

**SCHOOL DISTRICT 52  
ENNIS, MADISON COUNTY, MONTANA  
NOVEMBER 24, 2021**

**SPECIAL BOARD MEETING 8:00 A.M.**

Karen Ketchu	Chairperson
Andrew Henrich	Vice-Chair
Halley Perry	Trustee
Dino Fanelli	Trustee
Kyle Stone	Trustee – via zoom
Mellissa Newman	Principal - absent
Brian Hilton	Principal - absent
Casey Klasna	Superintendent
Ginger Martello	District Clerk

**VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENT**

John Lee  
Mark Qualman  
Cynthia Quirk  
Maria Lake

John Lee asked the board to look at substitute and bus driver pay again. The district increased starting wage to \$17 per hour last year and he would like it raised more to meet the same rates as other schools in our district. He also thought substitute drivers should be the same rate as the starting bus driver pay. Dan Reinoehl is currently our main sub driver; he has a lot of experience and helps us a lot. Sub drivers also must know all the routes and are required to have a lot of driving hours prior to employment. He is also looking at the new testing requirements that go into effect in February and has not received any information yet. The board asked to add this to the agenda for the next regular meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Consideration to Approve Bond Committee Plan

Superintendent Klasna informed the board the bond committee met and drafted a plan to get information to the voters regarding the building project. They also recommended Maria Lake to lead the committee going forward. Maria Lake presented the draft plan for review. This plan will evolve as events are added. The goal is to get the superintendent, board and committee members at as many events as possible, keeping in mind the quorum restrictions. There will be a social media presence, weekly videos to show facility deficiencies, articles in the Madisonian and Lone Peak Lookout, display boards and FAQs placed throughout the community, etc. It is critical to get this going before ballots are mailed out Jan 13<sup>th</sup>. Discussion included, send out voter pamphlet, meeting with various

groups, positive editorials, engaging the staff, spreadsheet from architect with comparisons from other projects, ballot language guided by law, cost based on assessed value, etc. The trustees will contact Ms. Lake regarding the events they can attend. They liked the plan and felt Maria was a good choice to lead the committee. Trustee Stone said he wants to help and is a big supporter, it now needs to be voted on, but he can talk about the need for the project. Trustee Fanelli made a motion to approve the draft plan and appoint Maria Lake to lead the committee. Trustee Perry seconded the motion. All members present were in approval.

Discussion on Possible Bus Route Closure

Superintendent Klasna informed the board we received verbal resignation from a bus driver effective December 3<sup>rd</sup>. With Jon Paisano now driving, Dan Reinoehl and Superintendent Klasna helping we can cover the route through December. No action will be taken today, but the district will need to look at closing a route in January. It makes the most sense to close the Virginia City route as they have the fewest stops and is the shortest route. Parents have been notified about this agenda item via the newsletter and emails to parents. The district has looked at combining the Varney and Virginia City route but feel this is not the optimal choice. Discussion included, advertise route sharing, Cameron bench cut off drifts shut, responsible for other people’s children, can’t keep band aid fix, etc. This item will be on the next agenda for action.

As there was no other business for the attention of the board, the special meeting was adjourned at 8:56 a.m.

**ATTEST** \_\_\_\_\_  
Ginger Martello, District Clerk                      Karen Ketchu, Chairperson

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Date Approved