

**MADISON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5
BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, April 13, 2021**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Kendra Horn. Rhonda Boyd, William Fabel, John Russ Hamilton, Kendra Horn, Therese Sutton (Zoom), Klint Todd, and William T. C. Wood were present. Principal Rodney Stout and Superintendent Micheal Wetherbee were present.

Visitors: Kaylie Theis, Ridgley Elser, Tymbre Stender, Mackenzee Fabel, Jenna Nate, Rahn Abbott, April Wuelfing, Destiny Howser, Laurie Bartoletti (Zoom).

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: John Russ Hamilton led the Board and the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Visitors from the Floor: None at this time.

REPORTS:

STUDENT COUNCIL: Student Council President Mackenzee Fabel updated the Board on State FCCLA, State FFA, varsity track, Close-Up, prom planning, and graduation.

ENTREPRENEURSHIP PROJECT PRESENTATION-JENNA NATE: Jenna Nate presented her winning entry for the Montana Chamber Foundation's statewide entrepreneurship competition.

TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE: Destiny Howser updated the Board on the committee discussion, which included, but was not limited to, the following: summer projects include setting up 20 Chromebooks for 4th grade, installing Starboards, RAM upgrades for the elementary lab computers. John Russ Hamilton reviewed the Board goal developed by the committee: "Sheridan School Board will implement technology to enrich student learning and set students up for success in their workplace or post-secondary education." Restructuring the IT position is not feasible.

CLOSE UP UPDATE: April Wuelfing reported that 6 current seniors are scheduled to go to Close-Up May 2-7; it will be a condensed program, and they will be following all COVID protocols.

OLD BUSINESS:

CONSIDERATION OF RESTRUCTURING DISTRICT IT POSITION: The Board discussed the expense of hiring a full-time IT person; the idea was originally part of a conversation with Twin Bridges School to share an employee, but they are not pursuing at this time, and the cost of a full-time tech employee is cost prohibitive for one district.

Pledge

Public
Comment

Student
Council

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Committee

Close Up

District IT
Position

NEW BUSINESS:

OUT OF DISTRICT ATTENDANCE AGREEMENTS: None at this time.

Out of District
Attendance
Hiring/Resigna
tion

HIRING AND/OR RESIGNATION: Superintendent Wetherbee recommended adding Andrew DeMato to the substitute teacher list. William T. C. Wood moved to approve Andrew DeMato as a substitute teacher, pending the results of the background check. William Fabel seconded the motion and the motion carried.

CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENT OF 21ST CENTURY COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTER DIRECTOR: Superintendent Wetherbee recommended Lyra Hyndman as the director of the 21st Century Community Learning Center program. John Russ Hamilton moved to appoint Lyra Hyndman as the 21st CCLC program director, and Klint Todd seconded the motion. Superintendent Wetherbee complimented her efforts with the summer program, working through COVID protocols for a successful program, she is up to date on the program requirements and is very organized. The motion carried.

21st CCLC
Director

CONSIDERATION OF RENEWAL/NONRENEWAL OF NON-TENURED TEACHERS: The Board reviewed the enclosed list of non-tenured teachers. Superintendent Wetherbee recommended Lanaie Morgan for contract renewal. This will be her fourth consecutive contract. Rhonda Boyd moved to renew Lanaie Morgan's contract, and Therese Sutton seconded the motion. The motion carried, with Klint Todd abstaining.

Renewal/Nonr
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tenured
Teachers

Superintendent Wetherbee recommended contract renewal for Katie Bumgarner, Lacey Hermiston, Clay Pierson, Tymbre Stender, and Kristi Wetherbee. Therese Sutton moved to renew contracts for the listed non-tenured teachers, and William T. C. Wood seconded the motion. The motion carried.

RATIFICATION OF PRINCIPAL CONTRACT: The Board reviewed the enclosed 2021-22 Principal Contract for Rodney Stout. John Russ Hamilton moved to ratify the contract as presented, and Therese Sutton seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Ratify
Principal
Contract

FY22 MUST RENEWAL: The Board was advised that the SFT was in the process of having MUST develop two different health plans to replace ones that no employees are currently using, and was asked to designate Superintendent Wetherbee to approve the MUST renewal when the SFT has made their selection. William T. C. Wood moved to have Superintendent Wetherbee approve the renewal as discussed, and John Russ Hamilton seconded the motion. The motion carried.

