



**Regular Meeting of the Trustees of School District #3
Wednesday February 9th, 2022**

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Blue Creek School District #3 was held Wednesday evening, February 9th, 2022 at Blue Creek School. Chair Leslie Friedel called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Members present: Leslie Friedel, Phil Pimley and Kara Landry. John Fordham joined via Zoom. Absent: Rachel Meech

Administrator Cathi Rude and Clerk Joan Iverson were present for the entire meeting.

Guest present: Bryan Luke

Adjustments to the Agenda

None

Correspondence

None

REPORTS

1. Enrollment

Administrator Cathi Rude reported the current enrollment at 181 students.

2. Community Ed Report

None at this time.

3. Staff Report

Bryan Luke is assigned as the Title I Teacher. He serves students needing support in Language Arts, Reading & Math. There are 32, K- 6th grade students currently receiving Title services. Bryan has implemented i-Ready, an online interactive learning curriculum for math and reading designed to assess students' strengths and weaknesses and provide individualized instruction as needed. It gives him a path forward to meet students' needs.

Bryan also reported about Family Read Night coming up on February 28th in conjunction with the Spring Book Fair. The Book Fair will be open throughout the day and evening while Family Read Night will be after school and into the early evening to accommodate schedules by cohort. Family Read night activities include literacy games and a book exchange, giving families ideas for easy and fun activities to do at home.

4. Clerk Report Business Report

None at this time

5. Administration Report

Administrator Rude reviewed with the Board the following items:

1. Kevin Smith of PayneWest recently completed his safety inspection. He gave positive feedback on the school in general and more specifically regarding the safety mats on the playground and recognized the hard work of the safety committee.
2. Business Manager Roger Heimbigner and Administrator Rude continue work on preliminary budget numbers for the 2022-2023 school year.
3. Administrator Rude reported that she will be sending a school calendar survey to our families and staff. Feedback received from last year's survey was very valuable in determining the calendar for 2021-2022.

6. & 7. Consent Agenda

Phil Pimley moved, seconded by Kara Landry to approve the minutes of January 12th, 2022, and approval of bills and check listing #3030035 to #3030078. Motion passed unanimously.

BUSINESS ITEMS

OLD BUSINESS

8. Survey & Assessment of Parking Lot regarding Park Land

Trustee Leslie Friedel updated about progress that has been made in regards to getting this process completed. Jeff Reineking of Erickson Contracting and Jeff Martin, Yellowstone County Clerk and Recorder met recently and have made good forward progress. Paperwork has been filed.

9. Policy Review

Policy review is one of the important functions of a school board. The 6000, 7000 and 8000 series are being reviewed. The first reading was in November. The committee completed 6000 & 8000. Further review planned for January and February was postponed due to COVID-19 concerns, schedules and the committee being unable to meet as a whole group. The plan is to resume review in March.

10. Administrator Evaluation

Executive Session (6:27 p.m.)

Chairman Leslie Friedel stated "I have determined that the next matter to come before the Board for consideration involves the superintendent evaluation. Further, the demands of individual privacy in this matter clearly exceed the merits of public disclosure. Therefore, I am declaring this portion of the meeting closed in accordance with Section 2-3-203(3)MCA".

Open Session (7:23 p.m.)

No action was taken.

11. School Election

The election calendar was previously given to Trustees. Leslie Friedel's term expires in 2022. Rachel Meech and Phil Pimley in 2023. Kara Landry and John Fordham in 2024.

New Business

12. Personnel-hiring

The District has had an open paraprofessional position. Davis Kosmicki is a certified teacher and has expressed interest in working 2 days per week. There will be continued to work regarding the other days for this position. Administrator Rude recommended the Board move to approve Davis Kosmicki in a paraprofessional position 2 x/week for 7 hours per day at \$14.50/hour for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year. Kara Landry moved, seconded by John Fordham to approve the recommendation as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

13. Personnel-certification update

Administrator Rude updated the Board on Kari Laboulle's progress in getting her teaching license in place. Mrs. Laboulle has taken the Praxis exam which is one piece to educator licensing in Montana and continues to work with the OPI to obtain proper licensure. Administrator Rude has been in contact with the Districts' attorney regarding this licensure situation. The District and Mrs. Laboulle continue to wait for test results and ultimately certification to come through.

14. Safe Return to Schools & Continuity of Services Plan

This plan must be updated every 6 months and also be a standing Board agenda item. There have been no changes to the plan since the December 17, 2021 update.

15. COVID 19 School Status update

Administrator Rude updated the Board on the current status of Blue Creek School in regards to COVID 19. She reviewed information from the weekly public health meetings and the weekly summary spreadsheet for Blue Creek which is available on the website. Administrator Rude reported that Yellowstone County continues to see high numbers but things are improving.

16. Date and Time of Meeting

The next scheduled meeting is Wednesday, March 9th, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

Adjourn

Phil Pimley moved, seconded by Kara Landry to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously.

Time of Adjournment: 7:31 p.m.

Board Chair _____

Attest: Clerk _____