ing, and repacking for the next day. Taking the time to think through "what do you have going on tomorrow?" helps kids develop initiative, problem solving, and planning skills. Some families have a mud room, some have a put-it-next-to-the-front-door routine, some put it on the catch-all chair in the kitchen, whatever your routine is...practice and prepare.

-Remember that your little ones are immersed in a learning environment that is full of new routines, schedules, friends, rules, and teacher expectations. They are going to be tired. Sometimes parents hit kids right away with questions and home expectations that our little ones get on overload. Sometimes they need some cuddle time with a book and you by their side, and sometimes they need some toy time. This is especially true the later part of the week. Put some extra plans in place for that down time. It's important.

-Make sure you take care of yourself. Your kids see you. They see how you handle stress and routines. They will pick up on your emotional cues. Being calm in their storm means that you may need to take time for yourself. Thanks for all that you do for your family. You are doing a great job!

We wish you the very best 2022-2023 School Year. We are here for you, your kids, your family. Let us know if we can be of any support!

We Are Family, Mrs. America, PK-2 School Counselor Miss Sadie, 3-5 School Counselor

Professional Development: Joe Sanfelippo

This year Frenchtown School District is kicking off its school year with national presenter, author and acclaimed superintendent Joe Sanfelippo. Each year we try to provide out teachers an opportunity to learn from some of the top educational minds in the country, and Joe is just that. Frenchtown School District has partnered with Lolo, Bonner, Arlee and St. Ignatius, inviting their teaching staffs to Frenchtown School District for the before school alternative PIR days on August 18th and 19th.

Meet Joe...

Dr. Joe Sanfelippo is the Superintendent of the Fall Creek School District in Fall Creek, WI. The Fall Creek School District was named an Innovative District in 2016 and 2017 by the International Center for Leadership in Education. Joe holds a BA in Elementary and Early Childhood Education from St. Norbert College, a MS in Educational Psychology from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, a MS in Educational Leadership, and a PhD in Leadership, Learning, and Service from Cardinal Stritch University. Joe is also an adjunct professor in the Educational Leadership Department at Viterbo University. Joe has taught Kindergarten, 2nd Grade, and 5th Grade. He was also a school counselor and high school coach prior to taking on an elementary principal position in 2005. He has served as a principal in



Location: Intermediate School Date: August 18 & 19, 2022 Times:

Morning Session: 8:30am-11:30am Lunch: 11:30am-12:30pm Afternoon Session: 12:30pm-2:30pm



Frenchtown 4H- Missoula County Fair

Frenchtown 4H students filled the livestock area of the Missoula County Fairgrounds this week. Great job to everyone that raised animals both in Frenchtown and across the valley. Special thanks to all the parents and community members that helped kids both learn the importance of agriculture and provide the opportunity for students to be involved in 4H.



K-5 Start and End Times: **Start Time: 8:10AM End Time: 3:10PM**

BREAKFAST AND LUNCH ACCOUNTS

Frenchtown School District is moving pack to charging for lunch and breakfast. It is important for parent to fill out and turn in Free or Reduced applications located on the Frenchtown School District website www.FTSD.orgclick on SCHOOL LUNCH/Breakfast INFO, click on FREE AND REDUCED LUNCH PROGRAM, click on APPLICATION INFORMATION, fill out the Free and Reduced-Price Meal Application 2022-2023.

PICK-UP/DROP-OFF LOOPS

If you drop-off/pick-up your children from school please use the West Loop, located right in front of the Intermediate School. Have your children ready to quickly exit the vehicle so the next car can pull forward. If you drop-off / pick-up your children please DO NOT use the East parking lot unless you have a Kindergarten or Early Kindergarten student.

PARENT PORTAL

Check the Infinite Campus Parent/Student Portal on the Frenchtown School District Website (www.ftsd.org) to monitor student grades transportation and behavior reports. If you are having trouble accessing the Parent Portal or are struggling get setup, contact Kristin Kzaley (406) 626-2622 at the Intermediate office for further assistance.

♦ HOUSEHOLD CHANGES

Many parents change residences or phone numbers during the summer months. If you have made changes please call and update the contact information for your child (626 -2622).

♦ VOLUNTEERISM

Is a great way to be connected with Frenchtown Schools! If you would like to be a volunteer, please talk with your child's teacher. Every volunteer must complete the Frenchtown School District Volunteer Form on an annual basis located in the Intermediate office. Parents do not vour adventures. have to fill out the volunteer forms for approved classroom visits or special presentations. There will be more information on this program at the Open House on August

♦ Raptor System When Entering the Building

Frenchtown Intermediate has the Raptor Badger System in place for the 2022-2023 School Year. When parent(s)/ guardian(s)/visitor(s) come into the building, they must present their driver's license to the front office and have a badge printed prior to proceeding into the hallway.

Appointments With Teachers/Classroom Inter-

When coming to the school to meet with a teacher, parent (s)/guardian(s) must have an appointment with the teacher or maybe you just need to hear a kind voice. prior to heading into the classroom. Instructional time is very important and random arrivals in the classroom can interrupt instructional time and take from instructional flow. If a parent really needs to talk with a teachers please call and setup an appointment to speak with them during jodihall@ftbroncs.org

their next break or setup a meeting for a time that they are

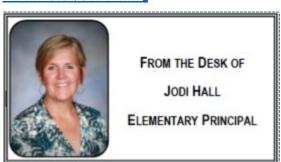
Requirements For Busses With Seatbelts

On busses with seat belts, it is required that all students wear their seatbelt at all times. If they chose not to, or take it off mid-route, they will be written up. The district follows bus referral procedures regarding school discipline. When students do not wear seatbelts on a bus that has seat belts, it will be handled as a discipline issue and be handled with a write-up. Students' safety is important at Frenchtown School District and the district is taking steps to make transportation as safe as possible.

5th Grade Band Showing Night- Morgenroth Music ten for the 2020-2021 school year. instrument Rental and Purchase

Tuesday, August 30, 2022 Time: 6:00 p.m. **Location: Intermediate Track**

Note: If you have any questions, please contact Elaina Blass at Elainablass@ftbroncs.org or Karolei Lydell KaroleiLydell@ftbroncs.org



Welcome to the 2022-23 school year! We are very excited to welcome all the new and returning staff and students back to Frenchtown Elementary! We are proud to provide the best education possible in a respectful, responsi- Early Kindergarten Start Date and Information Tuesble, and safe environment for the Frenchtown Communi- day, August 30, 2022. ty. I hope all of you have had an enjoyable summer, we look forward to seeing everyone again and hearing about

As we proceed through the school year, please stay in touch with your child's classroom teacher, the office if you need any changes in transportation, mailing address, or anything else, and call or stop by if I can support you in Transportation will be provided for students to and from any way. Our door is always open.

Everyday, I am supported by two rock stars, Mandi and Stefni. These amazing ladies keep this building rolling in the right direction. They will help you with any school related questions and if they don't have the answer they will direct you to the right person. Mandi and Stefni make wonderful things happen for students, staff, parents, and guardians at Frenchtown Elementary. Please feel free to contact them at 626-2620 with any questions

Jodi Hall PK-3 Principal Frenchtown Schools



Kindergarten Start Date

Here is some important information regarding kindergar-

Tuesday, August 30, 2022

- All classes will be full day.
- Full day is 8:10-3:10.
- Parents will be invited to attend from 8:10-8:30. Parents and students will meet their teachers outside at a designated spot in front of the school.
- Students will come into the building at 8:30, parents will be saying goodbye to students at the classroom
- Parents will meet for an orientation meeting at 8:45 in the Intermediate Gvm.

Please contact the Elementary Office if you have any questions regarding kindergarten at 626-2620. We are very excited to watch your children learn new things! The official school day for all K-5 students is from 8:15 am to 3:15 pm. Please sign up on the following link for a visit with your child's Kindergarten teacher: https:// www.myconferencetime.com/frenchtownelem/

We are excited about our new opportunity for four year old's and five year old's who miss the school age cut off date of September 10th and meets criteria listed in board policy 1010FE. There will be two morning sessions Monday- Thursday (8:10a.m.-11:45 a.m.) each class will host 10 students. NO Early Kindergarten classes on Fridays. school. Right now the program is full, if you are interested in placing your child on the waitlist for an open spot, please call the elementary office for registration information. Early Kindergarten focus will be school readiness, early literacy, early math, and social/emotional development.

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Listed below is Board Policy 1010FE:

1. A child who meets the criteria according to board policy 1010FE:

The Board of Trustees declares the following to be qualifying "exceptional circumstances" within the meaning of that term as used in 20-5-101(3), that merit waiving the age provisions of 20-5-101(1), MCA for qualifying children under 6 years of age:

A child at least 3 years of age with a disability qualifying the child for services under the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.

A child who is 4 years of age or older on or before September 10 of the school year in which enrollment is to occur who:

- a. Meets the income eligibility guidelines for free or reduced price meals under the National School Lunch Pro-
- b. Is Limited English Proficient within the meaning of Title III of the federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act:
- c. Is Gifted and Talented within the meaning of that term as used in 20-7-901, MCA;
- is an enrolled member of a federally recognized American Indian Tribe;
- d. Is homeless as defined in 42 U.S. Code § 11302, or, as determined by the administration, exhibits other characteristics or lives in circumstances that are uncommon, unusual, atypical, rare or otherwise distinguished from A great way to be connected with Frenchtown Elemenordinary or typical which place the child at risk of failing to achieve at adequate level; or
- e. Does not meet the requirements of a. through e. but is recommended for enrollment by administration.

Focus: School Readiness, Social/Emotional Development. Early Literacy and Math skills

Standards: https://www.naeyc.org/our-work...

Transportation

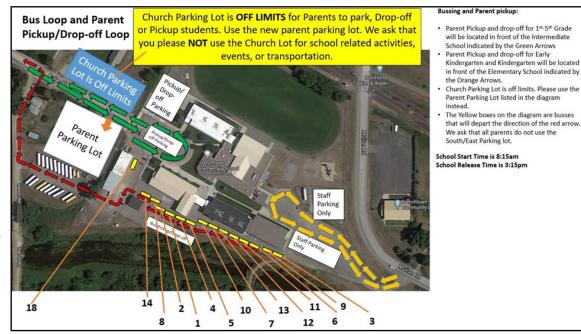
Please refer to your transportation letter for your bus schedule and remember to fill out the contract from the transportation dept. Reminder that children in kindergarten through second grades are not allowed to exit the bus at the end of the day without a designated adult! We ask that all transportation requests be done by 2:00 pm. Please call the transportation department if you have any questions (406)626-2620.

Pick-Up/Drop-Off Loops- Reminder

<u>Preschool/Early Kindergarten/Kindergarten</u> will be Our Counseling Theme for the year is "We Are Family" dropped off and picked up in the east loop by the school. Older siblings of the younger children may meet back there also.

First-5th grade will be picked up in the west loop of the school between the two buildings.

Please DO NOT park in the church parking lot anymore. There is a new parking lot across the street, please use practice the song, We Are Family. that if you are wanting to walk your child into the build- As the school year gets started and summer activities we can be of any support!



Volunteers in the Classroom

tary, your child's teacher, and be involved with your child and their classmates is to volunteer. Please talk with your child's teacher. If you are not able to make it to the classroom, teachers always have things that need to be cut out or prepared. Please complete the volunteer form, stop by the elementary office to pick one up. A form must be completed for field trip and working in the classroom.

Special Thank You

When you see any of our Elementary Maintenance or Custodial Staff please show them some appreciation for all of their hard work over the summer. The school and grounds look awesome and will help support a positive learning environment for 2022-2023. We are blessed to have a great group of maintenance and custodial workers at Frenchtown Elementary.

Counseling Connection

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We wish you the very best 2022-2023 School Year. We are here for you, your kids, your family. Let us know if

Miss Sadie, 3-5 School Counselor

Frenchtown PTA News

PTA Fundraiser

We are excited to introduce "Step it Up" our NEW FALL FUNDRAISER!! The money we raise from this fundraiser pays for many non-budgeted items such as classroom materials, teacher grants, field trips, teacher appreciation week, and various PTA projects. Previously we have purchased upgraded water stations for both schools, new projector for the auditorium, Missoula Children's Theatre and much more! Be on the lookout for more details to come including a SUPER FUN Day of Awesomeness & DJ Dance party after the fundraiser ends!! "DAY OF AWESOMENESS" is OCTOBER 10TH There will be SIX GIANT interactive inflatables, "pony" races, DJ Dance Party, Hula Hoop contests, money wheel, money booth, "rolling dice for dollars" and more!! *Parent volunteers needed, come join the fun! Check out the Frenchtown, MT PTA Facebook for more information to come!

PTA 2022 Officers

Your PTA officers are as follows: President – Amber Steffenson, Vice President – Open, Treasurer – Christine Johnson, Secretary – Lauren Atkin.

