

**MADISON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING  
Tuesday, March 10, 2020**

The regular meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Vice Chair John Russ Hamilton. Board Members present were Charles Gilman, John Russ Hamilton, and Kendra Horn. Therese Sutton joined the meeting electronically at 7:14 p.m. Superintendent Micheal Wetherbee and Principal Stout were present. William Fabel, Klint Todd, and William T. C. Wood were absent.

Visitors: Laurie Bartoletti, Cade McParland, Zoe Lee, Shawn Regnerus, Kialar Maddison, Kaleigh Caldwell, and Rachel Minert.

John Russ Hamilton 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: basketball season ended with the district tournament in Butte February 20-22; track practice started March 9, and there are approximately 18 participants; FFA Districts for parliamentary procedure and speaking events was held in Twin Bridges on February 17, and Crops and Mechanics traveled to Conrad March 6-7; FCCLA is currently preparing for State.

Student  
Council

**FCCLA ADVOCACY PROJECT:** Kayleigh Caldwell and Kialar Maddison spoke to the Board about the dangers of vaping, and requested that the Board implement mandatory annual education and presented their pamphlet. (See enclosed.)

FCCLA

(7:14-Therese Sutton joined the meeting electronically.)

**CB MURRAY, HIGH SCHOOL AND VO-AG BUILDING FIRE SYSTEM UPGRADE:** Superintendent Wetherbee reported that the application for the Delivering Local Assistance grant for the upgrade to the fire system was denied by the Department of Commerce; he has done more research and is looking into a wireless system that will be more cost effective or putting in false ceilings to lower the cost of installation of a wired system.

Board Goals &  
Training

**SAFETY COMMITTEE:** Superintendent Wetherbee reported that the safety committee focused on the Coronavirus and discussion included the possibility of an outbreak, school closure procedures, hygiene, custodial practices, and communication with county health officials.

**BOARD GOALS AND TRAINING:**

Sheridan School Board will provide the staffing structure to promote a diverse and well-rounded education for all students through the employment of highly qualified individuals.

Superintendent Wetherbee noted that the District does a good job recruiting and retaining staff; staff is evaluated every year by the administration; the staff and administration work together to evaluate educational programs to determine what is working and what isn't; the District is providing a great education, and as in all schools, it is better for students who are invested in their own education.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

ELEMENTARY SOLAR PANEL PROJECT: Superintendent Wetherbee reported that Kenworthy Electric is getting prepped to start the installation of the solar panels next week or so; the deadline for installation is April 20, and he doesn't anticipate needing to push that back.

Solar Panels

Policy #8301

SECOND READING-Policy #8301-School Safety: Superintendent Wetherbee reported that the safety committee reviewed the policy and recommended that the Board adopt the policy with the following local hazards: "fire, earthquake, high winds, tornadoes, intruders, firearms, chemical spills, etc..." and without the optional language. Charles Gilman moved to approve second reading of Policy #8301 as recommended by the committee, and Kendra Horn seconded the motion. Discussion included, but was not limited to the following: the local hazards within the district and are we in a flood zone, keeping first sentence of optional language would be appropriate. Charles Gilman moved to amend the main motion to adopt Policy #8301 with the hazards recommended by the safety committee and the first sentence of the optional language: *"The Superintendent shall ensure District employees are provided equipment, tools, and devices designed to ensure a safe and healthy workplace in accordance with this policy."* Kendra Horn seconded the motion to amend the motion. The motion to amend carried. The main motion carried.

Policy #2151F  
& #5430F

SECOND READING-Policy #2151F-Assumption of Risk Form, #5430F-Volunteers and Chaperones Form: Kendra Horn moved to accept second reading of Policy #2151F and Policy #5430F. Therese Sutton seconded the motion and the motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

OUT OF DISTRICT ATTENDANCE: None at this time.

Out of District  
Attendance

HIRING AND/OR RESIGNATION: Superintendent Wetherbee recommended hiring April Berg as the assistant cook; Charles Gilman moved to hire April Berg as the assistant cook, and Kendra Horn seconded the motion. Discussion included, but was not limited to, the following: Isabel Anderson, current assistant cook, will transfer to the Spanish-speaking paraprofessional position. The motion carried.

Hiring/Resigna  
tion

Superintendent Wetherbee recommended hiring Katie Bumgarner as the Adult Education Director. Therese Sutton moved to hire Katie Bumgarner as the Adult Education Director, and Charles Gilman seconded the motion. The motion carried.



Superintendent Wetherbee recommended hiring Catherine McRae as a one-on-one paraprofessional. Kendra Horn moved to hire Catherine McRae as a one-on-one paraprofessional, and Charles Gilman seconded the motion. The motion carried.

SENIOR TRIP-SALT LAKE CITY, UT-APRIL 9-11: Zoe Lee presented the Board with the proposed itinerary for the senior trip to Salt Lake City, UT April 9-11. Kendra Horn moved to approve the senior trip to Salt Lake City, UT, and Charles Gilman seconded the motion. Discussion included, but was not limited to, the following: the class would be staying at an Airbnb instead of hotel, the cost was comparable, and the chaperones felt it would be easier to monitor students in one location; there are currently two chaperones, and they are looking for a third; this is the only weekend available between music festivals and FFA and FCCLA competitions; the class will consider alternatives to the trip if the Coronavirus prohibits out-of-state travel, like going to Fairmont. The motion carried.

