

**MADISON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5
BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, February 11, 2020**

The regular meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by William T. C. Wood. Board Members present were William Fabel, Charles Gilman, Kendra Horn, Therese Sutton, Klint Todd, and William T. C. Wood. Superintendent Micheal Wetherbee and Principal Stout were present. John Russ Hamilton was absent.

Visitors: Greg Miller, Josh McNeal, Donnie Engelhardt, Cade McParland, Tymbre Stender, Katie Bumgarner, Anthony Johnson, Richard Myott, Corey Theis, Lindsay Bodda, Diane Kaatz, Gail Leary, and Laurie Bartoletti.

Logan McDougal led the Board and the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

Public
Comment

REPORTS:

STUDENT COUNCIL: Cade McParland, student body president, reported on the following: The Ruby Valley FFA competed at the Fergus Mechanics and Melstone Mechanics competitions, with several members placing; district basketball tournaments will begin on Thursday, February 20 in Butte, and the annual ski trip for honor roll students will be Tuesday, March 3.

Student
Council

ELEMENTARY SOLAR PANEL PROJECT: Superintendent Wetherbee reported that the project is still on hold due to the weather.

Solar Panels

ROBOTICS DEMONSTRATION: The Lego Robotics teams competed in Bozeman on January 18. Team members Jace Allhands, Silas Anson, Bella Cash-Rich, Quinn Gilman, Aurora Miller, Mylee Schrapps, Kyler Engelhardt, Logan McDougal, and Regan McNeal provided the Board with a demonstration of some of the things they programmed their robots to do, and spoke briefly about the competition. Coaches Tymbre Stender and Katie Bumgarner also provided information about the program and they are excited about the things their teams have learned; they outlined their plans to build upon this year's success, and look forward to even better performance next year.

Robotics
Demonstration

BOARD GOALS AND TRAINING:

Sheridan School Board will encourage feedback from alumni to showcase strengths and improve weaknesses.

Board Goals &
Training

Superintendent Wetherbee listed the ways that the District attempts to engage with former students, noting that he makes it a point to welcome them back to discuss their experience after graduation, and specifically asks them what ways they feel their education prepared them for college or the work-force, and what ways they felt unprepared.

Strategic Planning: Superintendent Wetherbee provided a hand out of the strategic plan that he is developing from the Board's input. He asked that they use it to prepare for the Board Retreat, and be ready to work on it in depth.

Strategic Planning

BOARD RETREAT: The Board unanimously decided to reschedule the Board Retreat from Saturday, March 7 to Saturday, February 29 due to scheduling conflicts.

Board Retreat

OLD BUSINESS:

CHEMICAL LAB CLEAN-UP: Superintendent Wetherbee informed the Board that he has contacted Beartooth Environmental from Shepherd, MT, regarding disposal of the outdated chemicals that were flagged during the last risk assessment performed by the insurance company. Mr. Regnerus is currently inventorying the chemicals in the science lab, and when it is done, the company will proceed with proper disposal.

Chem. Lab

NEW BUSINESS:

OUT OF DISTRICT ATTENDANCE: None at this time.

Out of District Attendance

HIRING AND/OR RESIGNATION: Superintendent Wetherbee recommended hiring Shawn Regnerus as head varsity track coach. Charles Gilman moved to hire Shawn Regnerus as head varsity track coach, and William Fabel seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Hiring/Resignation

Superintendent Wetherbee recommended hiring Myra Deavel as assistant varsity track coach. Kendra Horn moved to hire Myra Deavel as assistant varsity track coach, and Charles Gilman seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Superintendent Wetherbee recommended hiring Ed Burke as head middle school track coach. William Fabel moved to hire Ed Burke as head middle school track coach, and Therese Sutton seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Superintendent Wetherbee recommended hiring Myra Deavel as a one-on-one paraprofessional. William Fabel moved to hire Myra Deavel as a one-on-one paraprofessional, and Therese Sutton seconded the motion. Discussion included, but was not limited to, the following: Superintendent Wetherbee recommends hiring her with a higher hourly wage than the current matrix provides, due to the nature of the position, her education and experience. Therese Sutton moved to amend the motion to hire Myra Deavel as a one-on-one paraprofessional at a grade 26 due to her education and experience, and William Fabel seconded the motion. The amendment to the motion carried. The motion carried.

ADULT EDUCATION FACILITY USE: Lindsay Bodda, adult education instructor, addressed the Board and expressed her gratitude for the new equipment in the public weight room, and asked for clear communication regarding use of the mezzanine weight room; Superintendent Wetherbee stated that he had been working on ways to accommodate interested parties, and a schedule is a feasible

Adult Ed Facility Use

solution; he reiterated the intention for creating the mezzanine weight room was to avoid student interactions with the public, and student use has precedence over other groups. Diane Kaatz and Gayle Leary also addressed the Board, stating that the mezzanine is the ideal location for the HIIT class. Chairman Wood stated that though this is an agenda item, he feels it is an administrative issue; the administration has the students' safety in mind, and will work to be reasonable in communicating schedules and accommodating the adult education program. There was no motion.