PTA Elections are held every 2 years and next will be in 2024. We welcome involvement from our community members! Please consider volunteering this year and consider an officer position next year! In addition to officers, we still need parent involvement. PTA is a great way to meet other parents with the same questions and give support to the schools, administration members, and teachers. Time commitment is as much or as little as you'd like, please join us to help make the Frenchtown PTA great for everyone!

PTA Fall Meeting

The next PTA meeting is Wednesday September 14th, 2022, at 4:30 pm at Old Bull Brewing in Frenchtown. We will be holding a SPECIAL ELECTION for the VP position at this meeting! We currently have one nomination: Trinity Emineth. If you would like to vote and/or be considered for this position please join us at this meeting.

We have four meetings and four events every other month throughout the school year. Please come and join us and support our kids and the local business community.

AmazonSmile Program

The PTA is seeing a great return from our teachers, families and friends who have registered for our AmazonSmile program. If you have not, please take a moment to sign up for our schools to get credit for your everyday shopping via Amazon. Please follow the instructions below to register so we can start seeing the benefits of shopping online:

- Sign in to smile.amazon.com on your desktop or mobile phone browser.
- From your desktop, go to Your Account from the navigation at the top of any page, and then select the option to Change your Charity. Or, from your mobile browser, select Change your Charity from the options at the bottom of the page.
- 3. Select a new charitable organization to support.
- 4. Search for 5587 Frenchtown PTSA

For more information about the AmazonSmile program, go to

http://smile.amazon.com/about



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FREE AND REDUCED-PRICE SCHOOL MEALS FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Children need healthy meals to learn. Frenchtown School District offers healthy meals every school day. Breakfast costs \$1.40; lunch costs \$2.60. Your children may qualify for free meals or for reduced-price meals. Reduced price is \$0.30 for breakfast and \$0.40 for lunch. This packet includes an application for free or reduced-price meal benefits, and a set of detailed instructions. Below are some common questions and answers to help you with the application process.

- 1. WHO CAN GET FREE OR REDUCED-PRICE MEALS?
 - All children in households receiving benefits from Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Food
 Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) or Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) are
 eligible for free meals.
 - Foster children that are under the legal responsibility of a foster care agency or court are eligible for free meals.
 - Children participating in their school's Head Start program are eligible for free meals.
 - Children who meet the definition of homeless, runaway, or migrant are eligible for free meals.
 - Children may receive free or reduced-price meals if your household's income is within the limits on the Federal Income Eligibility Guidelines.

FEDERAL ELIGIBILITY INCOME CHART for School Year 2022-2023				
Household size	Yearly	Monthly	Weekly	
1	\$25,142	\$2,096	\$484	
2	\$33,874	\$2,823	\$652	
3	\$42,606	\$3,551	\$820	
4	\$51,338	\$4,279	\$988	
5	\$60,070	\$5,006	\$1,156	
6	\$68,802	\$5,734	\$1,324	
7	\$77,534	\$6,462	\$1,492	
8	\$86,266	\$7,189	\$1,659	
Each additional family member, add:	\$8,732	\$728	\$168	

- 2. HOW DO I KNOW IF MY CHILDREN QUALIFY AS HOMELESS, MIGRANT, OR RUNAWAY? Do the members of your household lack a permanent address? Are you staying together in a shelter, hotel, or other temporary housing arrangement? Does your family relocate on a seasonal basis? Are any children living with you who have chosen to leave their prior family or household? If you believe children in your household meet these descriptions and have not been told your children will get free meals, please e-mail Aaron Griffin at AaronGriffin@ftbroncs.org
- DO I NEED TO FILL OUT AN APPLICATION FOR EACH CHILD? No. Use one Free and Reduced-Price School Meals Application
 for all students in your household if all children attend Frenchtown School District. We cannot approve an application that is
 not complete, so be sure to fill out all required information. Return the completed application to the office in the building
 your student attends or email your application to RileyDevins@ftbroncs.org.
- 4. SHOULD I FILL OUT AN APPLICATION IF I RECEIVED A LETTER THIS SCHOOL YEAR SAYING MY CHILDREN ARE ALREADY APPROVED FOR FREE MEALS? No, but please read the letter you got carefully and follow the instructions. If any children in your household were missing from your eligibility notification, contact Riley Devins at <u>RileyDevins@ftbroncs.org</u> immediately.
- 5. MY CHILD'S APPLICATION WAS APPROVED LAST YEAR. DO I NEED TO FILL OUT A NEW ONE? Yes. Your child's application is only good for that school year and for the first few days of this school year, through September 1, 2022. You must send in a new application unless the school already told you that your child is eligible for the new school year. If you do not send in a new application that is approved by the school, or you have not been notified that your child is eligible for free meals, your child will be charged the full price for meals.

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- I RECEIVE WIC. CAN MY CHILDREN GET FREE MEALS? Children in households participating in WIC <u>may</u> be eligible for free or reduced-price meals. Please send in an application for your child to receive benefits.
- WILL THE INFORMATION I GIVE BE CHECKED? Yes. We may also ask you to send written proof of the household income you report.
- IF I DON'T QUALIFY NOW, MAY I APPLY LATER? Yes, you may apply at any time during the school year. For example, children with a parent or guardian who becomes unemployed may become eligible for free and reduced-price meals if the household income drops below the income limit.
- WHAT IF I DISAGREE WITH THE SCHOOL'S DECISION ABOUT MY APPLICATION? You should talk to school officials. You also
 may ask for a hearing by calling or writing to: Riley Devins at 406 361 1973 or PO Box 117, Frenchtown Mt 59834.
- MAY I APPLY IF SOMEONE IN MY HOUSEHOLD IS NOT A U.S. CITIZEN? Yes. You, your children, or other household members do not have to be U.S. citizens to apply for free or reduced-price meals.
- 11. WHAT IF MY INCOME IS NOT ALWAYS THE SAME? List the amount that you <u>normally</u> receive. For example, if you normally make \$1000 each month, but you missed some work last month and only made \$900, put down that you made \$1000 per month. If you normally get overtime, include it, but do not include it if you only work overtime sometimes. If you have lost a job or had your hours or wages reduced, use your current income. Seasonal employees may project their annual rate or use the prior year's earnings whichever provides a more accurate reflection of earnings.
- 12. HOW DO I DETERMINE SELF-EMPLOYED INCOME? Self-employed persons may use the previous year's income as a basis to project their current year's net income unless their current net income provides a more accurate measure. Self-employed should use their net income rather than gross income.
- 13. WHAT IF SOME HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS HAVE NO INCOME TO REPORT? Household members may not receive some types of income we ask you to report on the application or may not receive income at all. Whenever this happens, please write a 0 in the field. However, if any income fields are left empty or blank, those will also be counted as zeroes. Please be careful when leaving income fields blank, as we will assume you meant to do so.
- 14. WE ARE IN THE MILITARY. DO WE REPORT OUR INCOME DIFFERENTLY? Your basic pay and cash bonuses must be reported as income. If you get any cash value allowances for off-base housing, food, or clothing, it must also be included as income. However, if your housing is part of the Military Housing Privatization Initiative, do not include your housing allowance as income. Any additional combat pay resulting from deployment is also excluded from income.
- 15. WHAT IF THERE ISN'T ENOUGH SPACE ON THE APPLICATION FOR MY FAMILY? List any additional household members on a separate piece of paper and attach it to your application. Contact Riley Devins at RileyDevins@ftbroncs.org to receive a second application.
- 16. MY FAMILY NEEDS MORE HELP. ARE THERE OTHER PROGRAMS WE MIGHT APPLY FOR? To find out how to apply for SNAP or other assistance benefits, call the Montana Public Assistance Helpline at 1-888-706-1535, apply online at https://apply.mt.gov/ or contact a local assistance office.

If you have other questions or need help, call Riley Devins at 406 361 1973.

Sincerely,

Riley Devins Frenchtown Intermediate Principal/Director of Academic Services

Phone: 406 361 1973 Email: RileyDevins@ftbroncs.org

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INFORMATION FOR PARENTS AND GUARDIANS

Our school has adopted The "I Love U Guys" Foundation's Standard Response Protocol (SRP). Students and staff will be training, practicing, and drilling the protocol.

COMMON LANGUAGE

The Standard Response Protocol (SRP) is based on an allhazards approach as opposed to individual scenarios. Like the Incident Command System (ICS), SRP utilizes clear common language while allowing for flexibility in protocol.

The premise is simple - there are five specific actions that can be performed during an incident. When communicating these, the action is labeled with a "Term of Art" and is then followed by a "Directive." Execution of the action is performed by active participants, including students, staff, teachers and first responders. The SRP is based on the following actions: Hold, Secure, Lockdown, Evacuate, and Shelter.

HOLD

"In Your Classroom or Area"

Students are trained to:

- · Clear the hallways and remain in their area or room until the "All Clear" is announced
- Do business as usual

Adults and staff are trained to:

- Close and lock the door
- Account for students and adults
- · Do business as usual

SECURE

"Get Inside. Lock outside doors"

Students are trained to: · Return to inside of building

- Do business as usual
- Adults and staff are trained to:
- Bring everyone indoors
- · Lock the outside doors
- Increase situational awareness
- · Account for students and adults
- · Do business as usual



LOCKDOWN

"Locks, Lights, Out of Sight"

Students are trained to: · Move away from sight

- Maintain silence
- Do not open the door

Adults and staff are trained to:

- · Recover students from hallway if possible
- Lock the classroom door
- Turn out the lights
- · Move away from sight
- Maintain silence
- · Do not open the door
- Prepare to evade or defend

EVACUATE

"To a Location"

Students are trained to:

- Leave stuff behind if required to
- · If possible, bring their phone
- Follow instructions Adults and staff are trained to:
- Bring roll sheet and Go Bag (unless instructed not to bring anything with them, dependent on reason for evacuation.)
- Lead students to Evacuation location
- Account for students and adults
- Report injuries or problems using Red Card/Green Card method.

SHELTER

"State Hazard and Safety Strategy"

Hazards might include:

- Tornado
- Hazmat
- Earthquake
- Tsunami

Safety Strategies might include:

- Evacuate to shelter area
- Seal the room
- · Drop, cover and hold
- · Get to high ground

Students are trained in:

Appropriate Hazards and Safety Strategies

Adults and staff are trained in:

- Appropriate Hazards and Safety Strategies
- · Accounting for students and adults
- Report injuries or problems using Red Card/Green Card method.





PARENT GUIDANCE

In the event of a live incident, parents may have questions about their role.

SECURE

"Get Inside. Lock outside doors"



Secure is called when there is something dangerous outside of the building. Students and staff are brought into the building and the outside doors will be locked. The school might display the Building is Secured poster on entry doors or nearby windows. Inside, it will be business as usual.

SHOULD PARENTS COME TO THE SCHOOL DURING A SECURE EVENT?

Probably not. Every effort is made to conduct classes as normal during a secure event. Additionally, parents may be asked to stay outside during a Secure event.

WHAT IF PARENTS NEED TO PICK UP THEIR STUDENT?

Depending on the situation, it may not be safe to release the student. As the situation evolves, Secure might change to a Monitored Entry and/or Controlled Release.



WILL PARENTS BE NOTIFIED WHEN A SCHOOL GOES INTO SECURE?

When a secure event is brief or the hazard is non-violent, like a wild animal on the playground, there may not be a need to notify parents while the Secure is in place.

With longer or more dangerous events, the school should notify parents that the school has increased their security.

LOCKDOWN "Locks, Lights, Out of Sight"

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A Lockdown is called when there is something dangerous inside of the building. Students and staff are trained to enter or remain in a room that can be locked, and maintain silence.

A Lockdown is only initiated when there is an active threat inside or very close to the building.

SHOULD PARENTS COME TO THE SCHOOL DURING A LOCKDOWN?

The natural inclination for parents is to go to the school during a Lockdown. Understandable, but perhaps problematic. If there is a threat inside the building, law enforcement will be responding. It is unlikely that parents will be granted access to the building or even the campus. If parents are already in the school, they will be instructed to Lockdown as well.

SHOULD PARENTS TEXT THEIR STUDENTS?

The school recognizes the importance of communication between parents and students during a Lockdown event. Parents should be aware though, during the initial period of a Lockdown, it may not be safe for students to text their parents. As the situation resolves, students may be asked to update their parents on a regular basis.

In some cases, students may be evacuated and transported off-site for a student-parent reunification.

WHAT ABOUT UNANNOUNCED DRILLS?

The school may conduct unscheduled drills, however it is highly discouraged to conduct one without announcing that it as a drill. That's called an unannounced drill and can cause undue concern and stress.

Parents should recognize that the school will always inform students that it is a drill during the initial announcement.



It's important to differentiate between a **drill** and an exercise. A drill is used to create the "Muscle Memory" associated with a practiced action. There is no simulation of an event; this is simply performing the action. An exercise simulates an actual event to test the capacity of personnel and equipment.

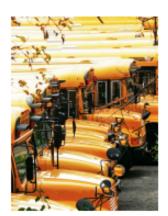
CAN PARENTS OBSERVE OR PARTICIPATE IN THE DRILLS?

