

**UNOFFICIAL/UNAPPROVED  
POWELL COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
REGULAR MEETING – March 11, 2019 – 6:30 p.m.**

**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

Board Chair Maureen Mannix called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

**2. ROLL:**

Board Chair: Maureen Mannix

Board Members: Darryl Barton, Andy Dreesen, Donna Graveley, Jennifer Nicholson, Heather Shepard, and Mark Vetter.

Administration: Rick Duncan, Kerry Glisson, and Annette Meagher.

**3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

The January 14, 2019 regular meeting minutes were approved by consent.

**5. VISITORS:**

Teri Allen, Pat Bannon, Brianna Hansen, Henry Huber, Maggie Hunter, Kitty Hurst, Pat Liedes, Kathy McEnery, Nicholas McKinnon, Phoenix McKinnon, Raymond McKinnon, Dakota Norris, Kacie Perkins, Bob Schalk, Abby Spears, Frank Spring, Jennifer Spring, Michael Stafford, Kaleb Starr, Clint Stevenson, Morgan Stevenson, Michael Webster.

**6. CORRESPONDENCE:**

Rick Duncan read aloud the following resignation letter:

*February 14, 2019*

*Dear Mr. Duncan,*

*Please accept this as my letter of resignation for the position of Head Volleyball Coach here at Powell County High School.*

*I have truly enjoyed the opportunity to coach and work with the students of Powell County High and I want to thank you for the chance to do so.*

*Sincerely,  
Heather Scully*

**7. STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT:**

Student Council President Kaleb Starr was present to discuss the following activities: the National Honor Society and Student Council are sponsoring the Annual Blood Drive and have 43 student donors signed up; ProStart won 1<sup>st</sup> Place in Management and have qualified for nationals; FFA will attend the state convention in April, and FFA member Tristan Smith has also achieved Eagle Scout status in Boy Scouts; FCCLA attended the

state convention in March; Junior Prom is March 16<sup>th</sup> in the gymnasium; The District IV Music Festival is in April; and Social Studies classes will travel to Helena to see legislators in action at the Capitol. Mr. Starr also mentioned sophomore CRT testing, Mrs. Herrin's concert at the Rialto, Mathletes, Academic WorldQuest, and the Close Up trip to Washington D.C.

#### **8. ATHLETIC DIRECTOR REPORT:**

Dakota Norris was present to discuss winter and spring sports. Mr. Norris stated that winter sports had concluded with the girls' basketball 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish at the divisional tournament, and were 14-9 overall. Spring sports have begun and the following numbers of athletes are participating: 50 boys and girls in track; 15 boys and girls in golf; and 17 girls in softball.

#### **9. COACHES REPORT: Wrestling**

Clint Stevenson was present to discuss the wrestling season. He stated that 15 athletes this year was a big step up from last year, and that 4 wrestlers qualified for state! Mr. Stevenson said that brand new wrestlers bring challenges but that he saw much improvement; he said it was a great season!

#### **10. DEPARTMENT PRESENTATION: English**

Kitty Hurst, Frank Spring, and Mike Webster were present to discuss the English Department. Mr. Spring discussed readings, classroom procedure, vocabulary, grammar, and etymology. He also discussed the Professional Learning Community and developing department-wide standards. Ms. Hurst stated that she feels extremely supported as a new teacher and commended Mr. Spring on his mentorship. Ms. Hurst also discussed professional development through Better Lesson, classroom procedure, writing and student improvement in writing, vocabulary, grammar, resumes and cover letters, rhetoric, and Romanticism. Mr. Duncan interjected that Ms. Hurst did a great job as Drama Advisor and that the recent play was fabulous! Mr. Webster thanked the Board and stated that he has been very welcomed and the students are wonderful. Mr. Webster discussed his classes, grammar and vocabulary skills, readings and essay writing, periods in Western Literature, active reading and student-led discussion. Mark Vetter thanked the teachers for their wonderful presentations!

