

**POWELL COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING – September 12, 2022 – 6:30 p.m.**

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Board Chair Jennifer Nicholson called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. ROLL:

Board Chair: Jennifer Nicholson.

Board Members: Amanda Bohrer, Will Graveley, Maureen Mannix, Robert Rabel, and Bart Smith.

Administration: Rick Duncan, Katie Crofutt, and Annette Galahan.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

4. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS:

Maggie Hunter, Jaina Meador, Bob Schalk, and Luke Ulatowski.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Action: Robert Rabel moved to approve the August 8, 2022 regular meeting minutes, seconded by Will Graveley.

The motion passed unanimously.

6. CORRESPONDENCE:

Rick Duncan received the following letter from the Golden Triangle Curriculum Cooperative:

August 29, 2022

Dear Superintendent Duncan and Powell County High School Trustees;

I am writing this letter to commend Maggie Hunter & Kacie Perkins for teaching "Servin' Up Art" this past June for our GTCC Summer Institute. They had 14 participants in their great class which was hosted at their home school.

Some comments from their course evaluations:

- *"I loved the sharing of all the different lessons & that we have the resources to use in the future"*
- *"This was the best workshop I have ever been to."*
- *"This was fantastic! So glad I attended."*
- *"Finally found an applications for Calculus, which I feel is rare in my field."*
- *"I thought this workshop was a lot of fun, and I enjoyed how to bring art into my lessons."*
- *"I like the combination of Culinary Arts & Art education. Integration of ideas and learning is more 'real life.'"*

We appreciate having both Maggie & Kacie tach for the Golden Triangle and we look forward to working with them in the future.

*Warmest Regards,
Alyssa Cliver, GTCC Curriculum Director*

7. STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT:

Student Council President Jaina Meador was present and discussed the following Homecoming Week activities: seniors will paint the “P” on Wednesday, September 21st (Sun Mountain Lumber and the Rome family donated the paint), while freshman, sophomores, and juniors work on Clean Up Day. There will be a school-wide barbeque afterwards, along with a variety of activities. The Homecoming parade and football game will be Friday versus the Sheridan Panthers. Monday is Pajama Day; Tuesday is Tourist Day; Wednesday is Workers Day; Thursday is Favorite Movie Day; and Friday is Blue and Gold Day.

Ms. Meador also discussed Family & Consumer Sciences picking apples and Dave Beck’s; FCCLA’s food drive “Trick-or-Treat-So-Kids-Can-Eat;” FFA leadership seminar at Phosphate; Fandom Club has made a comeback this year; and E-Sports has started off strong!

8. ATHLETIC DIRECTOR REPORT:

Athletic Director Bob Schalk was present to discuss fall sports, and gave the following number of participants: 7 boys and 6 girls in cross country; 26 girls in volleyball; and 21 boys in football. Mr. Schalk stated that PCHS will need to petition again next year for 8-man football, as it is a 1-year agreement. He also discussed Warden Radio, which will provide music for events; spring sport scheduling in November; and calendars that include all activities, such as sports, speech & debate, etc.

9. NEW BUSINESS:

Employment Contracts:

Girls Basketball Assistant

Action: Amanda Bohrer moved to hire Bethany Ewings as Assistant Girls Basketball Coach for 2022-23, seconded by Bart Smith.

Discussion included questions about Mrs. Ewings. Mr. Duncan responded that she is a substitute teacher here, has played basketball and coached, but not at the high school level. He added that Head Coach Bill Clayton was involved in the interview.

The motion passed unanimously.

Substitute List

Action: Will Graveley moved to approve the updated Substitute List as presented by Rick Duncan, seconded by Jennifer Nicholson.

The motion passed unanimously.

Student Attendance Agreements

Action: Maureen Mannix moved to acknowledge 4 mandatory Student Attendance Agreements with Drummond High School, seconded by Will Graveley.
The motion passed unanimously.

Action: Bart Smith moved to approve 4 discretionary Student Attendance Agreements, 2 with Drummond High School, and 2 with Drummond Elementary, seconded by Maureen Mannix.

Discussion revolved around the 2 elementary agreements that were sent to PCHS, and that they do not belong to us.

