

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

PUBLIC MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

LONE ROCK SCHOOL DISTRICT #13

1112 Three Mile Creek Road • Stevensville, MT 59870

February 21, 2023 7:00 p.m. – Middle School Room 310

MINUTES:

1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

Silent roll call of Trustees

- Meeting called to order at 7:00pm
- Board present: Trustees Gary Leese, Wayne Stanford, and Matt Schaefer. Trustee Cody Houtchens arrived at 7:20pm. Trustee Paula Short was absent.

2. Approval of the order of Business

- No objections to the order of business

3. Visitors and Patrons

- None

4. Correspondence / Communications

- Denning, Downey, & Associates, P.C. engagement letter detailing the scope of the 2021-22 audit.

5. Public Comment

- None

6. Approval of the Consent Agenda:

- Wayne Stanford moved to approve the February claim warrants #35782 through #35822 (no gaps), the January payroll warrants #13708 through #13730 (no gaps), payroll direct deposits #83061 through #83020, as well as the minutes from the January 17th, 2022 regular board meeting. Matt Schaefer seconded and the motion carried 3-0.

7. Reports

a. Business Manager – Jeannie Morgan

- Highlighted items listed in addition to regular duties:
 - Posted Trustee openings
 - Finalizing audit
 - 1st Semester Bus claim has been submitted
 - School Nutrition claim has been submitted
 - Completed the DOJ training for background checks. Training must be done every two years
 - Funds were received from the SNP “Supply Chain Assistance Funds.” The funds in the amount of \$8,113 are designated to expenses in the School Nutrition Program.
 - Noted that in January, a generous community member paid all of the outstanding school meal balances in the amount of \$4,193.65

b. Stevensville Board Representative- Jennifer Gunterman

- Jennifer is on the school calendar committee and spoke on upcoming changes in the Stevensville School District schedule.
- The Stevensville School District is also planning a levy.

c. Superintendent/Principal Report – Robert DoBell

- Report included in board packet

d. School Board Member’s Reports

- None

8. Old Business

- a. 2023 General Fund Mill Levy-Discussion and Preliminary Information and Plan of Action
 - Discussion: noted that ANB is up allowing the District to take a conservative approach to the levy amount

9. New Business

- a. Item for Information: Staffing for the 2023-24 school year
 - Stated that the District will have one K-Ready class with a 15 student cap
- b. Items for Information, Legislative Update:
 - House Bill 2 - General Appropriations Act
 - *State Budgets*
 - House Bill 15 - Inflationary Increase Act
 - *2.75% for 2023-24*
 - *3.0% for 2024-25*
 - House Bill 203 - Open Enrollment Bill
 - *Tuition Budget*
 - House Bill 328 - Government Entities to Record Video and Audio of Meetings
 - *Transparency Bill*
- c. Certified Staff – Retirement Incentive Inquiry – Jan Burgess and Lisa Stevens
 - Discussion of a retirement incentive for certified staff retiring at the end of the current school year: Health Insurance and \$100/year for each year of service to the Lone Rock School District
 - Wayne Stanford moved to offer \$100/year for each year of service at Lone Rock School District and up to \$688/month of Health Insurance for up to three (3) years for the first three (3) staff members retiring. Matt Schaefer seconded and the motion carried 4-0.
- d. Letter of Retirement – Lisa Stevens MS Social Studies – CBA Severance Pay 13.5
 - Wayne Stanford moved to accept the retirement of Lisa Stevens as of the end of the 2022-23 school year. Cody Houtchens seconded and the motion carried 4-0.
- e. Letter from the classified union to open negotiations for the 2023-24 school year
 - Letter was read to the board from the classified union to open negotiations for the Collective Bargaining Agreement for 2023-24.
- f. Approve the Listing of Surplus Equipment (Appendix A)
 - Matt Schaefer moved to approve the attached list of surplus equipment. Wayne Stanford seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

10. Set future meeting dates and agenda items

- Regular Board Meeting: Tuesday, March 21, 2023 at 7:00pm

11. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 8:18pm

CERTIFICATION:

The above minutes were approved at a board meeting: _____,
and were approved by a vote of ____ for and ____ against.

Board Chair Signature (Gary Leese)

Date

Clerk Signature (Jeannie Morgan)

Date