The school welcomes parents who wish to observe or participate in drills.

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If you or your family lives in any of the following situations:



- In a homeless shelter
- In a hotel or motel
- In a campground, RV, or building that is not a home
- Doubled up with friends or relatives because you cannot find or afford housing

Then you and your family may have certain rights or protections under the McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Act.



Students, you have the right to:

- Go to school, no matter where you live or how long you have lived there. You have the right to attend classes even if you don't have immunization records or a birth certificate. You must be given access to the same public education provided to other children.
- Enroll in a school without giving a permanent address. Schools cannot require proof of residency that might prevent or delay school enrollment.
- Enroll in school even if you are not living with a parent or guardian. Schools cannot require you to have a parent or guardian to sign paperwork if you are not living with them.
- Continue in the school you attended before you became homeless or the school you last attended.
- Receive transportation to and from school if you or a guardian request transportation.
- Participate in the same special programs and services as provided to all other students, including athletics and other extra-curricular activities.
- You have the right to file a dispute if you disagree with any decision about your education.

For help with school, do the following:

- Contact the district's liaison (see phone number below) for help enrolling in a new school or continuing at the school you are now attending. The liaison can also make referrals.
- Contact the local homeless shelter and social services office for help with housing, medical care, food, and other support.
- Contact the school and provide any information you think will assist in helping the student to adjust to difficult circumstances. Needs, such as transportation, free school meals, supplies, and counseling services, should be addressed.

School Name

Frenchtown Schools

District Liaison Name

Aaron Griffin

Phone Number of Liaison

626-2650



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January 2018

FRENCHTOWN BRONCS FOOTBALL					
2022-2023					
Date	Dav	Level	Opponent/Loca	ation Time	Bus
8/9	Tuesday	Fall Parent M	eeting High School Commons		
8/12	Friday	1st Day of Pra		•	
8/26	Friday	Varsity	@ Browning	7:00 pm	12:00 pm
8/29	Monday	JV	Browning	5:00 pm	
8/29	Monday	Freshman	@ Florence	4:30 pm	2:30 pm
9/2	Friday	Varsity	Whitefish	7:00 pm	
9/6	Tuesday	JV	@ Columbia Falls	5:00 pm	12:30 pm
9/9	Friday	Varsity	@ Hamilton	7:00 pm	3:30 pm
9/12	Monday	Freshman	@Polson	5:00 pm	2:30 pm
9/12	Monday	JV	Hamilton	5:00 pm	
9/16	Friday	Varsity	Corvallis	7:00 pm	Homecoming
9/19	Monday	JV	@ Corvallis	4:30 pm	1:00 pm
9/22	Thursday	Varsity	Dillon	7:00 pm	
9/26	Monday	JV	@ Dillon	4:30 pm	11:00 am
9/30	Friday	JV	@ Kellogg, ID	3:45 pm (PST)	12:00 pm (MST)
9/30	Friday	V	@ Kellogg, ID	7:00 pm (PST)	3:00 pm (MST)
10/3	Monday	JV	Loyola	5:00 pm	
10/7	Friday	Varsity	@ Butte Central	7:00 pm	2:30 pm
10/10	Monday	JV	Polson	5:00 pm	
10/14	Friday	Varsity	Stevi	7:00 pm	Senior Night
10/17	Monday	JV	@ Stevi	4:30 pm	1:30 pm
10/21	Friday	V	@ East Helena	7:00 pm	3:00pm
	Saturday		1st Round of Playoffs	TBA	•
11/5	Saturday		Quarter Finals	TBA	
11/12	Saturday		Semi-Finals	TBA	
11/19	Saturday		State Finals	TBA	





2022-2023 Time Date Day Level Opponent/Location Bus Tuesday Fall Parent Meeting High School Commons 7:00 pm 8/11 Thursday 1st Day of Practice 8/15 Monday Varsity @ Butte Central-Highland GC 9:00 am 6:00am 8/15 Monday @ Columbia Falls-West Glacier 9:30am 5:00am 9:00 am 8/18 Thursday Varsity @ East Helena – Fox Ridge 5:30am 9:00 am 5:00 am Monday Varsity @ Dillon 10:00am 6:00am 8/23 Varsity @ Whitefish Lake GC Tuesday 10:00 am 8:00 am 8/25 Thursday Varsity @ Ronan Mission Mtn. GC Thursday Varsity Frenchtown - King Ranch GC 10:00 am 10:00 am Wednesday JV 9/7 Frenchtown - King Ranch GC Friday Varsity @ Libby - Kootenai GC 10:00 am 5:00 am 9/9 Monday @ Polson - Polson GC 7:30 am 10:00 am 9/12 Varsity 9/15 Thursday Varsity @ East Helena — Bill Roberts GC 10:00 am 6:00 am Saturday @ Hamilton - Hamilton GC 10:00 am 7:00 am @ Dillon – Beaverhead GC 10:00 am

9/19

Monday

JV

9/23 Divisionals Varsity @ Libby (Practice Round 9/22)

9/30 -10/1 Fri-Sat. Varsity State @ Hamilton TBA

6:00 am

(depart 9/29)

FRENCHTOWN BRONCS SOCCER 2022-2023

Date	Day	Level	Opponent/Loca	ation Time	Bus
8/9	Tuesday	Fall Parent M	eeting High School Commons	7:00 pm	
8/12	Friday	1st Day of P	ractice		
8/26	Friday	Varsity	@ Park	G-2:00/B-4:00	8:30 am
8/27	Saturday	Varsity	@ Lone Peak	G-10:00/B-12:0	0
9/1	Thursday	Varsity	@ East Helena	B - 4:00/ G - 6:00	1:00 pm
9/6	Tuesday	Varsity	Corvallis	B-4:00/G-6:00	
9/8	Thursday	Varsity	@ Stevi	G-4:00/B-6:00	12:30 pm
9/13	Tuesday	Varsity	Loyola	G-3:00/B-5:00	Homecoming
9/15	Thursday	Varsity	@Hamilton	B-4:30/G-6:30	1:30 pm
9/22	Thursday	Varsity	East Helena	G-3:00/B-5:00	
9/29	Thursday	Varsity	Stevi	B - 3:00/ G - 5:00	
10/1	Saturday	Varsity	@ Corvallis	G-11:00/B-1:00	8:00 am
10/6	Thursday	Varsity	Hamilton	G-3:00/B-5:00	
10/8	Saturday	Varsity	@ Loyola	B – 11:00/ G – 1:00	9:30 am
10/15	Saturday	Varsity	1st Round Playoffs	TBA	FRENC

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FRENCHTOWN BRONCS VOLLEYBALL

2022-2023

Date	Day	Level	Opponent/Location	Time	Bus
8/9	Tuesday	Fall Parent N	Meeting High School Commons	7:00 pm	
8/12	Friday		1st Day of Practice		
8/26	Fri/Sat	V	Tip-Off Tourney @ Hamilton	TBD	TBD
8/27	Sat	F	Tourney @ Corvallis	9:00 am	6:30 am
9/1	Thursday	F/JV/V	Columbia Falls	4:15/5:45/7:15	
9/3	Saturday	F/JV/V	@ Libby	1:00/2:30/4:00	8:00 am
9/8	Thursday	F/JV/V	@ Corvallis	4:15/5:45/7:15	1:30 pm
9/10	Saturday	F/JV/V	East Helena	1:00/2:30/4:00	
9/13	Tuesday	F/JV/V	@ Stevi	4:15/5:45/7:15	2:00 pm
9/15	Thursday	F/JV/V	Dillon	4:15/5:45/7:15	Homecoming
9/22	Thursday	F/JV/V	@Hamilton	4:15/5:45/7:15	1:15
9/24	Saturday	F/JV/V	@ Butte Central	1:00/2:30/4:00	10:00 am
9/27	Tuesday	F/JV/V	Corvallis	4:15/5:45/7:15	
9/29	Thursday	F/JV/V	@ East Helena	4:15/5:45/7:15	1:00 pm
10/7	Friday	F/JV/V	Stevi	4:15/5:45/7:15	
10/8	Saturday	F/JV/V	@ Dillon	1:00/2:30/4:00	9:00 am
10/14	Fri/Sat	V	@ Butte Central Tourney	TBA	
10/18	Tuesday	F/JV/V	Butte Central	4:15/5:45/7:15	
10/20	Thursday	F/JV/V	Hamilton	3:00/4:15/6:00	Senior Night
10/27	Thur	V	4vs7 and 5vs.6	TBD	
10/29	Sat	V	District Play In	TBD	
11/3-5	Thur-Sat	V	Divisional @ East Helena	TBA	
11/10	-12 Thur-Sat	V	State @ Bozeman	TBA	



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10/22 Saturday

10/29 Saturday

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Email Nicole Day at frenchtownbroncboosters@gmail.com with any questions.

Thank you for supporting Frenchtown High School students!



FRENCHTOWN BRONC BOOSTERS

Your Boosters are excited for the 2022-2023 school year! Our mission is to promote the growth of positive school spirit and help sustain the active non-political participation in Frenchtown activities through student body, parental and community involvement. The Booster Board is busy planning for the upcoming year and invites other community members to join us to promote "Bronc Spirit" and show support for all students at FHS.

The booster club welcomes all community members to our monthly meetings, please check our Facebook page for our monthly dates and times. The Board is currently planning our biggest fundraiser of the year - our annual Homecoming Tailgate Party! Homecoming is on September 16, 2022, and we are in need of volunteers to serve and clean-up. Reach out to us via email at frenchtownbroncboosters@gmail.com or stay tuned to our Facebook page if you're interested in helping with this fun community event!

Your 2022-2023 Booster Board is always available and willing to hear your "Bronc Spirit" ideas.

Wishing all of our Broncs a healthy, successful year!

Nicole Day (Chair)
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Gwen Smith (Co-Vice Chair)
Trinity Emineth (Treasurer)
Becca Brush (Secretary)

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Frenchtown Community Coalition

Working to create a healthy, engaged, and unified community for the youth of Frenchtown

The Frenchtown Community Coalition hosted the first Frenchtown Youth Summit in early August, which was a huge success! We had 12 presentations during the three-day Summit, three of which were presented by Michael DeLeon from Steered Straight, and many memorable activities. Students, ages 12-18, learned about current substance use trends, how drugs are marketed to youth, how substances affect the body, how to advocate for change through laws and policies, prevention strategies, how to find and implement healthy coping mechanisms, and more! We are grateful for every-



one who attended and presented! We also want to thank the Missoula Electric Cooperative for their generosity! MEC selected the FCC as a recipient for the Operation Round Up grant, which funded the Summit. We could not have funded the event without their help. Thank you, MEC!

If you are interested in joining the FCC or have a student in high school interested in joining Youth Leadership Committee, the youth subcommittee of the FCC, please contact Reagan Mecham at: ReaganMecham@ftbroncs.org.







If you have questions or would like to join the Frenchtown Community Coalition, please contact FTCC@ftbroncs.org or call 406-626-2772



Requirements for all students entering school. Including TK and Early Kindergarten

FRENCHTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT #40 Required Immunization Information

Required Documentation:

In accordance with State Immunization Law, Frenchtown Public Schools require all children to be **fully immunized** prior to entering school. On or before the first day of school, parents much present to school officials:

- Signed (or stamped and dated) documentation from a health care provider indicating that the child has been immunized <u>OR</u>
- A State of Montana Certificate of Immunization (blue form) which has been signed by a physician, health
 officer or designee, and indicates the month, date and year that the child has received the required
 immunizations.

Parents may choose to file an affidavit of exemption from Montana's immunization law because their religious teachings oppose immunization. An affidavit of exemption form can be obtained in any of the school offices. A new affidavit for your child must be signed, sworn to, and notarized yearly.

Please note: If your child has medical or religious exemption, for their safety and to reduce spread of illness, they will be excluded for school directed by local health officers if they have been exposed to the diseases specified by state immunization school requirements.

Immunization Requirements:

Children should be immunized against the following diseases. FOR SCHOOL ENTRY, the minimum requirements are:

VACCINE	TOTAL NUMBER	ADDITIOANAL DOSE REQUIREMENTS
Hib (haemophilus influenzae - type B)	For Perschool Entry	At least one dose
Polio	For School Entry: 3 doses, and	For kindergarten entry, at least one dose must be given after the 4th birthday
DTP/DT/DTaP/Td - diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis (whooping cough)		For kindergarten entry, at least one dose must be given after the 4th birthday
MMR - measles, mumps, rubella	For School Entry: 1 dose on or after the first birthday + 2nd dose prior to entry into kindergarten	A pupil entering any grade from 1 to 12 who has not already received the 2 required doses at kindergarten age must receive the second dose.
Tdap/Td Booster	1 dose	All students enterin grade 7 will be required to have a tetanus booster within five years of entering grade 7. All 8-12 grades must meet this requirement.



FRENCHTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT #40

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Administration Office: 406-626-2600
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Intermediate Office: 406-626-2622
Middle School Office: 406-626-2650
High School Office: 406-626-2670
Transportation Office: 406-626-2610

3:27pm -MS/HS

All classes start: 8:10am Elem/Intermediate 8:20am HS/MS
Classes end: 3:10pm - K-5



	P.I. Day
1st Quarter	43
2nd Quarter	42
3rd Quarter	46
4th Quarter	44

Early Out Day

1st Student Day

First/Last Day Kindergarten

Beginning/End of Quarter
Early Release

Parent Teacher Conf. Early Out

2022-2023 School Calendar



AUGUST

PIR Days No School 22,23 First Student Day 24 First Day of Kindergarten 30

26 27 28 29 30 31

SEPTEMBER

No School Labor Day 5 PIR Day, No School 23

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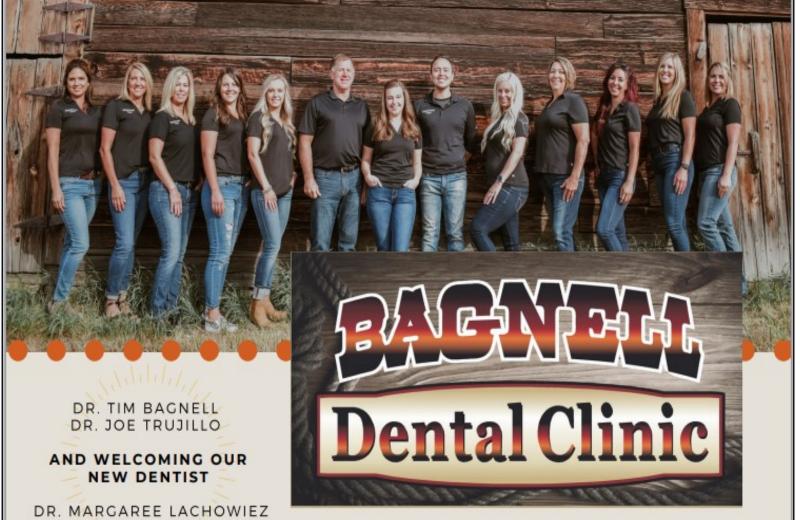
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RESOLUTION #08162022-1 FOR DISPOSAL OF PUBLIC PROPERTY OF FRENCHTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT #40

Whereas, Frenchtown School District #40, Missoula County, presently owns Dell Computers damaged in flood, and Chromebooks unsuitable for school purposes.

Be it Resolved, that the Board of Trustees of Frenchtown School District #40 intends to dispose and/or sell said property in full compliance with the laws of the State of Montana, §20-6-604.

The Trustees of the Frenchtown School District #40 further resolve that notice of the resolution shall be published in school newsletter, September issue 2022.

This resolution shall become effective 14 days after publication of the notice identified above. Effective dates are August 17, 2022 through August 31, 2022, unless appealed any time prior to that date to the District Court by a taxpayer in compliance with and as provided in §20-6-604, MCA.

Resolution adopted this 16th day of August, 2022 by the Frenchtown School District #40 Board of Trustees to be effective on the August 31, 2022.

Board Chair

Frenchtown School/Community Library Hours

Monday - Thursday 4:30pm - 8:00pm

Frenchtown School/Community Library Presents: **Family Movie Nights** (2022-2023)

(2022-2023)		
September 29	February 23	
October 27	March 23	
January 26	April 20	

FRENCHTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 40

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JOB VACANCY POSTING

- K-3 Teacher
- 2. Paraprofessionals
- 3. Playground Aides
- School Kitchen Workers
- Custodian Fulltime 5.
- 6. Baseball 1/2 Time Assistant Coach Girls Wrestling Coach - High School 7.
- 8. Assistant Girls Wrestling Coach - High School
- 9. Head Track Coach - High School 10. Wrestling Coaches, Middle School - 2

Substitutes:

- Bus Drivers
- Certified Teachers
- Custodians
- Kitchen Workers
- **Paraprofessionals** Playground Aides
- Visit our website at www.ftsd.org to print an application and view the job description. Please return completed application to Stacie Mether in the District office.

Frenchtown School Board of Trustees Meeting May 17, 2022 – Special School Board Meeting Trustee Reorganizational Meeting

Shared Project Area - Middle School - Upon conclusion of regular scheduled board meeting

I. Call to Order: The Special School Board Meeting was called to order by Board Chair Jami Romney FitzGerald at 10:05 p.m. Trustees in attendance were Bryce Simpson, Shiloh Lucier, Jami Wright, Noah Peters, Rainier Batt and Amanda Hansen. Also in attendance were Superintendent Les Meyer, Principals Aaron Griffin, Riley Devins and Jodi Hall, Special Services Coordinator Jennifer Demmons and District Clerk Shauna Anderson.

II. Business

- A. Review/Action: Swear-In Trustees
 - District Clerk Shauna Anderson swore in the newly elected trustees Rainier Batt and Amanda Hansen with the Oath of Office. Each trustee will serve a three-year term.
- B. Review/Action: Call for Nominations for Chairman to Serve During the Ensuing Year Noah Peters nominated Jami Romney FitzGerald to serve as Board Chair for the ensuing year. Closed nominations, only one nomination. Jami Romney FitzGerald accepted the nomination.
- C. Review/Action: Election of a Chair
 - Noah Peters made a motion to nominate Jami Romney FitzGerald as Board Chair for the ensuing year. Shiloh Lucier seconded the motion. Public discussion – none. Board discussion – none. Unanimous.
- D. Review/Action: Assumption of Office by the New Chair
 - Jami Romney FitzGerald assumed the Board Chair position.
- E. Review/Action: Call for Nominations for Vice-Chairman to Serve During the Ensuing Year Noah Peters nominated Shiloh Lucier as Vice Chair for the ensuing year. Jami Wright nominated Bryce Simpson as Vice Chair for the ensuing year. Closed nominations, two nominations.
- F. Review/Action: Election of a Vice-Chair
 - Public discussion none. Board discussion none. Jami Romney FitzGerald, Shiloh Lucier, Noah Peters and Rainier Batt voted in favor of Shiloh Lucier. Jami Wright, Bryce Simpson and Amanda Hansen voted in favor of Bryce Simpson. Shiloh Lucier was elected Vice-Chair by a vote of 4-3. Shiloh Lucier assumed the Vice-Chair position.
- G. Review/Action: Appointment of a Clerk
 - Superintendent Les Meyer recommended appointing Shauna Anderson as School District Clerk for FY23. Shiloh Lucier made a motion to appoint Shauna Anderson as School District Clerk for FY23. Rainier Batt seconded the motion. Public discussion none. Board discussion none. Unanimous.
- H. <u>Information/Discussion: Reorganization of the School Board Committees</u> Committees will be reorganized during the June regular board meeting. Jami Romney FitzGerald, Bryce Simpson and Jami Wright will serve on the negotiations committee for the upcoming meeting.
- I. Review/Action: Approve Resolution and Contract Appointing Missoula Co Election Department to Handle Election Procedures for 2022-2023
 - Shiloh Lucier made a motion to approve the Trustee Resolution Requesting County Conduct Elections and the 2022-2023 Election Contract with the Missoula County Elections Administration. Jami Wright seconded the motion. Public discussion none. Board discussion none. Unanimous.

III.	ADJOURNMENT - AI	DJOURNED 10:21	p.m.
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Approved: June 21, 2022	
Respectfully Submitted,	
Board Chair	District Clerk
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Frenchtown School Board of Trustees Meeting May 17, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. Middle School Shared Common Area

- I. Call to Order: The Regular School Board Meeting was called to order by Board Chair Jami Romney FitzGerald. Trustees Gordon Schmill, Shiloh Lucier, Bryce Simpson, Noah Peters, Jami Wright and Debbie Lester were in attendance. Also in attendance were Superintendent Les Meyer, Principals Jodi Hall, Riley Devins, Aaron Griffin and Jake Haynes, Assistant Principal/Activities Director Kipp Lewis, Special Services Coordinator Jennifer Demmons and District Clerk Shauna Anderson.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance: The meeting opened with the pledge at 7:00 p.m.
- III. Board Recognition none.

IV. Public Comment Period

Special Education Paraprofessional Amy Sarani addressed the board regarding concerns with special education students. Ms. Sarani felt that the students were not receiving interactions with peers and coursework as other students and felt as though holds were improper. Ms. Sarani expressed concerns over the department being short-handed and discussed turnover in special education teaching staff. Special Education Teacher Tracy Mikkola addressed the board, indicating she is retiring this year after 17 years with Frenchtown and 39 years as a teacher. Ms. Mikkola thanked the board for being able to teach in Frenchtown and asked to respond to the previous speaker. Ms. Mikkola disagreed with the previous comments made, discussed national employee shortages, and felt Frenchtown was an extraordinary place to work. The board thanked both speakers for their comments.

V. Individuals and Delegations to Address the Board

- A. Student Council none.
- B. Frenchtown Community Coalition:

FCC Representative Reagan Mecham discussed the upcoming "Overdose Reversal & Prevention Training" on Monday, May 23rd, as well as the Frenchtown Youth Summit in August with guest speaker Michael DeLeon from Steered Straight, Inc. Questions were asked about both events and registration numbers.

C. PTSA - none.

VI. Staff Presentation

A. Ryann Rugg, K-5 Librarian, gave a presentation on events happening in the K-5 building. STEM education has been a focus all throughout the curriculum including music, the library and in the classroom with support from SpectrUM. Many classroom projects and events were highlighted, including the kindergarten writing adventure club lead by Ms. Peters and Ms. Klimpel. MS Teacher Brandon Robbins discussed testing, science projects, MS Counselor McKenzie Luth's Power Up Speak Out" program, and special projects such as media arts, short story projects and finance coursework. Mr. Robbins thanked the board and the community for the support during the previous basketball season and acknowledged players Connor Michaud, Devon Shelton and Eli Quinn receiving post season honors. The success of the Money Survival Skills class 10th place award out of 489 teams in the Montana Stock Market game with team members Cameron Garr, Zandyr Silvaz and Jacob Kaneff was acknowledged. HS Teacher Hannah Pepper talked about programs media arts, foods, recent field trips and the participation in the Montana Envirothon competition. Dr. Pepper's advanced biology course final class project finished with a board presentation regarding their designed plan for the shuttered Smurfit Stone site. Students Ellie Datsopoulos, Elise Kzaley and Grace Pollock discussed the background of the mill, EPA involvement in identifying contaminants, clean up potential as a Superfund site and their proposed improvement plan. Their plan included parks, gardens, walking trails and a pond with landmarks identified throughout. It was an excellent presentation and many questions

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were asked of the students, their project and the future of the mill. Principal Jake Haynes acknowledged the students and Dr. Pepper for providing this opportunity for the class.

VII. Approval of Minutes

Jami Wright made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Noah Peters seconded the motion. Public discussion – none. Board discussion – none. Unanimous.

VIII. Administrative Reports

Highlights of the administrative reports were 1) Maintenance Supervisor Sean Mecham discussed large issues discussed in the facilities committee meeting earlier, and answered questions about the damaged power line at the west end of the football field. 2) Associate Technology Coordinator James Forrider discussed ongoing projects for the IT department, including transitioning to Windows 11 which will impact many devices in the District. 3) Special Services Coordinator Jennifer Demmons discussed the Special Olympics which was held for the first time since 2019. All Frenchtown athletes medaled in their events. Athlete Rebekah Hood displayed her gold and silver medals to the board and administration. Principal Jodi Hall discussed the upcoming field trips and acknowledged the community for allowing for these opportunities. Principal Aaron Griffin talked about the success of MS athletics and the upcoming MS track Meet of Champions. Also discussed was the upcoming 8th grade Promotion ceremony, and how he has been fortunate to be the principal for this 8th grade class since kindergarten. AD Kipp Lewis spoke about the inaugural Bette Paskey Memorial softball tournament, the outpouring of support from all teams, acknowledging Bip Bagnell for announcing the ceremony and Julie Evans for creating special commemorative tee shirts that sold out very quickly. The HS production of "Mamma Mia" was a success under the direction of Teacher David Sheerin. Softball is the SWA Champion and post season competition begins next week for Track and Softball. Principal Jake Haynes talked about the new Ag Science program and how the HS is fortunate to be able to offer this curriculum. 4) Superintendent Les Meyer discussed staffing concerns, plans for graduation and end of year events. Also discussed were continuing transportation challenges. Superintendent Meyer indicated that 2021-2022 was a year of both challenges and growth.