Action: Bart Smith moved to table the 2 elementary Student Attendance Agreements, seconded by Amanda Bohrer.
The motion passed unanimously.

Action: Bart Smith moved to amend the original motion to state, Bart Smith moved to approve 2 discretionary Student Attendance Agreements with Drummond High School (no tuition or transportation), seconded by Maureen Mannix.
The motion passed unanimously.

Recommitment to Great Divide Cooperative

Rick Duncan recommends recommitting to the Great Divide Cooperative (GDC) for 3 years, beginning fall of 2023. Mr. Duncan stated that specialists are in very short supply, and that continued cooperative membership is the best way to go.

Action: Robert Rabel moved to recommit to GDC for 3 years, seconded by Will Graveley.

Discussion included questions on the GDC's staffing right now, and Mr. Duncan stated that they are well-staffed, and that all of PCHS's occupational therapy, physical therapy, and speech therapy are handled through the coop. Mr. Duncan also stated that we have 1 Special Education teacher with 26 IEP's. He also stated that there are 26 coops in the state (OPI sets the coop boundaries) and that there are 26 schools in the GDC. There was a consensus that PCHS can't hire individual therapists for the price, and the administration is happy with the services provided to our students.

FOR: Amanda Bohrer, Will Graveley, Jennifer Nicholson, Robert Rabel, and Bart Smith.

ABSTAIN: Maureen Mannix.

Substitute Pay Rate

Action: Amanda Bohrer moved to increase the Substitute Teacher pay rate from \$75/day and \$85/day (certified) to \$80/day and \$90/day (certified) as recommended by Rick Duncan, seconded by Jennifer Nicholson.

The motion passed unanimously.

10. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

Katie Crofutt reported the September 12, 2022 enrollment of 187 students (no change from last month, although the numbers increased and decreased back to 187), and consists of the following: 52 freshman, 61 sophomores, 40 juniors, and 34 seniors.

Included in the count are 0 Job Corp students, and 0 Youth Challenge students. Mrs. Crofutt also discussed an upcoming lockdown drill and a debrief survey. Mrs. Crofutt also discussed upcoming field trips, Homecoming Week, a College Fair at Montana Tech, and staff training; she also stated that Booster Club will help pay for activity tickets for students that qualify. Other topics presented follow: student rolling portfolios; STAR testing; Freshman 101; Cognia accreditation; and air quality measurements for outdoor activities.

Mrs. Crofutt reviewed the drug-testing policy and would like to strike “male/female” on line 103, and she would like to revisit the percent tested on line 43.

11. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT:

Rick Duncan discussed Covid and said that we don’t have firm numbers due to home testing, but stated that it’s minimal at PCHS. Mr. Duncan also supplied to the Board a copy of the Emergency Preparedness Plan and said that an Active Shooter Drill is coming, with the onsite participation of the Sheriff’s Office for their review. Katie Crofutt stated that communication will be through the App, Live Feed, and Infinite Campus (both by email and notification in the portal).

Mr. Duncan also gave a Title IX update, which deals with gender inequity; he read aloud the first paragraph of the policy, then said that the Department of Education proposed a rewrite regarding gender identity. Board discussion revolved around the fact that there is a Montana lawsuit that doesn’t approve of the changes; the availability of unisex bathrooms in the school; and that the policy is 700 pages.

Mr. Duncan said that the Trustees Annual Goals will be reviewed next month, and a Joint-Board Committee Meeting is coming up; it was set tentatively for Tuesday, October 4, 2022 at 7 p.m. at the Deer Lodge Elementary Board Room.

12. BUSINESS MANAGER:

Action: Robert Rabel moved to approve the September bills, as presented by Annette Galahan, seconded by Bart Smith.

The motion passed unanimously.

The Statement of Revenue and Expenditures vs. Actuals for July and August are not yet available from the County Treasurer.

13. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

- Drug testing.
- 2 elementary Student Attendance Agreements.
- Lockdown drill.
- STAR testing.
- E-Sports.
- Policy 8130.

12. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m. by unanimous consent.

The next regular meeting will be Monday, October 10, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

s/Annette Galahan, District Business Manager/Clerk

s/Jennifer Nicholson, Board Chair