

MADISON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5
BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, May 11, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Kendra Horn. Rhonda Boyd, William Fabel, John Russ Hamilton, Kendra Horn, Therese Sutton (Zoom), Klint Todd, and William T. C. Wood were present. Principal Rodney Stout and Superintendent Micheal Wetherbee were present.

Visitors: Kaylie Theis, Ridgley Elser, Mackenzie Fabel, Laurie Bartoletti (Zoom), Bronwyn Pfau, Cory Rowberry

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: William Fabel led the Board and the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Pledge

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Visitors from the Floor: Student Council President Mackenzie Fabel reported on the following student activities: Desaray Tipton received a gold medal at the State FCCLA competition, and will compete at Nationals in Nashville, TN; district track is May 14 at Gallatin High School; the senior class is preparing for their portfolios and senior projects, and will be done with school on May 27.

Public Comment

NEW BUSINESS:

HIRING AND/OR RESIGNATION:

Consideration of FY22 Fall and Winter Coaches and Advisors:

- Superintendent Wetherbee recommended hiring Ben Holland as the head varsity boys' basketball coach for FY 22. William T. C. Wood moved to hire Ben Holland as head varsity boys' basketball coach for FY22, and John Russ Hamilton seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- Superintendent Wetherbee recommended hiring Clay Pierson as head varsity football coach for FY22. John Russ Hamilton moved to hire Clay Pierson as head varsity football coach for FY22, and William Fabel seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- Superintendent Wetherbee recommended hiring Sara Decker as head varsity volleyball coach for FY22. Rhonda Boyd moved to hire Sara Decker as head varsity volleyball coach for FY22, and John Russ Hamilton seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- Superintendent Wetherbee recommended hiring Rodney Braaten as FFA advisor for FY22. William T. C. Wood moved to hire Rodney Braaten as FFA advisor for FY22, and Klint Todd seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- Superintendent Wetherbee recommended hiring Rachel Minert as FCCLA advisor for FY22. John Russ Hamilton moved to hire Rachel Minert as FCCLA advisor for FY22, and William Fabel seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- Superintendent Wetherbee recommended hiring Ed Burke as athletic director for FY22. Rhonda Boyd moved to hire Ed Burke as athletic director for FY22, and Klint Todd seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- Superintendent Wetherbee recommended hiring Anthony Johnson as the music advisor and drama advisor for FY22. William T. C. Wood moved to hire Anthony Johnson as the music advisor and drama advisor for FY22, and John Russ Hamilton seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Hiring/Resignation

- Superintendent Wetherbee recommended hiring Rachel Minert as forensics advisor for FY22. William Fabel moved to hire Rachel Minert as forensics advisor for FY22, and Rhonda Boyd seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Consideration of FY22 Classified Staff: The Board reviewed the enclosed list of classified staff, and Superintendent Wetherbee recommended that the Board hire the classified staff as presented. Therese Sutton moved to hire the classified staff as presented, and Rhonda Boyd seconded the motion. The motion carried, and Rahn Abbott, Isabel Anderson, Tanja Bendon, Jason Chisholm, Myra Deavel, Jen Dvorak, Marty Gasper, Dave Gaters, Michael Grover, Lynette Larson, Emily McParland, Shawna Philby, Artie Rittmann, LaTesa Schrank, Cathie Sheldon, Lois Tate, Tonya Tipton, Rebecca Larsen were hired for the FY22 school year.

Classified Staff

CONSIDERATION OF FY22 INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH BEAVERHEAD COUNTY SCHOOL-PSYCHOLOGIST SERVICES: Superintendent Wetherbee recommended that the board approve the agreement with Beaverhead County Schools for FY22 school psychologist services. Rhonda Boyd moved to approve the agreement with Beaverhead County School as presented, and John Russ Hamilton seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Beaverhead Co.
School-Psych
Services

CONSIDERATION OF FY22 ACADIA CONTRACT-ALTACARE: The District has not received the FY22 contract with Acadia Montana for Altacare services. William T. C. Wood moved to table the item until the contract is received, and John Russ Hamilton seconded the motion, and the motion carried. The Board also discussed following up on state funding for CSCT programs.