IX. Business

A. Old Business – none.

B. New Business

Review/Action: Hiring of 6-12 Administration

Superintendent Les Meyer recommended the hiring of 6-12 administrators HS Principal Jake Haynes, MS Principal Aaron Griffin and HS Assistant Principal/Activities Coordinator Kipp Lewis. Superintendent Meyer discussed the accreditation requirements for administration levels based on enrollment and the possibility of needing two administrators at the high school due to growth. Workloads were discussed both during and outside of the work day and Superintendent Meyer acknowledged the administration for handling all of the challenges that arose during the year. Also discussed was the possibility of restructuring the north campus administration to meet the needs of the increased enrollment to improve efficiency and increasing behavioral issues occurring. Trustee Debbie Lester asked if the District was doing the administrators a disservice by not restructuring first and perhaps a meeting could be scheduled to discuss this further. Board Chair Jami Romney FitzGerald asked for a financial review. Principal Riley Devins indicated that it is difficult for half of the administrative team to go into the last weeks of school without securing contracts. Trustee Bryce Simpson discussed the prior meeting where the hiring was tabled due to potential restructuring. Shiloh Lucier made a motion to hire the 6-12 administration as recommended. Noah Peters seconded the motion. Public discussion - regarding the potential cost of additional administration. Board discussion - Trustee Jami Wright asked AD Lewis if he had a job offer elsewhere and wanted clarification on this hire. Superintendent Meyer discussed offers and as opposed to receiving contracts. The potential for restructuring was discussed by all board members if an administrator resigns. Also discussed was reassigning duties within existing contracts. Trustee Lucier acknowledged the administrators and wanted all to know they are

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appreciated. Principal Devins clarified that the hiring of administrators as recommended meets state standards for accreditation, and if our enrollment increases we will need to restructure at that time. Clarifying questions were asked regarding restructuring duties after contracts have been issued. Jami Romney FitzGerald, Shiloh Lucier, Jami Wright, Noah Peters and Debbie Lester voted in favor of the motion. Bryce Simpson and Gordon Schmill opposed. The motion carried 5-2.

- 2) Review/Action: Approval of Bus Drivers for the 2022-2023 School Year Superintendent Les Meyer recommended hiring the following bus drivers for the 2022-2023 school year: Christine Bearden, Amy Diehl, Nathan Farnes, Mary (Beth) Hall, Joseph Heuchert Sr., Denise LeRette, Renae Mahavier, Mark Richardson and Morgan Simonson. Superintendent Meyer acknowledged that if the District is not able to hire more drivers, difficult transportation decisions will need to be made in fall. Jami Wright made a motion to approve the hires as listed. Shiloh Lucier seconded the motion. Public discussion none. Board discussion none. Unanimous.
- 3) Review/Action: Hire Supervisors and Administrative Support Personnel for the 2022-2023 School Year
 Superintendent Les Meyer recommended hiring the following: Business Manager Shauna Anderson, Transportation Director Jime Benitez, Associate Technology Coordinator James

Anderson, Transportation Director Jime Benitez, Associate Technology Coordinator James Forrider, District Secretary/Accounts Payable Angie Gibbs, Maintenance Supervisor Sean Mecham, Deputy Clerk Stacie Mether, Administrative Payroll Assistant Sarah Niegel, Mechanic Jon Peterson, Kitchen Director Mike Spencer and Nurse Katherine Weishaar. Shiloh Lucier made a motion to approve hiring Supervisors and Administrative Support Personnel for the 2022-2023 school year as listed. Gordon Schmill seconded the motion. Public discussion – none. Board discussion – none. Unanimous.

- 4) Review/Action: Hiring Classified Employees 2022-2023 School Year Superintendent Les Meyer recommended the hiring of classified staff as listed in the board packet. Noah Peters made a motion to approve the hiring of classified staff as listed in the packet. Jami Wright seconded the motion. Public discussion – none. Board discussion – none. Unanimous.
 - Review/Action: Hiring Staff Superintendent Les Meyer recommended the following for hire: 8th Grade ELA Teacher Evangeline Campbell, Elementary Special Education Teacher Jasmine Shreckendgust, Ag Science Teacher Kyla Andres, Kindergarten Teacher Samantha Worster, Transitional Kindergarten Teacher Suzanne Dallapiazza, Paraprofessional Katelen Levanway, Kitchen Worker Marie Aston, Activities Secretary Jacque McMaster, Head Cross Country Coach Louis Faust, Assistant HS Cross Country Coach Madie Moore, Assistant MS Cross Country Coach Shanelle Shirey, Title Summer School Teachers Laurie Sherwood and Mariah Harvey, Summer School Para Sara Evitts, Assistant Football Coaches Seth Mason, Tyler Stenburg, Travis Stroot, Jim Tolman and Allan Lake, Summer Workers Blake Cohlhepp, Josh Criner, Jesse Mecham, Lauryn Lynch, Sara Evitts, Bob Wikum, Kim Gergen and Seth Mason, Summer Student Workers Kevin Hanenburg, Jakob Hansen and Jaylinn Randall, Pre-ETS Teacher Sherri Beierle, Lisa Fall and Bill Boudreaux, Pre-ETS Student Workers Ryder Hansen, Joe Lamphere, Dryse Davey, Talah Ibrihim, Josh Karnopp, Ariah Danzer, Morgan Shepard, Cadence Moore and Jeremiah Will, Adventure Club Teachers Joe DiFulgentis, Caitlyn McIver, Julie Smiley, Hunter Good, Rachel Laughnan, Amber Lin, Karolei Petroff and Whitney Peters. Questions were asked about the lower grades, and if there were experienced teachers available. Shiloh Lucier made a motion to hire the list as presented. Gordon Schmill seconded the motion. Public discussion - none. Board discussion - regarding the recent professional development for kindergarten teachers, and that one non-tenure teacher was sent on the trip but has resigned. Conversation was held regarding training and the need for consistent mentorship. Gordon Schmill, Shiloh Lucier, Bryce Simpson, Jami Wright and Debbie Lester voted in favor of the motion. Jami Romney FitzGerald opposed. Noah Peters abstained. The motion carried 5-1.
- 6) Information/Discussion: Resignations
 The resignations of Kindergarten Teacher Hannah Juden, Instructional Aide Tara Trump, Special
 Education Teacher Hayley Fretheim, Bus Driver Maddy Eslinger and First Grade Teacher Nathan

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Poukish were discussed. Also discussed was the resignation of Second Grade Teacher CleAnn Under and how she will be missed at Frenchtown Elementary School after 35 years with the District.

7) Review/Action: Obsolete/Surplus Equipment

Superintendent Les Meyer recommended for disposal a 1977 Jeep 4X4. This will be auctioned with a minimum bid of \$500. Deputy Clerk Stacie Mether indicated that the disposal resolution will be in the next newsletter. Debbie Lester made a motion to approve Resolution #5172022-1 for disposal of public property as recommended. Gordon Schmill seconded the motion. Public discussion – none. Board discussion – none. Unanimous.

8) Review/Action: Approval - Out of State Travel - Senior Trip

The Senior Class is asking to travel out of state to Coeur d'Alene for their senior trip after graduation. Jami Wright made a motion to approve the out of state travel for the senior trip. Gordon Schmill seconded the motion. Public discussion – none. Board discussion – none. Unanimous.

Review/Action: Approval – Crossover Bus Stops

Required for board approval is a list of bus stops that require a child to cross a roadway. Superintendent Meyer presented a list of crossover stops for approval. Debbie Lester made a motion to approve the crossover stops as presented. Gordon Schmill seconded the motion. Public discussion – none. Board discussion – none. Unanimous.

10) Review/Action: Review/Action: Contracts/Agreements

Debbie Lester made a motion to approve the contracts with Samara Therapy Specialists for \$90/hour and Sage Hill Therapy Services for \$92/hour. Gordon Schmill seconded the motion. Public discussion – none. Board discussion – none. Unanimous.

Superintendent Les Meyer recommended approval of the audit contract with Ross R. Stalcup, CPA, PC for fiscal years 2022, 2023 and 2024. Business Manager Shauna Anderson discussed the audit process and the results of the FY2021 audit, with no findings, and distributed documents from the audit. Superintendent Les Meyer discussed the FY21 audit exit interview. Trustee Debbie Lester was in attendance and appreciated the comments made during the interview and the feedback from the auditor. Shiloh Lucier made a motion to approve the audit contract with Ross R. Stalcup for the next three years. Noah Peters seconded the motion. Public discussion – trustee-elect Amanda Hansen complimented the work and although the cost of audits is high it is understood. Board discussion – none. Unanimous.

11) Review/Action: Middle School Activity Fees

Principal Aaron Griffin fee changes for MS activities due to the increasing costs of officials. The proposal would change the fees to: \$25 per student per sport, \$150 family pass for HS/MS events, \$30 activity pass for HS/MS events and a gate will be charged for MS home events (non-Copper League). Discussion was held regarding the cost of MOA officials. Noah Peters made a motion to approve increasing the fees as proposed. Gordon Schmill seconded the motion. Public discussion – asking if the activity fee was per sport. The proposal is to charge a fee per sport. Board discussion – none. Unanimous. Further discussion was held regarding the difficulties of finding MS officials and the rising costs.

Review/Action: Curriculum Committee Recommendation of Adoption: Foreign Language, Business, Ag Science

The curriculum committee met Monday, May 16 and recommended the curriculum documents for foreign language, business and ag science. Principal Riley Devins discussed the adoption documents and textbooks purchased for the courses. Shiloh Lucier made a motion to approve the curriculum documents as recommended by the curriculum committee. Gordon Schmill seconded the motion. Public discussion – none. Board discussion – regarding the numerous courses offered in these areas. Unanimous.

13) Review Action: Approve Purchases

Superintendent Les Meyer recommended the purchase of Bitdefender GavityZone Business Security three-year renewal from BorderLAN Cyber Security for \$19,840.00, and 50 student desks and chairs from Montana School Equipment Company for \$15,500.00. Jami Wright made a motion

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to approve the purchases as recommended. Debbie Lester seconded the motion. Public discussion – none. Board discussion – none. Unanimous.

14) Review/Action: Rescind Board Action Vote

Superintendent Les Meyer asked for the scoreboard order to be cancelled. This order was approved at a previous special board meeting by motion. Jami Wright made a motion to rescind the motion to approve the purchase of scoreboards from Red Rock Sporting Goods. Shiloh Lucier seconded the motion. Public discussion – none. Board discussion – regarding clarification questions on the need for shot clocks in the future. Unanimous.

15) Review/Action: Canvas Election Results

District Clerk distributed election canvass documents provided by the Missoula County Elections Administration for certification. Shiloh Lucier made a motion to approve the Canvass of Votes and Declaration of Results, and the Certificate of Election for Proposition as presented. Noah Peters seconded the motion. Public discussion – none. Board discussion – none. Unanimous.

X. Policy Review

A. Revisions to Current Policies

B. First Reading New Policies

The policy committee met Monday, May 9, 2022 and recommended revisions to policies 1010FE/3100, 1520, 2161P, 2167, 2168, 2170, 2312, 2510, 3121, 3310, 3413F1, 3413F2, 3416, 3612, 3612P, 5121, 5223, 5228P, 5314, 5321, 5450, 8300 as required and recommended by MTSBA. The policy committee recommended approval of first reading (requires second reading) of new policies 3310P, 3612F, 5450F, 5450P and 7625. Revision adoption and second reading of new policies for approval will be included in the next regular board meeting.

XI. Approval of Warrants/Approval of Financial Report

Jami Wright made a motion to approve the warrants and financial reports as presented. Shiloh Lucier seconded the motion. Public discussion – none. Board discussion – none. Unanimous.

XII. Committee Reports

- A. Policy (Shiloh Lucier, Jami Wright, Noah Peters)
- B. Insurance (Debbie Lester, Gordon Schmill, Bryce Simpson)
- C. Negotiations/Labor Relations (Jami Romney FitzGerald, Gordon Schmill & Bryce Simpson)
- D. Transportation (Debbie Lester & Bryce Simpson)
- E. Safety (Gordon Schmill & Bryce Simpson)
- F. School Improvement/Goals Committee (Jami Romney FitzGerald, Bryce Simpson & Noah Peters)
- G. Ad Hoc Committees IT (Jami Romney FitzGerald & Jami Wright), Facilities (Jami Romney FitzGerald, Gordon Schmill, & Bryce Simpson), Curriculum/Professional Development (Jami Romney FitzGerald & Noah Peters), Academic Achievement (Shiloh Lucier, Noah Peters & Jami Wright), Wellness (Jami Romney FitzGerald & Shiloh Lucier).

There is a safety meeting scheduled for Thursday May 26, 2022.

XIII. Correspondence

A student wrote a letter to Board Chair Jami Romney FitzGerald asking for longer spring breaks.

XIV. Adjournment

ADJOURNED 9:59 p.m.

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Frenchtown School Board of Trustees Meeting May 27, 2022 at 7:00 a.m. – Special School Board Meeting Administrative Conference Room

I. Call to Order: The Special School Board Meeting was called to order by Chair Jami Romney FitzGerald at 7:00 a.m. Trustees Bryce Simpson and Amanda Hansen were in attendance. Trustees Jami Wright, Noah Peters and Vice Chair Shiloh Lucier attended electronically. Trustee Rainier Batt arrived at 7:02 a.m. Also in attendance was Superintendent Les Meyer, Principal Jake Haynes, Deputy Clerk Stacie Mether and District Clerk Shauna Anderson. Principal Aaron Griffin arrived at 7:01 a.m. The meeting opened with the pledge.