PRINCIPAL CONTRACT: Principal Stout presented a proposal for his 2020-21 Principal Contract. (See enclosed) Kendra Horn moved to accept the proposal as presented, and Charles Gilman seconded. Discussion included, but was not limited to, the following: contract language regarding sick and personal leave should align with the CBA; the .5% increase is applied to what is considered the “base salary” and the health insurance portion is dependent on rate increases provided by MUST, which will be received later this month. The motion carried.

PRELIMINARY BUDGET DATA FY 21: The Board reviewed the preliminary budget data provided by the OPI. The highest budget without a vote for the elementary general fund will be \$1,093,564.56, and the high school general fund will be \$968,656.45.

RESOLUTION OF INTENT TO INCREASE/DECREASE NON-VOTED LEVIES: The Board reviewed the history and projections for the 2020-21 school year for enrollment, taxable values, dollars and mills levied, expenditure fund, and funding sources for both districts. They also reviewed the projected changes in permissive levies for all funds for the elementary and high school districts’ 2020-21 budgets. (See enclosed.)

Kendra Horn moved to adopt the proposed Sheridan High School Resolution of Intent to Impose an Increase in Levies, using the totals for all funds with permissive levies and the current taxable values, for the purpose of funding projects that improve the general safety of students and staff, increase energy efficiency, to repair roofing systems, or any other critical repairs needed to improve functionality of the school facilities. Charles Gilman seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Therese Sutton moved to adopt the proposed Sheridan Elementary Resolution of Intent to Impose an Increase in Levies, using the totals for all funds with permissive levies and the current taxable values, for the purpose of funding

Senior Trip

Principal  
Contract

Preliminary  
Budget Data

Non-voted  
Levy Notice

projects that improve the general safety of students and staff, increase energy efficiency, to repair roofing systems, or any other critical repairs needed to improve functionality of the school facilities. Kendra Horn seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**HIRE TENURED TEACHERS:** Superintendent Wetherbee recommended hiring the tenured staff as follows: Kord Anderson, Laurie Bartoletti, Rodney Braaten, Ed Burke, Sara Decker, Paula Elser, Michelle Gasper, Destiny Howser, Lyra Hyndman, Anthony Johnson, Heather Kenworthy, Jennifer Konopacki, Rachel Minert, Shawn Regnerus, and April Wuelfing. (See enclosed.) Therese Sutton moved to hire the tenured teachers as recommended and Charles Gilman seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**APPROVE 2020-21 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR:** Superintendent Wetherbee presented the Board with the calendar that the staff had voted for, out of the three that were developed by the calendar committee; the proposed calendar has one five-day week, and is close to our typical calendar. Kendra Horn moved to approve the calendar as presented, and Charles Gilman seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**READING AND OR APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S) MINUTES**

Kendra Horn moved to approve the minutes from the February 11, 2020 regular meeting, with the typo in the index corrected. Charles Gilman seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

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

The Trustees reviewed the District warrant list for March, totaling \$78,621.99 including warrants #108891 through #108925. Charles Gilman moved to approve the warrant list as presented, and Kendra Horn seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**Expenditure Proposals:** Superintendent Wetherbee presented the Board with estimates on flooring for the lunch room, kitchen and elementary hallway from Pierce Flooring and Gallatin Valley Carpet One. (See enclosed.) The flooring is 22 years old; he would recommend doing the kitchen and hallway this summer, and the cafeteria can be put off until next summer; the cafeteria floor still looks nice after being refinished; the hallway carpet is worn out, and it is difficult to make it look presentable; the kitchen floor could be repaired, but then would need to be addressed again in a few years. Superintendent Wetherbee recommended that the Board approve the bid for Pierce Flooring, as their cost was lower. Charles Gilman moved to approve the proposal from Pierce Flooring for the elementary hallway carpet and the kitchen floor for approximately \$39,000. Kendra Horn seconded the motion. Discussion included, but was not limited to, the following: the expense for the hallway will come from the elementary building reserve fund, but the kitchen will be split between the high school and elementary building reserve funds. The motion carried.

Hire Tenured Teachers

2020-21 School Calendar

Minutes

Warrant List

Exp. Proposals



**PRINCIPAL REPORT:**

Principal Stout reported on the following:

- February attendance was 93% for K-6, 89% for 7-8, 95% for 9-12, and 93% overall; first time in a years that attendance has been less than 90%;
- He listed the students of the month for February;
- The Quarter 4 unit project for elementary grades will be rockets and space;
- He listed the results for the Spelling Bee and the Science Fair;
- Family movie night was held March 6th, sponsored by the PALZ program, Adult Ed, and Title I, for parent and family involvement;
- Kindergarten Round Up is scheduled for April 7 at 6:00 p.m.;
- Current enrollment is 98 student in grades K-6;
- See enclosed.

Principal's  
Report

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:**

Superintendent Wetherbee reported on the following:

- Mrs. Bartoletti presented on College and Career Week; all the high school students went to Helena to visit Carroll College and the Helena College; presenters were brought in through the week to discuss career paths and opportunities, and on Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> grade students heard from staff members about their life choices and career paths.
- There are currently 62 high school students and 33 middle school students. Overall, enrollment is getting close to 200 students K-12.
- The students are currently in their spring testing cycle, and that is going well;
- Technology is working as expected currently; the CB Murray machines will be updated to Windows 10 after the students have completed testing;
- Basketball season had ended, and track season is starting. There will be approximately 20 participants in middle school track, and 18 in high school;
- Prom will be April 4 at the Round Barn in Twin Bridges;
- On March 16, OPI will release the ESSA School Report Cards and they will be posted on the school website;
- The classified matrix will be ready for the Board to review at the next meeting.


Supt. Report

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 8:42 p.m., Charles Gilman 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