

BILLINGS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT #1
Minutes of Regular Meeting
November 15, 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, November 15, 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, Dawsyn Malkowski, and Jesse Lapp.

Slauter moved, Evoniuk seconded, to approve the consent agenda, which included the October 18 regular meeting Minutes, the payments list, the financial reports, and the addition of one item to the agenda. All in favor.

Peplinski reported that the contract provided by JLG for the expansion project was being reviewed by the school's attorney. The school's attorney was working directly with Dan Miller from JLG regarding language that was of concern for the school district. Attorney noted that the longer the project is drawn out, the more expensive it becomes.

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

Peplinski provided the board with information regarding a 2016 14-passenger van to replace the white activity bus. The bus has been unreliable with many mechanical issues. The asking price for the 2016 vehicle is \$38,000. The board asked Hushka to test drive the vehicle and negotiate price. If he cannot get it for \$30,000, the board may hold a special meeting to determine if they will approve purchasing it for a higher price. The budget supports a \$30,000 purchase price.

Dawsyn Malkowski and Jesse Lapp reported on the Close-Up trip they took to Washington D.C. and thanked the board for their support of this event.

The superintendent evaluation was completed using an online tool. President Kessel compiled the results, and the following action was taken by the board for the various components of the evaluation.

Upon review of the individual evaluations, all board members have rated the superintendent as satisfactory for the performance area of Goal and Vision Setting. Johnson moved, Slauter seconded, to approve this performance area as satisfactory. Roll call vote with all in favor.

Upon review of the individual evaluations, all board members have rated the superintendent as satisfactory for the performance area of Board Relations. Evoniuk moved, Bock seconded, to approve this performance area as satisfactory. Roll call vote with all in favor.

Upon review of the individual evaluations, all board members have rated the superintendent as satisfactory for the performance area of Human Resource Management. Bock moved, Johnson seconded, to approve this performance area as satisfactory. Roll call vote with all in favor.

Upon review of the individual evaluations, all board members have rated the superintendent as satisfactory for the performance area of Curriculum and Student Support Services. Evoniuk moved, Slauter seconded, to approve this performance area as satisfactory. Roll call vote with all in favor.

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bUpon review of the individual evaluations, all board members have rated the superintendent as satisfactory for the performance area of Community Relations. Johnson moved, Bock seconded, to approve this performance area as satisfactory. Roll call vote with all in favor.

Upon review of the individual evaluations, all board members have rated the superintendent as satisfactory for the performance area of Operations and Resource Management. Slauter moved, Evoniuk seconded, to approve this performance area as satisfactory. Roll call vote with all in favor.

Peplinski reported on various Close-Up fundraising events being conducted. She also submitted a letter from Amanda Talkington requesting that the funds raised on Abby Talkington's behalf in past years for the Close-Up trip be transferred to Hadley Talkington as Abby will not be making the trip. The board was in agreement with the transfer of these funds from Abby Talkington to Hadley Talkington.

Kinley Slauter left the meeting at 5:56 p.m. to attend another community meeting.

Peplinski provided the board with a report that listed the Close-Up funds in the DeMores Student Activity fund account totaling \$19,861.15. Peplinski requested that \$9,861.12 be transferred to the Close-Up organization account for Billings County School District and that \$9,861.15 remain in the DeMores Student Activity fund for the present time for three students for whom funds were raised in previous years for the Close-Up trip that was cancelled due to COVID. These students may undertake a different leadership trip and will request the remaining funds when that is determined. Bock moved, Evoniuk seconded, to approve the transfer of \$9,861.12 from DeMores Student Activity fund to the Close-Up organization account set up for Billings County School District. Roll call vote with Bock, Evoniuk, Johnson, and Kessel in favor.

O'Brien reported that midterms end November 17. Family engagement "paint and dip" events are planned for DeMores and Prairie. Prairie will be holding a formal dinner on November 22 with staff, administration, and board members invited. Christmas programs are scheduled for December 12 at Prairie and December 14 at DeMores.

Fuel oil bid specs were reviewed by the board. Bock moved, Johnson seconded, to call for fuel oil bids for period of December 14, 2022, through November 30, 2023, as presented. Roll call vote with Bock, Evoniuk, Johnson, and Kessel in favor.

Peplinski reported that she applied for the National School Lunch program grant for new ovens at DeMores and Prairie schools. Notification of result is expected in December.

O'Brien requested that volleyball pole holders be installed in the Prairie gymnasium. This would allow the school to host practices and games. This allows for opportunity for students to raise funds through concessions sales and with practices held at Prairie, the students would not leave early from school for practices. The floor would need to be re-coated after the poles are installed. The floor was re-coated three years ago and that is the normal amount of time between resurfacing applications per recommendations. The cost of the project for installation of pole holders and re-coating the entire floor is \$11,450.00. There are sufficient funds budgeted in the building fund to cover these costs. Evoniuk moved, Johnson seconded, to approve this request. Roll call vote with Bock, Evoniuk, Johnson, and Kessel in favor.

O'Brien, Evoniuk, Johnson, and Simnioniw provided a report on sessions they attended at the NDSBA school board convention held the end of October. All concurred they had obtained valuable information and training. There was nothing to report for RESP.

Policies were reviewed and acted upon as follows. Johnson moved, Evoniuk seconded, to approve the Minutes November 15, 2022

first and only reading to rescind policy FECB Gifts and Awards to Students. Roll call vote with Bock, Evoniuk, Johnson, and Kessel in favor.

Bock moved, Evoniuk seconded, to approve the first reading to amend policies DEBC Gifts to District Personnel, DEBE Employee Relations With Vendors, and FFD Possessing Weapons. Roll call vote with Bock, Evoniuk, Johnson, and Kessel in favor.

The board reviewed FFK-AR1 Suggested Procedure for Conducting an Expulsion Hearing and FFK-AR2 Suspension and Expulsion of Special Education Students.

The next regular school board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 13.

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

Joey Kessel, President

Tammy Simnioniw, Business Manager