II. Review/Action: Hires

Superintendent Les Meyer discussed the posted agenda, and the supporting documentation sent to the trustees. The meeting was noticed properly but the supporting documentation was not available on the website. This meeting was scheduled in an attempt to have hiring decisions made prior to graduation and summer break.

Board Chair Jami Romney FitzGerald asked questions regarding the new 6th grade teaching position. Superintendent Meyer indicated that available ESSER funding will be used for this position to reduce class size in the Middle School and address potential achievement gaps. Principal Aaron Griffin discussed class sizes, and the history of adjusting teaching staff in response to enrollment per grade. The current MS schedule for 7th and 8th grade allows for in house coverage of absences, which improves disciplinary issues and provides stability throughout the school day. Board Chair Jami Romney FitzGerald asked questions about other grades and staffing levels, as well as grade level schedules and prep periods for teachers. Discussion was held regarding these questions and the Principals in attendance discussed their schedules and prep periods. Further discussion was held regarding potential restructuring of administration on the north campus and how this would impact the MS. Additional discussion was held regarding behaviors, continuity during the student day and the challenges of the MS schedule.

Bryce Simpson made a motion to approve the hires as listed in the document provided, which were: Summer School Teachers Rebecca Peterson, Christi Hoskinson, Jess Gyapay, Shannon Pavlik and Marcy Fisher, ESY teacher Jenna Jensen, Substitute Teacher Dan Lucier, Substitute Kitchen Jennifer Richardson, Substitute Para/Playground/Kitchen Katie Hollinger, Substitute Office/Teacher Kelsie Cleppie, Long Term Sub Abby Lynes, 6th Grade ELA Teacher Stefan Olson, HS Science Teacher Jared Forsythe, MS Science Teacher Connie Hart and 5th Grade Math Teacher Matt Warren. Also listed were: Head HS Boys Basketball Coach Brandon Robbins, Assistant HS Boys Basketball Coaches Louis Faust and Dan Moe, Head HS Girls Basketball Coach Tim Yeager, Assistant HS Girls Basketball Coaches Lauryn Lynch and Seth Mason, Head HS Boys Wrestling Coach Jesse Long, Assistant HS Boys Wrestling Coach Zach Long, Head HS Cheer Coach Jenna Pitts, Assistant HS Speech and Debate Coach Paul Hutchison, Head HS Baseball Coach Brad Waln, Head HS Softball Coach Eli Field, Assistant HS Softball Coaches Kayla Devlin-Cooksey and Lauryn Lynch, Activities Coordinator Eli Field, Key Club Advisor Madie Moore, .5 HS Student Council Advisors Mandi Klimpel and Annie Sullivan, HS Honor Society Advisor Beth Terzo, HS Pep Band Advisor John Nelson, .5 HS Academic Team Advisors Jim Stanicar and Hannah Pepper, HS Yearbook Advisor Phil McLendon and JMG Advisor Phil McLendon. Rainier Batt seconded the motion.

Public Discussion – none. Board Discussion – Board Chair Jami Romney FitzGerald indicated that she would be opposing the motion because having an extra teacher in the MS will take too much funding. Discussion was held regarding the use of ESSER funds for this position. Superintendent Meyer discussed the administrative practice of planning for student growth and staffing changes. Bryce Simpson, Rainier Batt, Amanda Hansen, Jami Wright, Noah Peters and Shiloh Lucier voted in favor of the motion. Jami Romney FitzGerald opposed. The motion carried 6-1.

III. Review/Action: Busing contract with Arlee Public Schools

Superintendent Meyer discussed the need to enter into a contract with Arlee Public Schools to allow them to enter into Frenchtown School District 1.5 miles to transport a student. Jami Wright made a motion to

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approve the contract with Arlee Public Schools with the change in the document to read 2022-2023 school year. Shiloh Lucier seconded the motion. Public discussion – none. Board discussion – none. Unanimous.

IV. Review/Action: Purchasing of scoreboards and shot clock system

Superintendent Meyer discussed the MHSA requirement for shot clocks in High School Basketball for the 2023-2024 season. School proposed shot clocks to MHSA and it was approved by vote at the MHSA annual meeting. MSHA determined the implementation date. In the April Special School Board Meeting, a purchase of new scoreboards and shot clocks was approved by motion. The motion was rescinded in the May Regular School Board Meeting due to new information received. For this meeting, Trustee Bryce Simpson presented information regarding shot clock proposals and quote details from Montana School Equipment Company and Red Rock Sporting Goods. Discussion was held regarding the proposals. Questions were asked about each quote, and an email from Head HS Boys Basketball Coach Brandon Robbins was discussed with preference for a shot/game clock in the HS gym.

The Montana School Equipment Co. quote totaled \$23,275 for the shot/game clock that includes installation. The quote from Red Rock Sporting Goods did not include installation but they would assist the District maintenance crew remotely. Concern was raised over the time available for the maintenance department. The power to the clock will need an upgrade. The cost of installing the needed power outlets in both gym ceilings is \$2,300, and the cost of parts and labor was offered as a generous donation by Jacobson Electric. Questions were asked regarding the difference between the quotes being discussed and the approved then rescinded purchase from the April meeting. The April quote also included four new scoreboards for the MS and HS gyms. In conversations with a scoreboard manufacturer Daktronics, they indicated that the new scoreboards were not needed and the shot clock system would work with the existing boards. Principal Jake Haynes discussed the existing boards and problems occurring with them as they are approximately 12 years old. Eventually these boards will need to be replaced. Principal Aaron Griffin indicated the MS boards are functioning well at this time. Trustee Bryce Simpson discussed the proposed shot clocks, and the upgrade to this system will be compatible with any Daktronics board. Clarifying questions were asked regarding the quoted cost and the difference between these quotes and the April board meeting quote. The cost of the equipment has risen since that time and another increase is anticipated on June 1st.

Jami Wright made a motion to approve the shot/game clock system quote from Montana School Equipment Company for \$23,275 with Wireless Package #7 adding Wireless BB-2115 to existing Gen 5 system. Bryce Simpson seconded the motion. Public discussion – none. Board discussion – Board Chair Jami Romney FitzGerald asked if this system will be compatible with any new scoreboard purchased in the future. Although the future needs are unknown, this system is compatible with any Daktronics product and HS/LED distributors indicated the same. Questions were asked regarding delivery, which will be November. Board Chair Jami Romney FitzGerald expressed concern that the total cost will be more than the original quote from the April meeting. Trustee Noah Peters asked for clarification of the electrical and how the wiring will be structured, which will run up the stanchion into the ceiling and be as unobtrusive as possible. Future plans were discussed about scoreboard rotations and potentially purchasing new boards over time. Unanimous.

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Adjournment - 7:39 a.m.

Frenchtown School Board of Trustees Meeting June 21, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. Middle School Shared Common Area

- I. Call to Order: The Regular School Board Meeting was called to order by Board Chair Jami Romney FitzGerald. Trustees Shiloh Lucier, Bryce Simpson, Jami Wright, Noah Peters and Rainier Batt were in attendance. Trustee Amanda Hansen attended electronically. Also in attendance were Superintendent Les Meyer, Principals Aaron Griffin and Riley Devins, Technology Coordinator James Forrider and District Clerk Shauna Anderson.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance: The meeting opened with the pledge at 7:00 p.m.
- III. Board Recognition none.
- IV. Public Comment Period none.
- V. Individuals and Delegations to Address the Board:

Frenchtown Community Coalition representative Reagan Mecham discussed the upcoming August conference. Registration information is on their website and they are hoping for many participants.

VI. Staff Presentation:

Board Chair Jami Romney FitzGerald discussed Writ 101 letters received. One letter asked the District to offer trades and skills classes, possibly making them a requirement to allow for students to experience these trades. Another letter discussed dress codes and their impact on self-esteem and self-expression. Both letters were well-written and appreciated.

VII. Approval of Minutes

Noah Peters made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Jami Wright seconded the motion. Public discussion – none. Board discussion – none. Unanimous.

VIII. Administrative Reports

Highlights of the administrative reports were 1) Maintenance Supervisor Sean Mecham distributed a summer project list and discussed each campus in detail. Items discussed were parking lot projects, exterior building improvements, playground improvements and various other projects in progress. Summer maintenance employee Bob Wikum was commended for his work on the HS commons staircase painting project. Board questions were asked about the projects, and questions were asked about the potential for community help on the playground. 2) Technology Coordinator James Forrider discussed the IT report and summer projects. The technology infrastructure and switches are better and more organized, and Arron Rowan was thanked for his help for his work to improve the department. Superintendent Les Meyer discussed the Jump Start summer school and Title I summer programs, the 2022-2023 calendar and upcoming freshman orientation. Also discussed in the Superintendent report was a recent meeting with an architect on the beginning steps to take if the District was in considering a building project to address growth. Questions were asked regarding next steps, committee formation and contact with both architectural firms and assistance with demographic studies. Also discussed was the contact with media outlets to assist the District with advertising for bus drivers. KECI will be interviewing Transportation Director Jime Benitez and a bus driver this week.

IX. Business

A. Old Business

Review/Action: Reorganization of the School Board Committees

Board Chair Jami Romney FitzGerald distributed a list of committees and their function. Board members were asked to identify committees they would be interested in participating in. All open

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positions were filled. Jami Wright made a motion to approve the committees as reorganized. Bryce Simpson seconded the motion. Public discussion – none. Board discussion – none. Unanimous.

B. New Business

Review/Action: Approval of Bus Route Change and Bus Routes for the 2022-2023 School Year
 Jami Wright made a motion to approve the bus route change from 5B to 5A for a change in driver,
 and the bus routes as listed for the 2022-2023 school year. Noah Peters seconded the motion.
 Public discussion – none. Board discussion – none. Unanimous.

2) Review/Action: 8th Grade Participation in MHSA Sanctioned Activities

The Montana High School Association (MHSA) has issued rules regarding 8th grade participation in MHSA sanctioned high school athletics. Superintendent Les Meyer discussed some notes from the recent Class A meetings regarding this topic, schools participating and concerns expressed. Few Class A schools have agreed to allow 8th graders to participate. Concerns include readiness of 8th graders for this level and the impact to middle school athletics. Superintendent Meyer made a recommendation to not allow 8th grader participation. Jami Wright made a motion to not allow 8th grade participation in MHSA sanctioned activities. Shiloh Lucier seconded the motion.

Public discussion: Student Hank Smith addressed the board and read a prepared statement. As an incoming 8th grader, he has been competing with and practicing with HS athletes at the AAU level and is prepared to compete and would improve his skills by being allowed to participate. Community member Josh Smith addressed the board. He welcomed new board members, and discussed the unique position his family is in with their student athlete. Concerns were raised about not allowing all sports 8th participation now impacting the future. He felt this should be a coach's decision, and should also include the activities director, which is an open position at this time. He indicated that capable students should be given this opportunity, and asked the board to table the item for further review. Community member Scott Lucier addressed the board. He indicated he would like his student athlete to have the extra year with the high school coach, providing for more practices and better opportunities. He agreed with Josh Smith and felt the District was not prepared to make this decision at this time. Community member Julie Lucier addressed the board. In another state, she was allowed to participate as an 8th grader and the concerns addressed did not occur. She would like a try out plan in place and move up only exceptional athletes who can contribute. Maintenance Supervisor Sean Mecham addressed the board. As a track coach, he has seen some athletes who have lost interest in middle school and felt that coaches and teams should discuss allowing participation for those athletes who perform at this level.

Board discussion: Trustee Rainier Batt agreed with the public discussion and felt more information is needed as well as input from the activities director. Superintendent Meyer discussed the intent of the original MHSA rule to allow 8th graders as a way to field a team for small schools. There are many things to consider, since Frenchtown has had to make cuts in many sports. Principal Aaron Griffin discussed MHSA intent to not allow this in schools with adequate participation numbers. Trustee discussion was held regarding the motion, community opinion and alignment with MHSA intentions. Trustee Bryce Simpson agreed with public discussion and felt this should be by coach's discretion. Trustee Noah Peters would like to hear the HS principal position. Superintendent Meyer discussed support for the coach's decision, and whether the support will be there if the coach decides against allowing an 8th grader to participate. Further discussion was held regarding the MHSA rule and transfer rule.

Jami Romney FitzGerald, Shiloh Lucier and Jami Wright voted in favor of the motion. Noah Peters, Rainier Batt, Bryce Simpson and Amanda Hansen opposed. The motion failed 3-4.

Rainier Batt made a motion to table the action item until the July meeting. Bryce Simpson seconded the motion.

Public discussion: Community member Josh Smith discussed transfer rule and indicated that the MHSA rule does not allow 8th graders who participate to transfer. He felt it was a coach's responsibility and the board and community should support the coach's decision. He also felt the MSHA intent has changed. Community member Scott Lucier discussed politics in sports and how this will not change that concern and this should not impact the board decision.

