

BILLINGS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT #1
Minutes of Special Meeting
January 20, 2023
UNOFFICIAL MINUTES
(Subject to review and revision by the board)

A special meeting of the Billings County School Board was called to order by President Joey Kessel at 11:00 a.m. MT, Friday, January 20, 2023, at DeMores School in Medora, ND. Present on site were board members Joey Kessel and Kinley Slauter and Superintendent Shae Peplinski, Business Manager Tammy Simnioniw, and Maintenance Supervisor Bob Hushka. Present via video conference were board members Eric Bock, Jessie Evoniuk, and Kwirt Johnson and Assistant Superintendent Danielle O'Brien.

The purpose of the meeting was to consider proposed legislation and discuss the DeMores Expansion Project contract with JLG.

Kessel, Peplinski and O'Brien reported on proposed HB 1251 which requires school districts with less than 475 students to share a superintendent. Discussion was held on how this would affect the Billings County School District. Kessel and O'Brien presented a draft letter opposing this bill for consideration by the board. The letter, if approved by board, would be sent to legislators. Slauter moved, Bock seconded, to oppose HB 1251 and submit the letter in opposition, as presented, from the Billings County School Board to legislators. Roll call vote with all in favor.

Kessel, Slauter, and Peplinski reported on the committee meeting held with legal counsel regarding the contract with JLG Architects for the DeMores Expansion Project. Quinn Fyling, legal counsel representing BCSD, will discuss the committee's requests for revisions of the contract with JLG and ask that a final contract be made available by first week of February so it can be sent out to the full board for review prior to February regular board meeting.

Simnioniw reported on proposed legislative bills impacting school funding.

Slauter moved, Johnson seconded, to adjourn. All in favor. The meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Joey Kessel, President

Tammy Simnioniw, Business Manager