

BILLINGS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT #1
Minutes of Regular Meeting
August 9, 2022
UNOFFICIAL MINUTES
(Subject to review and revision by the board)

The regular meeting of the Billings County School Board was called to order by Joey Kessel at 5:03 p.m. MT, Tuesday, August 9, 2022, at the DeMores School in Medora. Present on site were board members Eric Bock, Kwirt Johnson, Joey Kessel, and Kinley Slauter. Jessie Evoniuk joined via teleconference. Also present on site for all or part of the meeting were Superintendent Shae Peplinski, Business Manager Tammy Simnioniw, and Maintenance Supervisor Bob Hushka. Assistant Superintendent Danielle O'Brien joined via teleconference.

Johnson moved, Slauter seconded, to approve the consent agenda, which included the July 18 annual meeting and July 21 special meeting Minutes, the payments list, the financial reports, and the addition of one item to the agenda. All in favor.

Hushka gave a written and oral report on facilities and vehicle maintenance. Carpet in DeMores fifth/sixth grade classroom has not been installed yet. Tree branch removal at DeMores is scheduled for the week of August 15.

Peplinski reported that the Billings County Commission approved \$350,000 of Bankhead Jones funds for operating costs and committed \$1 million for the DeMores expansion project contingent upon it going forward.

The board reviewed the proposals submitted from architects for the expansion project. Kessel and Slaughter will serve on the committee to interview the three firms who submitted proposals. Bock will serve as alternate. Peplinski will schedule meetings with the firms.

Simnioniw reported that three additional security cameras were installed at DeMores. Therefore, Cerberus Security is requesting an increase from \$336 per month to \$345 per month for the maintenance contract. Bock moved, Johnson seconded, to rescind the motion from the July meeting approving the maintenance contract at \$336 per month and approve the \$345 increase for the 2022-23 fiscal year. Roll call vote with all in favor.

O'Brien requested a revision to the school calendar that was previously approved. Johnson moved, Evoniuk seconded, to approve the revision to the 2022-23 school calendar. Roll call vote with all in favor.

Peplinski asked the board if they would like to move board meetings to the DeMores library. It was the consensus of the board that this would be a better location for board meetings. Peplinski will notify Rita Ennen, Dickinson Public Library Director, of the change as it will affect library hours on the nights of the board meetings.

Peplinski presented a request for a Dickinson Public School student to enroll as a Kindergartner at DeMores Elementary with tuition waived for 2022-23 school year. With one student leaving the district, Peplinski felt there was room for this new student. Slauter moved, Bock seconded, to approve the enrollment request. Roll call vote with all in favor.

Peplinski reported that Lori Noble would like to change her resignation date from September 30 to September 22. Johnson moved, Evoniuk seconded, to approve this request. Roll call vote with all in favor.

Peplinski reported that she had five quality applicants for the cook position and interviewed four. She will make a hiring decision on Wednesday.

O'Brien reported that Jackie Wolf will take the cook position during the school year and do janitorial duty during summer months. She will remain a twelve-month employee with current leave benefits and remain at pay level she currently is at. Evoniuk moved, Johnson seconded, to open the vacancy created from this change to a 9 month janitorial position and establish the starting wage at \$17 per hour. Roll call vote with all in favor.

The board reviewed the call for propane bid ads. Johnson moved, Slauter seconded, to call for propane bids as presented. Roll call vote with all in favor.

The NDSBA Policy Services is requesting that a policy services liaison be identified for the school district. Bock moved, Evoniuk seconded, to assign Business Manager Simnioniw as the policy services liaison. Roll call vote with all in favor.

Johnson and Peplinski stated there was nothing to report for RESP.

The next meeting will be held at 5:00 p.m. at the DeMores School library with a public meeting regarding budget to begin at 6:00 p.m.

Slauter moved, Johnson seconded, to adjourn the meeting. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 6:22 p.m.

Joey Kessel, President

Tammy Simnioniw, Business Manager