

Regular Meeting of the Trustees of School District #3

Thursday, June 11, 2020

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Blue Creek School District #3 was held Thursday, June 11, 2020 in the Blue Creek School gym. Chair Megan Loveridge called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

Members present: Aimee Rust, Megan Loveridge, Leslie Friedel and Rachel Meech. Absent: Phil Pimley. A quorum was present.

Administrator Rude and Clerk Joan Iverson were present for the entire meeting.

Guests: Kara Landry

Adjustments to the Agenda

None.

Correspondence

None.

1. & 2. Consent Agenda

Leslie Friedel moved, seconded by Rachel Meech to approve the minutes of May 12, 2020 and approval of bills. Motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS

3. Enrollment

Administrator Cathi Rude reported the current enrollment at 183 students.

4. Community Ed Report

None. MJ Dimich was not in attendance.

5. Staff Report

None.

6. Clerk & Business Report

Clerk Joan Iverson reported that she is completing work on Out of District & Transportation Contracts for the 2020-2021 school year.

7. Administration Report

Administrator Cathi Rude reported the following:

- 1) Summer projects are ongoing. They include heating unit upgrades in the intermediate end of the building, replacing sinks/countertops in student bathrooms and the deep cleaning of each classroom and office by the summer custodial/maintenance crew.
- 2) The Summer Boost program is starting next week with the first of three sessions. Content areas will be Math & Language Arts and will include 1:1 and small group instruction.
- 3) Administrator Rude is proactively planning for Fall. Recommendations are to make plans for every scenario and to “think outside of the box.” Considerations include how to best serve students if families choose not to send them and how to serve onsite students while accommodating required protocols such as social distancing, washing hands upon arrival, checking temperatures, sanitizing, etc.
- 4) Administrator Rude updated the Board on Falcon Heights Park. Cathi has consulted with District Counsel Jeff Weldon and hopes to meet with County Commissioners to seek a long term solution to the issues of access and property boundaries. The Board is looking to form a two trustee committee to work with commissioners on this task.
- 5) Kindergarten Roundup is on June 30th. We currently have 26 students on our K roster. Format will be somewhat different this year due to COVID-19.

BUSINESS ITEMS

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

8. End of Fiscal Year 2019-2020

Administrator Rude reported that she and Business Manager Roger Heimbigner are reviewing the status of the various funds for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year. Some expenditure transfers will be needed and in other cases transfers will be made into the Interlocal Agreement & Fund.

9. Year End Budget Transfers 2019-2020

Administrator Cathi Rude shared that Roger Hembigner anticipates the need to transfer funds into the general fund. This increases budget authority and frees up money in the building reserve.

A motion was made by Rachel Meech, seconded by Aimee Rust to grant the authority to Business Manager Roger Heimigner to make the expenditure transfers as needed into the General Fund. Motion passed unanimously.

10. YWCCSSC Interlocal Agreement

We have had an interlocal agreement with the Yellowstone West Carbon County Special Services Cooperative (YWCCSSC) for many years. Beginning in 2020-2021 they will no longer provide preschool services. They will continue to provide PT, OT, Speech and school psychologist services to students in need in our district. An amended document for this type of Interlocal agreement is necessary due to the exit of Laurel Public Schools from the Cooperative.

Administrator Rude recommended the Board move to approve the amended Interlocal Agreement with the YWCCSSC as presented. Leslie Friedel moved, seconded by Aimee Rust to approve the motion as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

11. Technology Services Contract 2020-2021

Administrator Rude reported that the contract is due for the services provided by Solitaire Solutions LLC. The contract period is July 2020 – June 2021 at a fee of \$15,000 per year. Services provided include server & network management, data backup and restoration, hardware inventory, staff support, printer work, emergency assistance among others. Administrator Rude recommended the Board move to approve the contract for Solitaire Solutions LLC to provide technology services. A motion was made by Rachel Meech, seconded by Aimee Rust to approve the technology services contract with Solitaire Solutions LLC for the 2020-2021 school year as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

12. Out-of-District Requests 2020-2021 School Year

Administrator Rude presented for approval a list of 12 out-of-district requests from existing students at Blue Creek School. She discussed new requests and how placement is according to Board Policy based on space availability and the student being in good standing. A motion was made by Aimee Rust, seconded by Leslie Friedel to approve the out-of-district placements and giving the latitude to Administrator Rude to approve any additional requests that meet the criteria. Motion passed unanimously.

13. Learning Delivery related to Unforeseen Emergency

On April 27, 2020 considerations were given as to how we can best serve the well-being of all stakeholders by continuing offsite instruction or return to school. At that time the Board decided it was in the best interest and safety of all to close the school due to unforeseen emergency through June 30, 2020. Given the movement of the State of Montana into Phase 2 and Governor Bullock's orders, the school desires to supplement learning for our students through a Summer Boost offering. The Summer Boosts are week long offerings themed on a focal area/skill. There is one week in June, July, and August. Safety precautions are in place: sanitizing, respecting 6 foot social distancing, washing hands upon arrival, masks are encouraged, staying home if not feeling well, etc.

Administrator Rude recommended the Board to move to approve a change in the school closure date to end on June 12, 2020 in order to meet the needs of students. Rachel Meech moved, seconded by Leslie Friedel to approve the motion as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

14. Date and Time of Meeting

Next scheduled meeting is Thursday, July 9, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.

Adjournment

Aimee Rust moved, seconded by Leslie Friedel to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously.

Time of Adjournment: 7:04 p.m.

Board Chair _____

Attest: Clerk _____