Altacare
Contract

CONSIDERATION OF FY22 CONTRACT ROCK CREEK TELETHERAPY, LLC: Principal Stout recommended approval of the FY22 contract with Rock Creek Teletherapy, LLC for occupational therapy. John Russ Hamilton moved to approve the FY22 contract with Rock Creek Teletherapy, LLC, and William Fabel seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Rock Creek
Teletherapy
Contract

CANVASS 2021 ELECTION RESULTS: The Trustees reviewed the abstract of the election results, the tally books and BP-34 form provided by the County Clerk and Recorder and Election Administrator. William T. C. Wood moved to accept the results of the election as presented, and Rhonda Boyd seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Canvass 2021
Election

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION TO DISPOSE OF OBSOLETE EQUIPMENT: Principal Stout advised the Board that the District is not utilizing the oldest bus in the fleet, a 2004 IC BUS; the District has four route busses, two spares, and the panther bus; its intended use was transporting students to the school farm; the bus has no trade in value, but can possibly be sold for \$5,000. John Russ Hamilton moved to approve the resolution to dispose of obsolete property for the 2004 IC Bus, with proceeds being credited to the Elementary Bus Depreciation Fund. William Fabel seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Obsolete
Equipment

CONSIDERATION OF TRAFFIC EDUCATION INSTRUCTOR CONTRACT: Superintendent Wetherbee advised the Board that the District has been in a bind for a traffic education instructor; he explained the contract has a provision for the District to pay for Mr. Johnson to receive his traffic education certification and require him to teach the course for the next two summers; John Russ Hamilton moved to approve the traffic

Traffic Ed
Contract

education instructor contract, and Klint Todd seconded the motion. Discussion included, but was not limited to, the following: MTSBA was consulted for the contract language; the SFT was informed of the issue; under the CBA, the credits can't be used for Mr. Johnson to change lanes on the salary matrix; William Fabel moved to amend the motion to include language in the contract stipulating that the credits cannot be used for attainment on the salary schedule. William T. C. Wood seconded the motion to amend the motion. The motion to amend the motion carried. The motion carried.

CONSIDERATION OF SUMMER TRAFFIC ED PROGRAM: Superintendent Wetherbee informed the Board that Mr. Johnson will receive his certification in June, and plans to begin the summer driver's education program no later than July 5. William Fabel moved to approve the summer traffic education program for FY22, and John Russ Hamilton seconded the motion. The motion carried. Further discussion included student enrollment for the program; Superintendent Wetherbee stated that older students will have priority, and that the class may be full due to not having a program last summer.

Traffic Ed
Program

RESOLUTION FOR MAIL BALLOT ELECTION IN 2022 BY MADISON COUNTY CLERK & RECORDER: William T. C. Wood moved to approve the Trustee Resolution Requesting County Conduct Elections, and Rhonda Boyd seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Mail Ballot
Election-
Madison Co.

REQUIRED POLICY REVISIONS: Superintendent Wetherbee recommended approval of required revised policies #5228P, #1310, #2100, #2221, #2410P, and #3110. Therese Sutton moved to adopt the policy revisions as presented, and Rhonda Boyd seconded the motion. Discussion included, but was not limited to, the following: Policy #2410P is a win-win; it will help some students receive their diploma; while they won't be able to walk with their class at graduation if they don't receive all of their credits, but they won't counts as a drop-out for the District. The motion carried.

Policy #5228P,
#1310, #2100,
#2221, #2410P,
#3110

NEW REQUIRED POLICY: John Russ Hamilton moved to adopt new required policies #7220 and #7220P with option 2, and William Fabel seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Policy #7200,
#7200P

READING AND/OR APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S) MINUTES:

John Russ Hamilton moved to approve minutes from the April 13, 2021 regular and technology committee meetings as presented, and Rhonda Boyd seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Minutes

REVIEW AND/OR APPROVAL OF CURRENT BILLS AND EXPENDITURE PROPOSALS:

William T. C. Wood moved to approve the May warrant list as presented, including warrants #109448 through #109494 totaling 83,676.25, and John Russ Hamilton seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Expenditures