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Board discussion: Trustee Simpson indicated there are sports with openings and feels the decision should not impact all sports. Superintendent Meyer contacted all coaches prior to this meeting and discussed their feedback and the support and concerns raised. Additional discussion was held regarding what the model participation will look like and additional contacts will be made with coaching staff.

Rainier Batt, Noah Peters, Bryce Simpson and Amanda Hansen voted in favor of the motion. Jami Romney FitzGerald, Shiloh Lucier and Jami Wright opposed. The motion carried 4-3.

Review/Action: Student Breakfast and Lunch Increases

Superintendent Les Meyer recommended increasing student lunch prices by 10 cents and student breakfast prices by 5 cents for the 2022-2023 school year. Resulting pricing is included in the board packet. Shiloh Lucier made a motion to approve student breakfast and lunch price increases as presented. Bryce Simpson seconded the motion. Public discussion – none. Board discussion – none. Unanimous.

4) Review/Action: School Nurse Services Contract

Superintendent Les Meyer recommended the approval of the contract for School Nurse Services with the School Health Connection PLLC for the 2022-2023 school year for \$55.00 per hour. Noah Peters made a motion to approve the contract as recommended. Shiloh Lucier seconded the motion. Public discussion – none. Board discussion – none. Unanimous.

5) Review/Action: Hiring

Superintendent Les Meyer recommended a list of hires included in the board packet. These positions are: 9-12 Activities Director/Teacher Eli Field, Technology Coordinator Benton Farquhar, Assistant Baseball Coach Tony Davis, HOSA Advisor Hannah Pepper, Title IX Coordinator Beth Terzo, Sub Teacher Tracy Mikkola, Speech & Debate Head Coach Paul Hutchison, Speech & Debate Assistant Coach Ryan Goris, Swing/Accidentals Joshua Hungate, Permanent Sub/Para Dana Young, First Grade Teachers Tiffany Reed and Sydne Simanton, HS/MS Music Teacher Joshua Hungate, MS Health Enhancement Teacher Jordan Quinn, HS .5 English .5 French Teacher Karilyn McArthur, 6th Grade ELA Teacher Dylan Barnard, Paraprofessional Heather Raddon, Kitchen Workers Leeza Burklund and Kelly Trop, and Substitute Kitchen and Para Sammy Brant. Also listed for hire were Middle School Coaches and Advisors: FNS National Honor Society Julie Lucier, FMS Student Council Tony Davis and Peyton Fulbright, FMS Yearbook Tony Davis, Math Counts Seth Mason and Josh Criner, MS Activities Coordinator Tres Cunningham, MS Football Coaches Alan McCarty, Tony Davis, Jesse Mecham and Bill Boudreaux, MS Football Equipment Bill Boudreaux, MS Volleyball Coaches Mariah Harvey, Robyn Richardson, Ryann Rugg and Jordan Quinn, MS Soccer Coaches Kirsten Gyapay and Jessie Yeager, MS Cross Country Coach Shanelle Shirey, MS Boys Basketball Coaches Tony Davis, Jess Gyapay, Jim Tolman and Louis Faust, MS Girls Basketball Coaches Josh Criner, Morgan Job, Mariah Harvey and Robyn Richardson, and MS Track Coaches Julie Lucier, Marcy Fisher, Alan McCarty, Mariah Harvey, Jess Gyapay, Brandon Robbins and Josh Criner.

Noah Peters made a motion to approve hires as recommended. Shiloh Lucier seconded the motion. Public discussion – none. Board discussion – regarding the 9/12 Activities Director/Teacher position. Trustee Bryce Simpson expressed support for Eli Field as a coach, teacher and activities director, but felt all of these duties combined would be extremely time consuming. Clarification questions were asked regarding appointing Jake Haynes as Activities Director for softball. Also discussed was the Assistant Principal position, changes to class sizes in high school math, travel requirements for the AD position and feedback from the position candidate Eli Field. Jami Romney FitzGerald, Shiloh Lucier, Jami Wright, Noah Peters, Rainier Batt and Amanda Hansen voted in favor of the motion. Bryce Simpson opposed. The motion carried 6-1.

6) Information/Discussion: Resignations

The resignations of Summer School Teacher Shannon Pavlik, AD/AP Kipp Lewis, 8th Grade Teacher Michael Larsen, Paraprofessional Julia Denisovich, Head HS Track Coach Ryne Nelson and Transitional Kindergarten Suzanne Dallapiazza (withdrew) were discussed.

Information/Discussion: Special Services

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Superintendent Les Meyer discussed the District response to allegations made by a paraprofessional during public comment at the May meeting. Many people were interviewed, and Sheriff's Deputy Scott Rasmussen was brought in. Addressed were the allegations made and the method of the complaint. Interviews were extensive and although issues were expressed regarding the department the allegations were not substantiated regarding abuse or neglect. Discussion was held regarding the investigation.

8) Review/Action: Approve K-12 Handbooks for the 2021-2022 School Year

Superintendent Les Meyer recommended the approval of the K-5 Student Handbook, MS Student Handbook, HS Student Handbook, FACE Handbook, MS Staff Handbook, HS Staff Handbook, HS Staff Handbook, HS Handbook Update, Extra-Curricular Handbook, Acceptable Use of Technology Policy, and the Password Policy. Discussion was held regarding the handbooks and what has changed, as well as input with grammatical changes. Jami Wright made a motion to approve the K-12 Handbooks as listed, with any grammatical changes sent to administration at any time. Noah Peters seconded the motion. Public discussion – none. Board discussion – regarding language changes which will need to be board approved. Unanimous.

9) Review/Action: Ratify the Certified Negotiations and Collective Bargaining Agreement Superintendent Les Meyer discussed the negotiated contract and changes to the Frenchtown Classified Associated contract, an approximate \$1.00 per hour increase to classified employees and changes to negotiated insurance benefits. FCA members will vote on the contract. Superintendent Meyer recommended approving the negotiated contract pending the FCA vote. Jami Wright made a motion to approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement as recommended by the negotiations committee. Shiloh Lucier seconded the motion. Public discussion – none. Board discussion –

regarding the wage increase. Unanimous.

10) Review/Action: American Rescue Plan and Continuity of Services Plan
Frenchtown School District has developed a Safe Return to School and Continuity of Services Plan
beginning with the 2021-2022 school year. This plan is shared on the District website with the
opportunity for public comment and discourse and has been submitted to the OPI. Superintendent
Les Meyer recommended the approval of the plan to return to school safely and with continuity
again for the 2022-2023 school year. Shiloh Lucier made a motion to approve the Safe Return to
School and Continuity of Services Plan as presented. Noah Peters seconded the motion. Public
discussion – none. Board discussion – none. Unanimous

11) Review/Action: Purchases

Superintendent Les Meyer recommended the purchase of:

- a. MT School Equipment \$23,275 Shot Clocks
- b. MSGIA Property & Liability Insurance \$188,870
- Flintstone Paving \$22,265
- d. Undem Contracting \$39,300
- e. MT School Equipment \$23,540 HS bathroom and locker room partitions

The facilities committee had met and discussed these items, and the insurance policy is a renewal. Shiloh Lucier made a motion to approve the purchases as listed. Noah Peters seconded the motion. Public discussion – none. Board discussion – none. Unanimous

12) Review/Action: Obsolete/Surplus Equipment

Superintendent Les Meyer recommended the disposal of mowers, computers, smartboards and software. Bryce Simpson made a motion to approve Resolution 6212022-1 for disposal of public property as recommended. Shiloh Lucier seconded the motion. Public discussion – none. Board discussion – none. Unanimous.

13) Review/Action: Approval of Indirect Cost Reimbursement

Per BP 7550, approval is needed for indirect cost recovery and recommendations for expenditures. Business Manager Shauna Anderson discussed indirect costs for FY22 and expenditure recommendations for these funds. Jami Wright made a motion to approve the indirect cost reimbursement as discussed. Noah Peters seconded the motion. Public discussion – none. Board discussion – none. Unanimous.

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- 14) Review/Action: Motion to Transfer General Fund Monies to the Compensated Absence Liability
 - Superintendent Les Meyer and Business Manager Shauna Anderson discussed items 14, 15, 16 and 17 as a way to manage excess funds from FY21 if available. One motion is appropriate for all four
- 15) Review/Action: Motion to Transfer Transportation Fund Balance in Excess of Reserve Limit to Building Reserve Safety Subfund
 - After establishing adequate reserves, fund balance in the transportation fund can be used to support known safety and security costs for FY23.
- 16) Review/Action: Motion to Fund Operating Reserve Up to 10% Limit of General Fund Budget The allowable amount to fund the operating reserve is 10% of the General Fund budget.
- Review/Action: Motion to Fund Excess Reserves with Protested Tax Dollars Up to the Legal Extent Possible

The allowable limit to fund excess reserves is 5% of the General Fund budget.

Bryce Simpson made a motion to approve the transfer of General Fund monies to the Compensated Absence Fun, approve the transfer of Transportation Fund balance to the Building Reserve safety subfund, funding of operating reserves up to 10% of the General Fund budget and approve the funding of excess reserves up to the legal limit possible. Noah Peters seconded the motion. Public discussion - none. Board discussion - none. Unanimous.

18) Information/Discussion: Superintendent 6-month review Items for the negotiations/labor relations committee pending are the support staff, and superintendent informal review. Also needed is a transportation committee meeting. The meeting was set for Tuesday, June 28, 2022 at 7:00 a.m. for the Negotiations Committee, and Tuesday, June 28, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. for a Special School Board Meeting to discuss the Superintendent 6-month review.

Policy Review: Review/Action: Adoption of updates and 2nd reading of policies

The policy committee met Monday, May 9, 2022 and recommended revisions to policies 1010FE/3100, 1520, 2161P, 2167, 2168, 2170, 2312, 2510, 3121, 3310, 3413F1, 3413F2, 3416, 3612, 3612P, 5121, 5223, 5228P, 5314, 5321, 5450, 8300 as required and recommended by MTSBA. The policy committee recommended approval of new policies 3310P, 3612F, 5450F, 5450P and 7625. First reading of new policies was at the May 2022 Regular Board Meeting. Noah Peters made a motion to approve updated policies and new policies on second reading as listed. Shiloh Lucier seconded the motion. Public discussion none. Board discussion – none. Unanimous.

Approval of Warrants/Approval of Financial Report

Shiloh Lucier made a motion to approve the warrants and financial reports as presented. Noah Peters seconded the motion. Public discussion - none. Board discussion - none. Unanimous.

Committee Reports - Updated Committees

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FCC representative is Shiloh Lucier, West Valley Community Council and Community Advisory Group representative is Jami Romney FitzGerald.

XIII. Adjournment

ADJOURNED 10:04 p.m.

Approved: July 19, 2022

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Jami Romney FitzGerald Board Chair Shauna Anderson District Clerk

Frenchtown School Board of Trustees Meeting
June 28, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. – Special School Board Meeting
Middle School Administrative Conference Room

 Call to Order: The Special School Board Meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by Board Chair Jami Romney FitzGerald.

Trustees in attendance were Shiloh Lucier, Rainier Batt, Noah Peters, Bryce Simpson and Amanda Hansen. Trustee Jami Wright attended electronically. Also in attendance was Superintendent Les Meyer.

II. Public Comment Period (for non-agenda items) - none

III. Superintendent Evaluation

a. Board Chair Jami Romney FitzGerald found that the right to privacy exceeded the public's right to know in this matter in accordance with Section 2-3-203 MCA and closed the meeting to executive session at 6:06 p.m. The meeting re-opened at 8:11 p.m.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

ADJOURNED 8:11 p.m.

Approved: July 19, 2022

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Jami Romney FitzGerald Board Chair Shauna Anderson District Clerk

Frenchtown School Board of Trustees Meeting July 19, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. Middle School Shared Common Area

- I. Call to Order: The Regular School Board Meeting was called to order by Board Chair Jami Romney FitzGerald. Trustees Shiloh Lucier, Bryce Simpson, Jami Wright, Rainier Batt and Amanda Hansen were in attendance. Also in attendance were Superintendent Les Meyer, Principals Jake Haynes and Aaron Griffin, Activities Director Eli Field, Technology Coordinator James Forrider and District Clerk Shauna Anderson.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance: The meeting opened with the pledge at 7:01 p.m.
- III. Board Recognition Board Chair Jami Romney FitzGerald welcomed attendees to the first meeting of the 2022-2023 school year.
- IV. Public Comment Period none.

V. Individuals and Delegations to Address the Board:

Frenchtown Community Coalition representative Reagan Mecham discussed the upcoming August conference. Registration information is on their website, other schools are sending students and they are hoping for more Frenchtown participants.

VI. Staff Presentation – none.

VII. Approval of Minutes

Jami Wright made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Shiloh Lucier seconded the motion. Public discussion – none. Board discussion – none. Unanimous.