BAND TRIP TO SALT LAKE CITY, UT MARCH 5-MARCH 7: Music teacher Anthony Johnson provided a proposed itinerary to take the high school band to Salt Lake City March 5-March 7 and asked for the Board's approval. (See enclosed itinerary). Approximately 16 students will go to see the play *Bright Star* by Edie Brickell and Steve Martin, along with 3 chaperones and himself. Charles Gilman moved to approve the band trip to Salt Lake City March 5 through March 7, and Therese Sutton seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Band Trip

COMMUNITY YOUTH SPORTS: Chairman Wood informed the Board that a member of the public approached him about forming a committee with community stakeholders regarding youth sports with the intention of helping parents get involved before their children reach the competitive level in middle school. The Board briefly discussed the idea, before determining that the initiative should be driven by the community and parents, and not the District.

Youth Sports

FOX ALARM CAMERA SYSTEM EXPANSION BID: Principal Stout reviewed the enclosed bids from Fox Alarm for expanding the camera system, totaling \$19,764.00. Charles Gilman moved to accept the bid from Fox Alarm, and William Fabel seconded the motion. The expansion will provide better camera coverage for areas that aren't currently covered, like the bus barn, and includes new hardware and magnetic locks for the gym doors. The motion carried.

Camera
System Bid

SPRING ENROLLMENT DATA: The Board reviewed the spring enrollment data from the state, and the accompanying ANB (Annual Number Belonging) and preliminary budget information. (See enclosed.) The spring enrollment count was taken on February 3, 2020, and there were 97 students in grades K-6, 34 students in grades 7-8, and 62 students in grades 9-12.

Spring
Enrollment

REQUIRED POLICY REVISIONS: Charles Gilman moved to adopt the following required policy revisions as presented by MTSBA: #5120-Hiring Process and Criteria, #5223-Personal Conduct, #5232-Abused and Neglected Child Reporting, #5329 and #5329P-Long Term Illness and Disability Leave, #5330-Maternity and Paternity Leave, #7260-Donations, Endowments, Gifts and Investments, #8225-Tobacco Free Policy. William Fabel seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Policy #5120,
#5223, #5232,
#5329 &
#5329P,
#5330, #7260,
#8225

RECOMMENDED POLICY REVISIONS: Superintendent Wetherbee recommended adopting first reading of Policy #8301 as presented by MTSBA,

Policy #8301

with the optional language in paragraph 6. Kendra Horn moved to adopt revised Policy #8301 as presented with the optional language in paragraph 6. Therese Sutton seconded the motion and the motion carried.

OPTIONAL NEW FORMS: Superintendent Wetherbee recommended adopting first reading of Policy #2151F as presented to replace the District's current Assumption of Risk and Liability Waiver. Kendra Horn moved to adopt Policy #2151F as presented, and Charles Gilman seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Policy #2151F

Superintendent Wetherbee recommended adopting first reading of Policy #5430F as presented. Kendra Horn moved to adopt Policy #5430F as presented, and Charles Gilman seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Policy #5430F

RESOLUTION FOR TRUSTEE ELECTION-TWO POSITIONS: Therese Sutton moved to adopt the Resolution for Election for one Alder trustee position for a three year term, and Kendra Horn seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Resolution for Election

Charles Gilman moved to adopt the Resolution for Election for one Sheridan trustee position for a three year term, and William Fabel seconded the motion. The motion carried.

PRINCIPAL RENEWAL/NON-RENEWAL: Superintendent Wetherbee remarked that Principal Stout is doing a great job as elementary principal and received a positive evaluation. He recommended renewing Rodney Stout's principal contract for the 2020-21 school year. Therese Sutton moved to renew Principal Stout's contract for the 2020-21 school year, and Kendra Horn seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Principal
Renewal/Non
renewal

READING AND OR APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S) MINUTES

Therese Sutton moved to approve the minutes from the Jan. 14, 2020 regular meeting as presented and William Fabel seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Minutes

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

The Trustees reviewed the District warrant list for January, totaling \$59,774.80 including warrants #108852 through #108890. Charles Gilman moved to approve the warrant list as presented, and Kendra Horn seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Warrant List

Expenditure Proposals: Superintendent Wetherbee advised the Board that the football sled needs to be replaced, and that purchase will need to be approved in the near future.

Exp. Proposals

PRINCIPAL REPORT:

Principal Stout reported on the following:

- January attendance was 94% for K-6, 95% for 7-8, 94% for 9-12, and 94% overall;
- He listed the students of the month for January;
- The 3rd quarter unit for the elementary is focused on heroes and heroines;
- The Sheridan Spelling Bee is February 12, and he listed the participants;
- The Science Fair will be March 4, and the Regional Science Fair will be held in Butte on March 12;
- Parent/Teacher Conferences are scheduled for February 27.

Principal's
Report

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Superintendent Wetherbee reported on the following:

- Snow removal is taking place as needed and the equipment is working as expected;
- The varsity gym bleachers are deteriorating, and Mr. Abbott is working on replacing them;
- The solar panel installation will proceed when the weather allows;
- He met with Twin Bridges Superintendent Thad Kaiser regarding sharing the two Districts' list of substitute bus drivers or sharing activity busses if the two schools are travelling to the same location; they sought input from MTSBA regarding a formal agreement, and were advised that an informal agreement would be more appropriate;
- Discipline in the junior high grades has been a bit of a struggle, and there have been a few out of school suspensions, but that resulted in a decrease in negative behavior; the high school students have had some after school and lunch detentions, but nothing serious.

Supt. Report

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:48 p.m., Therese Sutton made a motion that the meeting be adjourned.

Adjourn

The minutes of this meeting were recorded and transcribed by Rebecca E. Larsen, District Clerk.


CLERK


CHAIRMAN