

BILLINGS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT #1
Minutes of Regular Meeting
September 13, 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 President Joey Kessel at 5:07 p.m. MT, Tuesday, September 13, 2022, at the DeMores School in Medora. Present on site were board members Eric Bock, Jessica Evoniuk, Kwirt Johnson, Joey Kessel, and Kinley Slauter. Also present on site for all or part of the meeting were Superintendent Shae Peplinski, Assistant Superintendent Danielle O'Brien, Business Manager Tammy Simnioniw, Maintenance Supervisor Bob Hushka, Jessie Berger, Elizabeth Odermann, Dusty Tescher, and Rebecca Kasian.

Evoniuk moved, Bock seconded, to approve the consent agenda, which included the August 9 regular meeting and September 7 facilities committee meeting Minutes, the payments list, the financial reports, and the addition of two items to the agenda. All in favor.

Two sealed bids were received for propane. Farmers Union Oil of Beach submitted a bid of \$1.74 per gallon for period of September 14, 2022, through August 31, 2023. Ferrelgas submitted a bid of \$1.749 per gallon for period of September 14, 2022, through June 30, 2023. Bock moved, Johnson seconded, to award the propane bid to Farmers Union Oil of Beach for time period specified at \$1.74 per gallon with delivery to three locations (DeMores, Prairie, Glade). Roll call vote with all in favor.

Kessel, Slauter, and Peplinski reported on the interviews conducted with three architecture firms which included GT Architecture, JLG Architects, and HTG Architects. It was the recommendation of the facilities committee to hire JLG for preliminary architecture services. Discussion was held with full board regarding scope of project for preliminary design. It was the consensus that the current facility be assessed to determine best utilization in conjunction with expansion designs. Johnson moved, Evoniuk seconded, to accept the recommendation of the facilities committee and hire JLG Architects for the preliminary schematic design. Roll call vote with all in favor.

Slauter informed the board that the president of JLG is a director on the TRMF board but felt this would not be a conflict with the school project.

Hushka gave a written and oral report on facilities and vehicle maintenance. Carpet in DeMores fifth/sixth grade classroom was installed before start of school. Peplinski and O'Brien reported that the State has received a grant to provide heppa filters for each classroom for all schools in the state.

Kessel asked that the Pledge of Allegiance be recited at board meetings. The board agreed to recite the Pledge of Allegiance. O'Brien will research what action is needed to have this as part of the agenda for all meetings.

Peplinski reported that DPI is requiring that adult meal prices be \$0.85 cents higher than the student meals. Bock moved, Evoniuk seconded, to rescind the motion made at the April 19, 2022, board meeting to establish hot lunch, milk, and seconds for entrees prices. Roll call vote with all in favor. Bock moved, Johnson seconded, to establish current meal rates effective Monday, September 19, 2022, at \$2.20 per hot lunch meal for students, \$3.35 per meal for adults, \$0.50 for seconds on entrée, and \$0.30 for milk for snacks and seconds on milk at noon lunch. Roll call vote with all in favor.

Slauter requested if board would consider adding more vendors for bus drivers to obtain medical clearance from. After discussion, it was consensus of board to continue limiting it to Sanford Occupational at this time.

Simnioniw provided information on the proposed 2022-23 budget. Discussion was held between school board and patrons in attendance. With no objection to proposed budget, Slauter moved, Bock seconded, to approve the final 2022-23 budget as presented. Roll call vote with all in favor.

Peplinski reported on the professional development training being funded through the Title V Transferability grant. Evoniuk moved, Johnson seconded, to approve the utilization of these grant funds as presented. Roll call vote with all in favor.

Peplinski reported that both DeMores and Praire Elementary schools met compliance for having highly qualified staff in all required instructional areas. The preschools at each building are run under the Department of Human Services, so are not part of the compliancy regulations. However, the compliance reports note the exception for not having an Early Childhood licensed teacher and this does not negatively impact the requirements of compliancy for the schools. Johnson moved, Evoniuk seconded, to approve the annual compliance report for DeMores Elementary School for the 2022-23 school year. Roll call vote with all in favor. Bock moved, Evoniuk seconded, to approve the annual compliance report for Prairie Elementary School for the 2022-23 school year. Roll call vote with all in favor. Evoniuk moved, Johnson seconded, to approve the annual district-wide compliance report for the Billings County School District for the 2022-23 school year. Roll call vote with all in favor.

Simnioniw provided information to the school board on the School Board Leadership Institute and the upcoming school board convention. Evoniuk and Slauter indicated that they would be able to attend the new board member training.

Simnioniw reported that the 2019-20 and 2020-21 audits have not been completed yet. An email from the auditor regarding the status was shared with the board and administration.

Peplinski gave the RESP report stating that board officers were elected for upcoming school year. She also reported on training being offered and developed by RESP.

Policies were reviewed. Evoniuk moved, Slauter seconded, to approve the first reading to amend policies BDA Procedure for Adopting Board Policy and CCA Superintendent & Other Administrative Professional Development. Roll call vote with all in favor.

Evoniuk moved, Bock seconded, to reaffirm policies ABEA Wellness Policy, ACEA Bullying Policy, FCC Restraint and Seclusion, and FFA Student Alcohol and Other Drug Use/Abuse. Roll call vote with all in favor.

Due to a conflice, the next regular board meeting was rescheduled for October 18, 2022, at 5:00 p.m. at the DeMores School library.

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Joey Kessel, President

Tammy Simnioniw, Business Manager