

BILLINGS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT #1  
Minutes of Regular Meeting  
**February 9, 2021**  
**UNOFFICIAL MINUTES**  
**(Subject to review and revision by the board)**

The regular meeting of the Billings County School Board was called to order by President Joey Kessel at 5:05 p.m. MT, Tuesday, February 9, 2021, at the DeMores School in Medora. Present on site were board members Eric Bock, Kwirt Johnson, Joey Kessel, and Julie Reis. Also onsite were Superintendent Shae Peplinski, Assistant Superintendent Danielle O'Brien, Business Manager Tammy Simnioniw, and Maintenance Supervisor Bob Huska. Present via teleconference was board member Anita Adams.

Bock moved, Reis seconded, to approve the consent agenda with the addition of one agenda item. All in favor.

Bob Hushka provided a written maintenance report and discussed various maintenance issues.

The board reviewed form SFN 52304 School Construction Approval Request for the Prairie Roof Project. Reis moved, Adams seconded, to approve moving forward with the Prairie Roof project and to approve the submission of the School Construction Approval Request to DPI. Roll call vote with all in favor.

Hushka and Simnioniw provided a list of excess property. Johnson moved, Reis seconded, to approve the disposal of the excess property as presented. Roll call vote with all in favor.

The board reviewed a final draft of the 2021-22 school calendar. Adams moved, Bock seconded, to approve the 2021-22 school calendar as presented. Roll call vote with all in favor.

Peplinski and O'Brien reported on upcoming events. They also reported that they are in the process of planning the preschool open house and asked the board if there would be any changes to preschool fees, as well as hot lunch and milk fees. It was the consensus of the board to keep all fees for the 2021-22 school year at the same rates as the current rates. O'Brien reported that Billings County high school students are generally ranking high academically at their respective high schools.

Evaluation forms for Superintendent and Business Manager were provided to board members. President Kessel asked that the board members return their completed evaluations to him by February 23.

Peplinski discussed allowing open enrollments for the 2021-22 school year. It was the general consensus of the board to reinstate admission through open enrollment. Open enrollment requests will be submitted and acted upon at the March board meeting.

Peplinski and Simnioniw informed the board of various legislative bills being considered that would impact the school district.

Simnioniw reported that donations requests were received from CPASS (South Heart After Prom Committee) and Belfield After Prom Committee. Donations from the Prairie and DeMores student council fundraising funds will be donated to each.

It was noted that contract negotiations with administrative staff would need to be conducted. Kessel and Johnson will meet with administrators for the negotiations.

Policies were reviewed. Adams moved, Johnson seconded, to approve the second reading of CAAA Superintendent Recruitment and Appointment, CAAB Superintendent Evaluation Procedure, CABA

Creation and Elimination of Administrative Personnel Positions, CABB Hiring Administrative Staff, CABC Administrative Reduction in Force, CBB Superintendent's Consulting Activities, CBC Transfer of Administrative Personnel, CBD Superintendent's Role in Negotiations, CCB Superintendent Grievance Procedure, DA Personnel Policies Requirements & Implementation, DAA Role of Policy & Regulations for Non-Contracted Employees, DBAB Emergency Hiring of Classified Personnel, DBBB Physical Examinations, DBCB Classified Staff Job Descriptions, DBD Classified Staff Intent to Rehire, DCAC Salary Adjustments for Certified Employees, and DKBA Separation of At-Will Employees. Roll call vote with all in favor.

Adams moved, Bock seconded, to approve the first reading to amend policy DAB Definitions for Personnel Policies. Roll call vote with all in favor.

Adams moved, Johnson seconded, to approve the first reading to amend policies DDAB Health Restoration Leave, DDAC Chemical Dependency Leave, DDAD Childcare Leave, DDBC Bereavement Leave, and DDC Unpaid Leave. Roll call vote with all in favor.

Adams moved, Reis seconded, to approve the first and only reading to reaffirm policies DDBD Military Leave, DDCA Political Leave, and DDDDB Long-Term Professional Leave. Roll call vote with all in favor.

Adams moved, Bock seconded, to approve the first and only reading to amend policies DDAB-BR Health Restoration Leave Regulations, DDAD-BR Childcare Leave Regulations, DDCA-BR Political Leave Regulations, and DDDDB-BR Long-Term Professional Leave Regulations. Roll call vote with all in favor.

Policies DDBA Vacation Leave, DDBB Holidays, and DDBA-BR Vacations Leave Regulations were removed from consideration at this time to allow for further research.

Peplinski and Adams reported on RESP activities. A grant was obtained which will provide additional training opportunities for instructional staff.

The next regular school board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 9, 2021, at 5:00 p.m. at DeMores School in Medora.

Reis moved, Johnson seconded, to adjourn. All in favor. The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

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Joey Kessel, President

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Tammy Simnioniw, Business Manager