

Frenchtown School Board of Trustees Meeting

March 26, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

Middle School Shared Project Area

- I. **Call to Order:** The Special School Board Meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m. by Chair Debbie Lester. Trustee Jami Romney FitzGerald was in attendance. Trustees Bryce Simpson, Teresa Teagle, Marilyn Thorn and David Weber attended electronically via Zoom. Also in attendance were Principal Riley Devins, Superintendent Randy Cline and District Clerk Shauna Anderson; Principals Aaron Griffin, Jodi Hall, Jake Haynes and Technology Coordinator Arron Rowan attended electronically via Zoom.
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Meeting opened with the pledge at 6:04 p.m.
- III. **Public Comment** – none.
- IV. **Business**
 - A. New Business
 - 1) Information/Discussion: Resignations
Letters of resignation were received by Teachers Laura Bruse and Kimberly Olson.
 - 2) Review/Action: Hiring - none
 - 3) Review/Action: Approve MTSBA and MFPE Endorsed K-12 Model MOU
Superintendent Randy Cline presented the K-12 Model Memorandum of Agreement between Frenchtown School District and the Montana Federation of Public Employees (MFPE). This model policy was developed by the Montana School Boards Association (MTSBA) and MFPE together to develop a plan for a working agreement during the school closure period of March 16 through March 27, 2020. Both the Frenchtown Education Association (FEA) and Frenchtown Classified Association (FCA) have approved this agreement. Superintendent Cline reviewed each section of the agreement and discussed how this agreement expires March 27, 2020 without precedent. Questions were asked regarding the duration of the agreement, District needs pertaining to overtime during the closure and extra-duty/extra-curricular stipend provision and impact of potential continued closures on clubs and athletics. Jami Romney FitzGerald made a motion to approve the Model Memorandum of Agreement document as written. Teresa Teagle seconded the motion. Public discussion – none. Board discussion – none. Unanimous. Trustee Gordon Schmill arrived electronically via Zoom at 6:20 p.m.
 - 4) Review/Action: District's COVID-19 Plan of Action for Submission to the Governor's Office
Superintendent Randy Cline presented the District's Model Plan of Action addressing the impact of COVID-19 on school operations. Items discussed were offsite learning, instruction and structure; school meals consistent with what the District regularly provides; services for students with disabilities; and other services customarily provided to students. Also included in the plan is a checklist of processes and mechanisms the District has completed ensuring compliance with the Governor's Directive, as well as ongoing collaboration with stakeholders, the community, staff, parents and students. Questions were asked regarding providing educational services to students with special needs, as well as communications with families and students. Principals Riley Devins, Jodi Hall and Aaron Griffin discussed the materials being provided to students and how each school was communication with their students and parents. The principals acknowledged the special education teachers and all of their hard work during this challenging time. Questions were asked regarding bus routes and route frequency during the closure, meals provided and delivery methods of school meals. Recognition was given to Deena Putnam, Food Services Supervisor for her outstanding management of the program. David Weber made a motion to approve the District's COVID-19 Plan of Action as presented. Teresa Teagle seconded the motion. Public discussion – acknowledging all staff, parents and students for how well our community is handling this situation. Board discussion – none. Unanimous.

5) Review/Action: Suspend BP 1310 and approve COVID-19 Emergency Policies BP 1900 and BP 1901 in First Reading

Superintendent Randy Cline explained Board Policy 1310 and the need to suspend the requirement for second readings on new policies for the limited purpose of considering adopting policies 1900 and 1901. Superintendent Cline presented Emergency Policy 1900, which addresses the need for, the purpose and the term of emergency policies as a result of the statewide declaration of emergency and executive orders. Emergency Policy 1901 addresses the use of transportation funds to provide instructional services and meals during periods of school closures and cost guidelines as appropriate. Teresa Teagle made a motion to suspend District Policy 1310, and to adopt Policies 1900 and 1901 in first reading. Bryce Simpson seconded the motion. Public discussion – none. Board discussion – regarding the Governor’s orders and the impact of the current mandates on negotiations. Unanimous.

ADJOURNED 6:49 p.m.

Approved: April 21, 2020

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Jami Romney FitzGerald
Board Vice Chair

/s/ Shauna Anderson
District Clerk