

**SCHOOL DISTRICT 52
ENNIS, MADISON COUNTY, MONTANA
JANUARY 3, 2022**

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING 5:30 P.M.

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

Chairperson Ketchu called the meeting to order. The pledge to the flag was recited.

VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENT

Shawn Buller
Scott Kelley
Justin Gatewood
Chris Leonard
Brad Bartlett
Sally Lee
John Lee

NEW BUSINESS

Consideration to Approve Bus Route Option

Superintendent Klasna met with Mayor Gatewood regarding options for the Virginia City bus route. Unfortunately, 68% of schools nationwide are experiencing the same issue with bus drivers. Option 1 - was to reach out to a potential driver, they were not interested. Option 2 – contract with Town of Virginia City to drive the route this year only. Option 3 – cancel the Virginia City route. Option 4 – rolling black out on all routes. Superintendent Klasna did not want to look at the last two options. He recommended the board allow him to have the school attorney look at the contract drafted by Virginia City and report back to the board.

Justin Gatewood informed the board; he has two individuals that will drive the route for the rest of this school year. They are pursuing their licensing and first aid/CPR certifications. The bus would be storage in a heated unit between Virginia City and

Nevada City. The drivers are also getting their prints done. The residents of Virginia City and the town council support this arrangement. The city insurance underwriter drafted the contract to be reviewed by the school board.

Discussion included, each party can terminate the contract with 30 days' notice, cost to store the bus is \$250 per month, route times would stay the same, timeline to complete certifications, route is important to recruit families to V.C., financial cost to the district, how currently handling the route, school attorney and school insurance company reviewing the contract, become an employee of the district, etc. The board agreed to pursue input from the MTSBA and MSGIA regarding the contract to be reported back to the board at the regular meeting on January 12th.

As there was no other business for the attention of the board, the special meeting was adjourned at 5:58 p.m.

ATTEST

Ginger Martello, District Clerk

Karen Ketchu, Chairperson

Date Approved