

**MADISON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING  
Tuesday, February 9, 2021**

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Kendra Horn. Rhonda Boyd (Zoom), William Fabel, John Russ Hamilton, Kendra Horn, Therese Sutton (Zoom), and Klint Todd were present. William T. C. Wood was absent. Principal Rodney Stout and Superintendent Micheal Wetherbee were present.

Visitors: Ridgley Elser, Kaylie Theis, Mackenzie Fabel, Laurie Bartoletti (Zoom), and Pam Birkeland (Zoom)

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** William Fabel led the Board and the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Pledge

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Kendra Horn read correspondence regarding a football co-op and the Early Kindergarten program. See enclosed.

Public  
Comment

**REPORTS:**

**STUDENT COUNCIL:** Student Council President Mackenzie Fabel reported that District basketball games will begin Tuesday, February 16; an assembly for academic awards, honor roll and high honor roll was held January 25; Abby Curtis earned 3<sup>rd</sup> place at State Forensics, and she was also awarded a \$1,000 scholarship for SAE project in FFA.

Student  
Council

**SAFETY COMMITTEE:** Superintendent Wetherbee gave a summary of the safety committee meeting, which covered snow removal, loading dock ramp ice mitigation, and spring projects to include replacing the concrete apron on the high school and installing fence around the football bleachers.

Safety  
Committee

**BOARD GOALS AND TRAINING:**

Sheridan School Board will encourage feedback from alumni to showcase strengths and improve weaknesses.

Board Goals

Superintendent Wetherbee stated that this is a goal that Mrs. Bartoletti actively pursues, and almost all trustees are Sheridan alumni.

**Board Retreat:** William Fabel moved to reschedule the board retreat from Feb. 13 to March 6 due to the legislative session and March 1 deadline to receive preliminary budget data from OPI. John Russ Hamilton seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Board Retreat

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**OUT OF DISTRICT ATTENDANCE AGREEMENTS:** None at this time.

Out of District  
Attendance

**HIRING AND/OR RESIGNATION:** Superintendent Wetherbee recommended hiring Ed Burke as head middle school track coach. William Fabel moved to hire

Hiring/Resigna  
tion



Ed Burke as head middle school track coach, and Klint Todd seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Superintendent Wetherbee recommended hiring Shawn Regnerus as head varsity track coach. John Russ Hamilton moved to hire Shawn Regnerus as head varsity track coach, and Klint Todd seconded the motion. The motion carried.

There was brief discussion on the COVID protocol for spring sports; track meets will vary based on the county guidelines where each meet is held.

Principal Stout recommended adding Kali Hardy to the substitute teacher list, and Johnathan Lauren to the substitute cook and custodian list. William Fabel moved to add Kali Hardy to the substitute teacher list, and Johnathan Laurin to the substitute cook and custodian list. The Clerk informed the trustees that background checks were completed or in process. Klint Todd seconded the motion and the motion carried.

CONSIDERATION OF OUT OF STATE TRAVEL-SENIOR TRIP:  
Superintendent Wetherbee asked that the item be moved to next meeting.

Sr. Trip

CONSIDERATION OF EXTENSION OF FFCRA FOR CLASSIFIED: John Russ Hamilton moved to approve the extension of FFCRA leave for classified staff through the end of the school year, consistent with the certified staff. William Fabel seconded the motion. The district may use COVID relief funds to pay for this additional leave. The motion carried.

FFCRA Leave  
for Classified

SPRING ENROLLMENT REPORT: The Board reviewed the enclosed enrollment information.