#### **11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Drug Testing Draft Policy**

Rick Duncan stated that a meeting including all the committees and reviewed and liked the policy provided by Big Sky Drug Testing. Mr. Duncan stated that 195 students participate in extracurricular activities, and that when spread across all seasons it extrapolates out to 481 students. Mr. Duncan discussed various issues that were looked at including testing percentage, alcohol tests, tampering consequences, refusal of testing consequences, test results, etc. He also want legal opinion prior to adoption of any drug-testing policy.

Discussion included an opposing view from Teri Allen, whose daughter is a new student at PCHS this year, and whose parents are both PCHS graduates. Ms. Allen believes the policy is unfair and questioned whether the Board and the staff are also being tested; she

also stated that when signing the Student Handbook the student's signature is worthy. Ms. Allen believes the MHSA is already the governing body and why do we need to go above? She also stated that the cost of the drug testing should instead be used to educate our children, and also to educate them to respect their bodies. Heather Shepard thanked Ms. Allen and stated that she appreciates and respects her viewpoint.

## **12. NEW BUSINESS**

### **Resolution of Intent to Impose Levies**

Rick Duncan provided a Resolution of Intent to Impose an Increase in Levies (attached) and explained that we need to record the impact, whether a decrease/increase, to any permissive levies. There is \$0 increase/decrease this year, however we still need the resolution.

Action: Heather Shepard moved to approve the Resolution Under SB307 – Resolution of Intent to Impose an Increase in Levies (attached) with a \$0 increase/decrease in permissive levies, seconded by Andy Dreesen.

The motion passed unanimously.

### **Levy Amount**

Rick Duncan stated that no General Fund levy is necessary for 2019-20.

### **Employment Contract: Golf Assistant**

Action: Jennifer Nicholson moved to hire Henry Huber as Assistant Golf Coach for 2018-19, seconded by Darryl Barton.

The motion passed unanimously.

### **FY18 Audit**

Action: Mark Vetter moved to approve the Audit Report: Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2018, seconded by Maureen Mannix.

The motion passed unanimously.

### **Parent Request (Potential Closed Session)**

Maureen Mannix called for an executive session at 7:37 p.m. Those present included Board members Darryl Barton, Andy Dreesen, Donna Graveley, Jennifer Nicholson, Heather Shepard, and Mark Vetter, Superintendent Rick Duncan, Principal Kerry Glisson, and Nicholas McKinnon, Phoenix McKinnon, Raymond McKinnon.

Maureen Mannix called the meeting back to order at 8:07 p.m.

## **13. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:**

Kerry Glisson reported that March 1, 2019 enrollment was 195 students (a decrease of 1 from last month). Enrollment consists of the following: 47 freshman, 43 sophomores, 65 juniors, and 40 seniors. Included in the count are 0 Job Corp students, and 0 Youth Challenge students. Mrs. Glisson discussed ProStart, CRT testing, field trips to the Capitol, Parent/Teacher conferences on April 2<sup>nd</sup>, PreACT testing on April 3<sup>rd</sup>, and ASVAB testing on April 10<sup>th</sup>.

**14. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT:**

Rick Duncan recommended a return to the block schedule for 2019-20 classes, as requested by the teachers.

Action: Heather Shepard moved to approve a block schedule for 2019-20, seconded by Mark Vetter.

Discussion included much support by teachers and students in attendance.

The motion passed unanimously.

Rick Duncan discussed strategic planning, the legislative session, and the FY20 Preliminary Budget.

**15. BUSINESS MANAGER:**

Action: Andy Dreesen moved to approve the March bills as presented by Annette Meagher, seconded by Heather Shepard.

The motion passed unanimously.

**16. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:**

- New bus issues.
- Gaining meetings.
- Board Teamwork Self-Assessment.

**17. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Kathy McEnery was present to introduce herself as the new County Attorney; she replaces Lewis Smith.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

The next regular meeting will be Monday, April 8, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.

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s/Annette Meagher, District Business Manager/Clerk

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s/Maureen McMahan Mannix, Chairperson