

BILLINGS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT #1
Minutes of Regular Meeting
January 10, 2023
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 5:04 p.m. MT, Tuesday, January 10, 2023, at the DeMores School in Medora. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll call with board members Eric Bock, Jessica Evoniuk, 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 Custodian Jessie Berger.

Bock moved, Evoniuk seconded, to approve the consent agenda, which included the December 20 regular meeting Minutes, the payments list, the financial reports, and the addition of two agenda items. All in favor.

Peplinski reported that the contract provided by JLG for the expansion project was still being negotiated between JLG and the school's attorney. JLG submitted an agreement just for planning and development of a conceptual model of the project. The board was in consensus that the comprehensive contract for the entire project should be finalized before entering into the agreement for planning and development of the conceptual model.

O'Brien informed the board that the refinishing of the gym floor at Prairie was unsatisfactory. She has been working with the contractor to remedy it.

Hushka gave a written and oral report on facilities and vehicle maintenance. Jessie Berger informed the board that City Air Mechanical had been onsite this date to work on geo thermal system that heats the library. Berger updated the board on the problems identified and the work needed to repair the system. There are major components that will need to be replaced.

Simnioniw reported that Farmers Union Insurance can add an endorsement to the policy providing 125% coverage of the value of property. Also, Farmers Union responded that if the building's replacement value is \$5 million and only 75% of the building was damaged, but replacement costs were \$5 million, the full amount of replacement would be covered without consideration of percentage of building damaged. No amount has been obtained at this time for the additional premium amount for the endorsement. Slauter moved, Evoniuk seconded, to table until the rate is known. Roll call vote with all in favor.

The board was provided a letter from Consolidated requesting an easement for an equipment building to be placed on Prairie school property. Hushka will work with Consolidated on placement and zoning.

Peplinski reported that Junior High students will attend Ag Day at Belfield Public School on January 11, the end of quarter is January 12, and AveleCare is up and running at Prairie and DeMores. Staff have been trained on its use and letters were sent to parents informing them of this healthcare service. Peplinski and O'Brien will attend administrators conference the end of January. Parent/teacher conferences will be held February 7 and 9.

Simnioniw provided the board with the semi-annual investment report. Evoniuk moved, Bock seconded, to approve the investment report for period of July 1, 2022, through December 31, 2022. Roll call vote with all in favor. The pledged assets report was reviewed by the board. Slauter moved, Bock seconded, to approve the December 20, 2022, pledged assets report. Roll call vote with all in favor.

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The board was provided information on upcoming NDSBA training sessions, and they will let Simnioniw know if they plan to attend.

Simnioniw reported that the audits for 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 have still not been completed. She has kept the State notified of the delay in the auditor completing it.

The board considered a project to replace switches and wireless access points at DeMores and Prairie. A federal E-Rate grant was applied for to cover approximately 50% of this project. The bid period ends January 12, 2023. Bids have been received from three vendors at this point. The request for proposal required a walk-through of the buildings prior to bid submission. Bids were received from Electronaca Sales Team, ReadTech, and SMART Computers. Electronaca did not do the required walk-through so were disqualified. ReadTech submitted a bid of \$59,923.06 with \$8,154.18 in costs outside of RFP for final consideration of \$51,768.88 in eligible project costs. Smart Computers submitted a bid of \$48,811.86 in eligible project costs. Evoniuk moved, Slauter seconded, to award the E-Rate project to SMART Computers contingent upon no other qualified submission being received by January 12. Roll call vote with all in favor.

Peplinski reported that there was an RESP meeting on January 4. AveleCare gave a presentation and attendees were also provided information on an ELL testing program.

Policies were reviewed and acted upon as follows. Evoniuk moved, Bock seconded, to approve the first reading and the waive the second reading to adopt policy GAAE Critical Race Theory. Roll call vote with all in favor. Bock moved, Evoniuk seconded, to approve the first and only reading to adopt GAAC-BR Procedure for Reviewing Complaints About Instructional/Resource Material. Roll call vote with all in favor.

The next regular school board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 14.

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:36 p.m.

Joey Kessel, President

Tammy Simnioniw, Business Manager