FY22 MUST
Renewal

CONSIDERATION OF FY22 SPEECH THERAPY CONTRACT-THERAPY WORKS, LLC: Principal Stout recommended approving the enclosed contract for speech therapy with Therapy Works, LLC; he anticipates more students will qualify for services next year; Mrs. Hoem does a very good job with our students, and her expertise is valuable during IEP meetings. Rhonda Boyd moved to

Speech
Therapy
Contract

approve the 2021-22 contract with Therapy Works, LLC. John Russ Hamilton seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

FY22 SCHOOL CALENDAR: William T. C. Wood moved to approve the FY22 school calendar as presented. (See enclosed.) William Fabel seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

MOU WITH MONTANA JOB CORP: Superintendent Wetherbee presented an MOU with Montana Job Corp, as it has been several years since it has been renewed. John Russ Hamilton moved to approve the MOU as presented, and Klint Todd seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REQUIRED POLICY REVISIONS FOR POLICIES 1700, 3130, 3225p, 3310, 5012, 5120, 5122F, & 5232: (See enclosed.) Superintendent Wetherbee recommended that Policy 5120P be considered separately, and that it be adopted with Option 1 regarding collection and submission of fingerprints, Option 1 regarding retention and storage, Option 2 regarding dissemination, Option 1 regarding destruction, and Option 1 regarding Challenging. These options align with current procedures. Therese Sutton moved to approve the policy with the recommended options, and William Fabel seconded the motion. There was discussion of outsourcing the collection of fingerprints in the future to RW Outdoors, as they have a Livescan machine; the optional language doesn't currently provide for a third party to collect fingerprints, so the Clerk will contact MTSBA for suggested language. The motion carried.

Superintendent Wetherbee recommended the adoption of Policies 1700, 3130, 3225P, 3310, 5012, 5122F, and 5232 as presented. The language has been updated by MTSBA to stay in compliance with state and federal law. Therese Sutton moved to adopt the policies as presented, and William Fabel seconded the motion. The motion carried.

READING AND/OR APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S)

MINUTES: John Russ Hamilton moved to approve the minutes of the March 6, 2021 board retreat as presented, and the March 9, 2021 regular meeting as corrected to include William T. C. Wood in the trustees listed as present. Klint Todd seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

REVIEW AND/OR APPROVAL OF CURRENT BILLS AND EXPENDITURE PROPOSALS:

William T. C. Wood moved to approve the April warrant list as presented, including warrants #109395 through #109447 totaling \$126,544.72, and William Fabel seconded the motion. The board discussed the expenditures for drywall for the shop addition, and bbq gloves purchased for staff appreciation. The motion carried.

Expenditure Proposals: Rahn Abbott presented photos of the damaged parts, and bids (enclosed) to replace or repair the heat exchanger on the elementary school;

FY22 School Calendar

MOU with MT Job Corp

Policies 1700, 3130, 3225P, 3310, 5012, 5120P, 5122F, & 5232

Minutes

Expenditures

He received the following bids (see enclosed):

- Central Plumbing and Heating - \$61,000 for replacement
- Artic Heat -\$26,500 for replacement
- Tri-County Mechanical-\$30,233 to replace, or \$2,635 to repair;

The bid from Tri-County includes electrical and natural gas work, and the other bids do not; Superintendent Wetherbee also highlighted the enclosed pamphlet from Ameresco, which details the use of ESSER funds for HVAC system upgrades; he suggested repairing the unit for now, and having Ameresco come in to do an evaluation of our systems.

John Russ Hamilton moved to approve the bid from Tri-County Mechanical to repair the unit. Klint Todd seconded the motion. The motion carried.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

Principal Stout reported on the following (see enclosed):

- March Attendance – K-6=94% 7-8=96%, 9-12-93% K-12=94%;
- March students of the month;
- Students will begin spring testing; the State wasn't able to get a waiver from the Department of Education;
- 5th – 8th grade students made CO2 cars, and the top three from each class will race on Tuesday, April 27 at 6:00 p.m.; building the cars was a big project, including cutting, sanding, and painting; the kids really enjoy it;
- 5th grade will be going on a field trip to Upper Canyon Outfitters for an equine day camp in May;
- Volunteers are coming back in to school, including a couple of grandmas and aunts who read with kindergarten and first grade;
- Current enrollment in grades K-6 is 98 students.

Principal's
Report

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Superintendent Wetherbee reported on the following:

- Enrollment is going in the right direction;
- He has dealt with three big discipline items this month, and doesn't take them lightly;
- He is working on developing a threat assessment policy, and is borrowing materials from Virginia schools; there isn't a lot of material available in Montana, and he is working with MTSBA on specific language; he hopes to have something for the next Board meeting;
- Summer projects include moving the Jumpstart room; the current classroom will be too small, and the most cost effective idea is to move them to the existing music room and build a bathroom; K-2 music will be in the current Jumpstart classroom, and grades 3-6 will have music in the CB Murray;
- ACT Aspire testing is complete, and the 9th grade were 61st-66th in nation in all four subject areas; math had the highest results; he is encouraged by the scores, but we will strive to improve;

Supt. Report

- Prom will be Saturday, April 17, which is great news since there was no prom last year; we are planning graduation and track season; even though things aren't back to normal yet, they are going in a good direction.

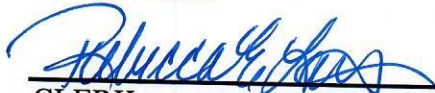
Other Discussion: The State's CSCT funding proposal for HB2 failed to pass, but the legislature is trying to fund that program through another bill.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 8:20 p.m., Rhonda Boyd moved to adjourn the meeting.

Adjourn

The minutes of this meeting were recorded and transcribed by Rebecca E. Larsen, District Clerk.


CLERK


CHAIRMAN