Spring  
Enrollment

REQUIRED POLICY REVISION: The Trustees reviewed the revised policies #3110, #4215, #4332, #5223, and #5226, provided by MTSBA to align with recent changes to laws regarding weapons and marijuana. John Russ Hamilton moved to adopt the revised policies as presented, and William Fabel seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Policies #3110,  
4215, 4332,  
5223, 5226

RESOLUTION FOR TRUSTEE ELECTIONS: John Russ Hamilton moved to approve the resolution for a high school election for two Alder trustee positions, one being a three-year term, and one being a two-year term. William Fabel seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Trustee  
Elections

John Russ Hamilton moved to approve the resolution for an elementary election for two Sheridan trustee positions, each three-year terms. Klint Todd seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

RESOLUTION FOR MILL LEVY ELECTION: Therese Sutton moved to approve the resolution for a high school general fund mill levy election, and John Russ Hamilton seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Mill Levy  
Elections



John Russ Hamilton moved to approve the resolution for an elementary school general fund mill levy election. William Fabel seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

**PRINCIPAL RENEWAL/NON-RENEWAL:** Superintendent Wetherbee recommended the renewal of Mr. Stout's elementary principal contract, stating that his evaluations are exemplary, and his work in the elementary building reduces the need for himself to be involved as the superintendent; additionally, he is easy to work with and understands the goals of the District. Therese Sutton moved to renew Mr. Stout's elementary principal contract, and John Russ Hamilton seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Principal  
Renewal/Nonrenewal

**SUPERINTENDENT CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS:** Superintendent Wetherbee provided a survey of Class C superintendent salary and benefits packages. (See enclosed.) He pointed out that the state average for a total package is approximately \$102,000 per year. His current package costs the district approximately \$92,000 per year, and he asked for a salary increase resulting in a total \$100,000 package. John Russ Hamilton moved to approve a 10% increase to the current contracted salary of \$78,525 to bring the salary in line with the state's median. William Fabel seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Supt. Contract

**READING AND/OR APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S) MINUTES:**

Therese Sutton moved to approve minutes from January 12, 2021 regular meeting as presented. John Russ Hamilton seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Minutes

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

Therese Sutton moved to approve the February warrant list as presented, including warrants #109321 through #109349 totaling \$49,754.25, and William Fabel seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Expenditures

**Expenditure Proposals:** Superintendent Wetherbee advised the Board that the concrete apron at the front entrance of the high school is becoming more of a concern; the concrete will need to be removed and replaced; this project will require a contractor, as it is beyond the capability of the Ag Construction class; there are several options, including adding heating element to it, but the final project will need to meet ADA requirements; the sidewalk is a concern as well, but any repairs made will not address the tree roots that are causing the cracks in the sidewalk; the trees and the sidewalk are town property; the concrete curb in front of the high school is crumbling as well, but it is also town property; the town is working toward improvements and renovations on Madison Street.

**PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:**

Principal Stout reported on the following:

Principal's  
Report



- Attendance – K-6=95% 7-8=96%, 9-12=94%, and K-12=95%; he also reminded the Board that quarantined students participating in remote learning are not considered absent;
- January students of the month;
- Congratulated Kora Hardy and Tessa Scott for placing 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Energy Share Art Contest; Chloe Belk placed 1<sup>st</sup> and Addison Stout placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in an art contest sponsored by wildlife artist Derek Deyoung;
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter mid-term is Feb. 11, and parent/teacher conferences are Feb. 25;
- The rooftop heating unit for the cafeteria, kitchen, library, and art room is not working; he is looking for bids to replace it; currently, he has one bid from Climate Control Inc. in Helena for \$28,700, which does not include the gas piping or high voltage electrical work.
- There are some other issues, such as window leaks, that will be addressed by maintenance.

#### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:**

Superintendent Wetherbee reported on the following:

- Since the beginning of the school year, he has had 9 referrals for discipline with middle school students, which resulted in 2 suspensions and 7 lunch detentions; high school behavior has been limited to cell phones and dress code violations, resulting in 2 lunch detentions;
- The high school is remote learning at this time, but should be back Feb. 15;
- Middle school students were remote for a few days, but were back Feb. 8;
- Senior projects and pit cars are coming up;
- The basketball teams will play Lima basketball this weekend, and next week will have district play in games on Tuesday;
- He stated that MAPS scores are encouraging and he will share them with the board at the retreat.

Supt. Report

#### **ADJOURNMENT:**

At 9:01 p.m., William Fabel moved to adjourn the meeting.

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

  
CLERK



CHAIRMAN

Adjourn