April 21, 2020 Regular Meeting

The Unified Board of Trustees held a regular session via online Zoom meeting on Tuesday, April 21, 2020. Chairman, Bryan Phipps called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

PRESENT

Members present via Zoom were: Chairman, Bryan Phipps, Beth Murnion, Matthew Bliss, Harold Erlenbusch, and Amber Saylor. Also present via Zoom were: Superintendent, Nathan Olson; Clerk, Anna Guesanburu; Chelsea Phipps, Judy Billing, Bob Stephenson, Diane Colvin, Marla Pluhar, Mariann Prewett, and Rebecca Hoverson.

AGENDA

Motion was made by Bliss, seconded by Murnion to approve the agenda with the following correction: Strike: New Business 8.4 – Proficiency Based End Date. Motion carried unanimously.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Superintendent Olson updated the Board on where we stand if the Governor opens schools before the final end date of our school year. The Board may need to have a special meeting to make final decisions for our District. Tomorrow, April 22, 2020 the teachers will make a final distribution of work to be given to the students for the rest of the school year. Graduation is being put on hold until after the Governor has given his press conference.

MINUTES

Motion was made by Murnion, seconded by Saylor to approve the minutes of the March 17, 2020 regular meeting without correction or addition. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion was made by Murnion, seconded by Saylor to approve the consent agenda including the following items: #6.1 Accounts Payable/Payroll Claims; #6.2 Payroll Claims Transfers; and #6.3 Extra-curricular reports HS/EL. Accounts Payable includes #30687 - #30715; Direct Deposit warrants include #85590 - #85564; Payroll warrants include #22919 - #22947. Motion carried unanimously.

SURPLUS

Motion was made by Bliss, seconded by Murnion to approve the surplus of a list of library books received from Mrs. Hoverson. Motion carried unanimously.

ELECTION UPDATE

Clerk Guesanburu informed the Board that the nominating petitions and write-in intent declarations are equal to or less than the number of positions to be elected, and there is no reason for the Trustee election.

NEGOTIATIONS

At this time Chairman Phipps informed the Board of the meeting with the JEA on March 17th. The JEA would like the Board to pay full basic plan price towards health insurance, add two steps on the pay scale, change the wording of their contracts from days to hours, add a 2% raise to the base of the pay scale, and add a pay increase to the lanes of the pay schedule. The Board agrees to pay the full basic plan price towards health insurance, changing the wording of the contract, and to add pay increase to the MA and MA+1 lanes on the pay schedule. The Board does not agree to add two steps and a 2% raise to the base of the pay schedule. The negotiations committee will take this offer back to the JEA at the next available time they can meet.

20-21 MUST INSURANCE RATES

Motion was made by Bliss, seconded by Saylor to approve the new tier factor rates from MUST for the 2020-21 year, paying \$661.00 per month towards employee health insurance. Motion carried unanimously.

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STUDENT HANDBOOK REVISIONS

Motion was made by Saylor, seconded by Murnion to approve the revision of page 18 -Graduation-Valedictorian/Salutatorian, third sentence – The cumulative GPA will be determined by dividing the total grade points by the number of semester units taken through the third quarter of the senior year for each student. Motion carried unanimously. Motion was made by Murnion, seconded by Saylor to approve the revision of page 16 – Extra-and Co-Curricular Alcohol, Drug, and tobacco Use, third sentence – If a student is proven to be (in them or on them standard – To include locker and personal items) using tobacco, alcohol, or illicit drugs, the will be disciplined in accordance with the activities and student handbooks. Motion was made by Murnion, seconded by Matt to approve the revision of page 15 – Activity Attendance, final paragraph – Pep Band will play at all home games, all district basketball games with exception of late games on Wednesday and will play for the first games for each team and all consolation and championship games at Miles City divisionals. Divisionals in Laurel will be determined on a case by case basis. Motion carried unanimously. Motion was made by Saylor, seconded by Murnion to approve the revision of page 15 – Academic Eligibility, starting second sentence – Students will have three (3) weeks at the beginning of each quarter to establish eligibility, previous quarter grade will be used for eligibility during this period. 4th Quarter grades will establish eligibility for 1st quarter of the next school year (Fall 2020 not included). Motion carried unanimously. Motion was made by Murnion, seconded by Saylor to approve the revision of page 8 - Class Ranking, second sentence - Courses not eligible for GPA are designated with an asterisk on the report card (Driver's Ed, Career). Motion carried unanimously.

DRIVER'S ED CONTRACT

Motion was made by Murnion, seconded by Bliss to approve a rate increase to the original 2020-21 Driver's Ed contract of one dollar, total contract amount \$26.00 an hour for the service of driving time outside of the negotiated certified employee contract. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN

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