VIII. Administrative Reports

Highlights of the administrative reports were 1) Maintenance Supervisor Sean Mecham discussed the summer project list, complicated by the recent flood at the high school. Superintendent Les Meyer discussed the excavation of the stadium lights electrical line and showed the board the damaged section of line discovered. The project is significantly bigger than anticipated. Questions were asked about site mapping and future extension of repair possible. 2) Technology Coordinator James Forrider introduced Benton Farquhar, the new Associate Technology Coordinator and discussed summer projects for the IT department. 3) Superintendent Les Meyer discussed the upcoming SAM administrators training and MTSBA board training possible for August. Also discussed was the CI-12, its failure to qualify for the November ballot and the diverse group of coalition members opposing the initiative. Upcoming professional development for teaching staff is the Joe Sanfelippo training on August 18th and 19th, and trustees were encouraged to attend if possible.

IX. Business

A. Old Business

1) Information/Discussion: Summer Projects

Superintendent Les Meyer discussed the wiring project at the high school stadium in more detail, water issues at the high school, and the elementary painting project that will hopefully be started mid to late August.

B. New Business

1) Review/Action: Hiring

Superintendent Les Meyer recommended the following certified staff for hire: Summer School Teacher Sydne Simanton Lamping, Bus Drivers Danielle Wilson and Randy Harrington, Sub Bus Driver Ben Farquhar, Jazz Band Joshua Hungate, Substitute Christine Mallozzi, Fall Activities Coordinator Brandon Robbins, HS Assistant Principal/Curriculum Beth Terzo. Bryce Simpson

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made a motion to approve the certified hires as listed with the exception of Beth Terzo. No second, motion failed. Shiloh Lucier made a motion to approve the certified hires as recommended. Rainier Batt seconded the motion. Public discussion – none. Board discussion – none. Jami Romney FitzGerald, Shiloh Lucier, Jami Wright and Rainier Batt voted in favor of the motion. Bryce Simpson and Amanda Hansen opposed. The motion carried 4-2.

Superintendent Les Meyer recommended the following classified staff for hire: Certified Paraprofessional Montana Holmes and Non-Certified Paraprofessional Elizabeth Bagnell. Jami Wright made a motion to approve the classified hires as recommended. Shiloh Lucier seconded the motion. Public discussion – none. Board discussion – none. Unanimous.

Information/Discussion: Resignations

The resignations of Kindergarten Teacher Jamie Junyk, Special Education Teacher Blake Cohlhepp and Kitchen Worker Cheryl Covey were discussed.

3) Review/Action: Support Staff Negotiations

The Negotiations Committee met and recommended support staff and supervisory personnel salaries for the 2022-2023 school year. Jami Wright made a motion to approve support staff salaries as recommended by the committee. Bryce Simpson seconded the motion. Public discussion — whether these salaries were included in the board packet. Superintendent Meyer indicated they are not in the packet and rather are a committee recommendation. Board discussion — none. Unanimous.

4) Information/Discussion: Flooding Information

Superintendent Les Meyer discussed the recent flood at the high school, impacting the library and classrooms below. A bid was received from Dayspring for the repair. The mitigation costs have not been invoiced as of yet. Superintendent Meyer discussed the policy allowing for emergency approval of purchases, and accepting the Dayspring bid was approved by the insurance adjuster and will be the most timely and cost effective response. Causes of the flood were discussed, and thankfully the servers were not impacted by the flood.

Information/Discussion: I Love You Guys Foundation – School Safety Program
 Superintendent Les Meyer discussion upcoming PIR day training on active shooter response for both campuses.

6) Review/Action: Approve the Contract with Western Montana Mental Health Services
Superintendent Les Meyer recommended approving the contract with Western Montana Mental
Health Center for the 2022-2023 school year. CSCT services have been challenged with staffing
shortages and lack of internal support and concerns were discussed on their ability to staff the
teams for the District. It was recommended to approve the contract and continue to work with
them in hopes they will be staffed. Jami Wright made a motion to approve the contract with
Western Montana Mental Health Center. Shiloh Lucier seconded the motion. Public discussion —

none. Board discussion – none. Unanimous.

7) Review/Action: Approve Individual Transportation Contract

There is a new student in the District that lives outside of where our bus can transport. As such, Superintendent Les Meyer recommended offering an Individual Transportation Contract. Shiloh Lucier made a motion to approve the Individual Transportation Contract as recommended. Jami Wright seconded the motion. Public discussion – none. Board discussion – none. Unanimous.

 Review/Action: Approve Resolutions for Signature Changes – Student Activities, Montana Educators Credit Union Visa

Superintendent Les Meyer discussed the need to change signatories on the Student Activities bank account and the Montana Educators Credit Union account due to staffing changes. Shiloh Lucier made a motion to the resolutions for signature changes for Student Activities at TrailWest Bank and the Montana Educators Credit Union credit card. Rainier Batt seconded the motion. Public discussion – none. Board discussion – none. Unanimous.

9) Review/Action: Obsolete Surplus Equipment

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Jami Wright made a motion to approve Resolution 7192022-1 for disposal of public property including obsolete tech equipment, software and old golf bags. Shiloh Lucier seconded the motion. Public discussion – none. Board discussion – none. Unanimous.

10) Review/Action: Purchases

Superintendent Les Meyer recommended the purchase of:

- House of Clean custodial orders, \$22,912.91 South Campus, \$25,898.29 North Campus
- b. STS Education \$51,870 replacement desktops, \$104,200 replacement Chromebooks Jami Wright made a motion to approve the purchases as listed. Shiloh Lucier seconded the motion. Public discussion – none. Board discussion – regarding the funding for the replacement computers and the use of ESSER funds. Unanimous.

Information/Discussion: District Employment Updates

Superintendent Les Meyer discussed the recent media campaign addressing the bus driver shortage, and upcoming interviews suggesting the media has been successful. Superintendent Meyer met with the Missoulian recently regarding teacher shortages and a news piece that will be forthcoming. Staffing levels at each school were discussed, and the potential for a radio advertising campaign.

12) Information/Discussion: Transportation Committee Update

The Transportation Committee met two weeks ago and will meet again this week to discuss driver shortages, the methodology of handling student discipline on the bus and route changes possible if driver shortages continue. Route changes and driver shortages are continuing challenges in light of enrollment increases and traffic concerns. Discussion was held regarding out of district students and high density stops.

13) Review/Action: 8th Grade Participation in MHSA Sanctioned Activities

The Montana High School Association (MHSA) has issued rules regarding 8th grade participation in MHSA sanctioned high school athletics. Superintendent Les Meyer discussed communications with coaches and Activities Director Eli Field and shared communications with the board. Superintendent Meyer discussed District goals and philosophy in terms of MHSA activities, what is best for the students and what is necessary to support maximum participation and program development in each activity. Skills and fundamentals are paramount to success and concerns over full programs requiring cuts and those that are not full. The determination of what constitutes maximum participation would be debated and would be specific to each coach and program. If 8th grade participation is considered, Superintendent Meyer recommends approval for maximum participation and program development needs. Discussion was held regarding avoiding HS cuts as a result of 8th grade participation.

Bryce Simpson made a motion to approve 8th grade participation in MHSA activities for the purpose of program development and maximum participation, approved by coaches with sport specific guidelines determined by the AD and administration. Amanda Hansen seconded the motion.

Public discussion – District Clerk Shauna Anderson discussed BP1441 regarding audience participation for items specifically listed on the agenda. Community member Michael Walls addressed the board. Mr. Walls asked the board to consider allowing students with the skills the opportunity to rise as high as possible, rewarding their hard work and allowing for more opportunity even with a small school district. Competition makes everyone in the program better and will allow for more participation. Community member Natalie Walls addressed the board. Ms. Walls asked for approval of the 8th graders to participate and felt that the increased opportunities for these athletes allow for more advancement. Coaches can determine maturity, and competition is healthy and students will rise to the occasion and it can possibly encourage all students to work harder. Community member Scott Lucier addressed the board and asked them to consider sports where there is no MS team available. Coaching success is not determined by participation and the select few would improve the program and development of players has evolved. Community member Jessica Smith addressed the board. Students who are gifted do not

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have enough opportunities to prosper and grow. Allowing 8th grade participation would give them this opportunity.

Board discussion - Trustee Bryce Simpson discussed club sports and how 8th graders are competing with high school aged athletes currently and this makes sense if the program needs the players. Trustee Rainier Batt agrees with the recommendation but has concerns for high school players who have not developed, and would not agree with cuts for this reason. Trustee Simpson asked to clarify maximum participation. If a program has to cut, then is it considered full and participation would not be allowed and if this will be a coach determination. Trustee Jami Wright felt this is an added burden to coaches with additional pressure from families. Trustee Amanda Hansen discussed girls' soccer and the need for players on the HS team and is not comfortable with an absolute no. Trustee Shiloh Lucier thanked the public for their comments, and agrees that this must be about participation and no HS students should be negatively impacted. Trustee Lucier would like specific verbiage for all programs in writing. Discussion was held regarding participation numbers in various sports and feedback from the coaches. AD Eli Field indicated that no coaches were adamantly against this, some coaches agreed there are benefits for the additional year yet there was apprehension regarding making the sole decision for their program and the potential for cuts. Trustee Wright would have preferred a written plan in place. Trustee Simpson felt that the board should either approve and let the AD and coaches determine participation or disagree and felt the broad motion allowed for the coaches and AD to make these decisions per activity. Questions were asked of Sean Mecham, a HS track coach, who felt there are opportunities in track due to overcrowding in the MS track program and those athletes would benefit with additional development time.

Clarification was asked regarding the motion. Bryce Simpson, Rainier Batt and Amanda Hansen voted in favor of the motion. Jami Romney FitzGerald, Shiloh Lucier and Jami Wright opposed. The motion failed with a tie vote at 3-3.

14) Review/Action: Set Date for Approving FY22 Trustee Financial Summary and Date for FY23 Budget Meeting

District Clerk Shauna Anderson discussed deadlines for the approval of the Trustee's Financial Summary and FY23 Budget adoption. Discussion was held regarding combining the meetings and available dates. Shiloh Lucier made a motion to approve Tuesday, August 9, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. for approving the FY22 Trustee's Financial Summary and the FY23 Budget. Jami Wright seconded the motion. Public discussion – none. Board discussion – none. Unanimous.

Policy Review – none.

XI. Approval of Warrants/Approval of Financial Report

Jami Wright made a motion to approve the warrants and financial reports as presented. Shiloh Lucier seconded the motion. Public discussion – none. Board discussion – none. Unanimous.

XII. Committee Reports – Updated Committees

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Board Chair

AUGUST

	The Transportation Committee is meeting Thursday, July 21st. The Facilities Committee met with regard to flood issues and the next Negotiations Committee meeting to discuss changes to the FEA salary matrix is on July 27th at 5:00 p.m.
XIII.	Adjournment
	JRNED 8:48 p.m. red: August 16, 2022
Respec	tfully Submitted,

District Clerk

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	
31	1	2	3	4	5	6	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	
21	22	23	24 Corndogs Tater Tots Green Beans Watermelon	25 BBQ Pork Sandwich Carrots Baked Beans Pears	26 Cheese Burger Lettuce & Tomato Pickles Chips Banana	27	
28	29 Chicken Strips Capri Blend Fruit Cocktail Cheese Biscuit	30 Taco Salad Refried Beans Tropical Fruit	31 Hot Dog French Fries Carrots Peaches	1	2	3	
4	5	Menu Subject To Change Without Notice					



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
28	29	30	31	1 Chicken Sandwich Lettuce & Tomato Lemon Pepper Carrots Fresh Pears	2 Pizza Garden Salad Pineapple	3
4	5 No Classes	6 Bean and Cheese Burrito Garden Salad Peaches Cookie	7 Beef Fingers Rosemary Roasted Potatoes Sunshine Carrots Tropical Fruit	8 Chicken Nuggets w/ Dipping Sauce Green Beans Banana	9 Spaghetti w/ Meat sauce Steamed Broccoli Garlic Toast Pears	10
11	12 Waffle Sausage Patty Hash Brown Orange Slices	13 Sloppy Joe Green Beans Fruit Cocktail	14 Chili Dog Lemon Pepper Carrots Pineapple	15 Chicken Ranch Salad Kiwi Garlic Toast	16 Grilled Cheese Tomato Soup Peaches Pickles	17
18	19 Seasoned Chicken Breast Roasted Cauliflower Apple Slices Bread Roll	20 Ham and Cheese Melt Chicken Noodle Soup Capri Blend Pineapple	21 BBQ Ground Beef Sandwich Baked Beans Sunshine Carrots Pears	22 Comdogs Tater Tots Green Beans Mandarin oranges	23 No School PIR Day	24
25	26 Orange Chicken Brown Rice Stir Fry Veg Tropical Fruit Fortune Cookie	27 Taco Salad Refried Beans Peaches	28 Cheese Omelet Hash Brown English Muffin Cinnamon Apple Sauce	29 Chicken Strips Steamed Carrots Banana Garlic Toast	30 BBQ Pork Sandwich Green Beans Pears	1
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