

BILLINGS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT #1
Minutes of Regular Meeting
October 18, 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, October 18, 2022, at the DeMores School in Medora. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll call with board members Eric Bock, Jessica Evoniuk, Kwirt Johnson, Joey Kessel, and Kinley Slauter present on site. 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, and Jessie Berger.

Slauter moved, Evoniuk seconded, to approve the consent agenda, which included the September 13 regular meeting, the payments list, the financial reports, and the addition of one item to the agenda. All in favor.

Peplinski reported that a contract was provided by JLG for the expansion project. There was a misunderstanding of the scope for the first phase, so JLG provided an amendment clarifying "Phase I" as preliminary design. No firm cost was presented, and Peplinski was following up on that. The board would like to have time to review the contract and asked that it be provided to legal counsel for review also. It will be considered at November board meeting if all questions are answered by then and legal counsel has responded.

Hushka gave a written and oral report on facilities and vehicle maintenance.

Peplinski reported that parent/teacher conferences will be held on October 25 and 26. Parent engagement events are being planned with the first one scheduled for October 19. The presentation is titled, "Tour of Kindness" with students, parents, and community members invited. Future events being planned include a family game night and crafting activities. Peplinski also reported that educational staff have either completed or are near completion for the Science of Reading training that will meet new legislative requirements.

O'Brien asked that the board consider moving regular board meetings to Wednesdays. No action taken at this time.

Peplinski presented a request by the Close-Up group to utilize the DeMores school for fundraising activities during the time Medora has their craft fair. Evoniuk moved, Johnson seconded, to approve this request. Roll call vote with all in favor. Peplinski also informed the board that the Close-Up group was holding a fundraiser at the Pizza Ranch on October 19 with students serving and busing tables. Some of the proceeds from the night will go to Close-Up. There are several seventh and eighth grade students from DeMores and Prairie participating in Close-Up this year.

A quarterly pledged assets report was provided. Bock moved, Johnson seconded, to approve the quarterly pledged assets report. Roll call vote with all in favor.

Simnioniw reported that bank documents needed to be updated since the school board election. Evoniuk moved, Slauter seconded, to appoint Joseph G. Kessel as primary renter for the Safety Deposit Box and Eric J. Bock and Tammy Simnioniw as deputy renters with access rights to safety deposit box. Roll call vote with all in favor. Evoniuk moved, Johnson seconded, to remove Julie Reis on the Entity

Authorization document and add Kinley Slauter along with Joseph G. Kessel, Tammy Simnioniw, Eric Bock, and DeeAnn Bock. Roll call vote with all in favor. Johnson moved, Evoniuk seconded, to remove Julie Reis from Account Agreement document and add Kinley Slauter along with Joseph G. Kessel, Tammy Simnioniw, and Eric J. Bock as signers. Roll call vote with all in favor.

Jessie Evoniuk and Kinley Slauter will attend new board member training and the school boards convention and Kwirt Johnson will attend the school board convention. Bock moved, Johnson seconded, to appoint Jessie Evoniuk and Kinley Slauter as voting delegates and Kwirt Johnson as alternate representing the Billings County School District for business meetings at the convention. Roll call vote with all in favor.

Simnioniw gave a report on the Western Dakota Energy Association conference.

The board was informed that an evaluation of the Superintendent is required by NDCC and due November 15. Simnioniw will get information to the board members on conducting the evaluation through an on-line portal. President Kessel asked that the evaluations be completed by November 7 so that he has time to meet with Superintendent Peplinski prior to the deadline.

Bus CDL training costs were discussed. Peplinski provided information that was forwarded on to bus contractors on resources for obtaining the training under the new federal rules.

Jessie Berger presented a request on behalf of St. Bernard's Church to use the school district's floor stripping and waxing machines. Berger would operate the machines herself at the parish center. Johnson moved, Evoniuk seconded, to approve this request. Roll call vote with all in favor.

Kessel discussed a controversial book that may be obtained and circulated at the Dickinson Public Library. Concerns were raised of other books checked out by students that may be objectional. Superintendents stated they will become more involved in book selection and try to find an avenue to receive feedback if a parent sees a book checked out by their child that may be of concern.

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

Due to a conflict, the next regular board meeting was rescheduled for Tuesday, November 15, 2022, at 5:00 p.m. at the DeMores School library.

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:17 p.m.

Joey Kessel, President

Tammy Simnioniw, Business Manager