Expenditure Proposals: Boardworks Education-Teacher Resource: Superintendent Wetherbee presented a quote and demonstration for Boardworks, an online resource for K-12 curriculum for all subjects; the program costs \$20,690; all teachers will be able to utilize it, and the quote includes professional development; it is an easy resource to integrate into existing curriculum and lesson plans. Discussion included, but was not limited to, the following: the District has smart and innovative teachers, and this could be an expensive video game; purchasing supplemental materials for all grade levels and different curriculums is very expensive, and this is more cost effective; it seems like a

good resource, but the timing is wrong after asking for a mill levy; the software has a lot of value for students and teachers; the software can be purchased with ESSER II money, because it is another tool that addresses learning loss, and would be useful for remote learning; it is not worth the money if only one or two teachers utilize it; teachers can be more hands-on, and can find other free resources; it is another tool for substitute teachers; some staff members have previewed it and like what it offers, but if there is more buy-in from staff, it seems like a smarter investment. William Fabel moved to approve the purchase of the Boardworks K-12 Education Suite on Superintendent Wetherbee's recommendation. William T. C. Wood seconded the motion. The motion carried, with John Russ Hamilton, Therese Sutton, and William T. C. Wood opposed.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

Principal Stout reported on the following:

- April attendance – K-6=94% 7-8=95%, 9-12=92% K-12=94%;
- April students of the month;
- Madison County Track Meet was May 3rd, Sheridan hosted the meet, and it was held in Dillon; Sheridan's 5th/6th grade boys placed first and the girls paced 2nd;
- The spring concert will be filmed next week and put on the school YouTube channel; next year, concerts will all be in person;
- Spring MAPs testing is happening this week, and he hopes to be finished next week;
- Upcoming dates: See enclosed

Principal's
Report

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

- Enrollment is currently 64 students in high school, 24 students in middle school, and 98 students in K-6, for a total of 186 students;
- Discipline: Middle school students have had some after-school detentions, and some high school students have received after-school or lunch detentions, and four students have been suspended;
- Summer projects: the sprinklers are being prepped to be turned on, and he is working on getting the front steps of the s will be repaired/replaced high school repaired or replaced; the elementary gym floor will be refinished as soon as school is over, and the gym will be closed during June; the high school gym floor will be refinished at the same time, but will only be closed for one week due to the different type of finish;
- The 8th grade boys' track team placed at the Deer Lodge meet last Saturday;
- High School Track is winding down, and he anticipates about 8 kids will advance to the divisional meet, and 3 or 4 qualifying for the state meet;
- The seniors will graduate on May 30, on the football field, weather permitting; there will be no restrictions on spectators;
- 8th grade graduation will be held the last day of school;
- He reminded everyone that we can't lose focus during the last few weeks, because there is testing, portfolios, and finals still to come.

Supt. Report

Exiting board members Rhonda Boyd, William Fabel, John Russ Hamilton, and Klint Todd were recognized for their service to the Board, and presented with a certificate and gift.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 8:30 p.m., John Russ Hamilton moved to adjourn the meeting, and William Fabel seconded the motion.

Adjourn


The meeting was reopened for the reorganization of the Board at 8:45 p.m.

Board
Reorganization

- Bronwyn Pfau and Cory Rowberry, elected by acclamation, were seated on the Board;
- Ridgley Elser, elected by 395 votes, and Kaylie Theis, elected by 356 votes, were seated on the Board;
- William T. C. Wood nominated Kendra Horn as Board Chair; Bronwen Pfau seconded the motion, and the motion carried.
- William T. C. Wood nominated Therese Sutton as Vice Chair; and Kaylie Theis seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- Therese Sutton moved to appoint Rebecca Larsen as District Clerk, and Ridgley Elser seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- The following committees were appointed:
Safety Committee: Ridgley Elser, Therese Sutton, and William T. C. Wood
Technology Committee: Kendra Horn, Bronwen Pfau, and Cory Rowberry
Negotiation Committee: Ridgley Elser (alternate), Kendra Horn, Kaylie Theis, and William T. C. Wood.

At 8:45 p.m., William T. C. Wood moved to adjourn the reorganization meeting. The minutes of this meeting were recorded and transcribed by Rebecca E. Larsen, District Clerk.


CLERK


CHAIRMAN