

MADISON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5
BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, May 12, 2020

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

Visitors: Laurie Bartoletti, Lyra Hundman, and Anthony Johnson (electronically)

Charles Gilman led the Board and the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

Public
Comment

NEW BUSINESS:

HIRING AND/OR RESIGNATION: Superintendent Wetherbee recommended hiring Anthony Johnson as the drama advisor for the current school year, as his hiring had been missed earlier in the year. Kendra Horn moved to hire Anthony Johnson as the 2019-20 drama advisor, and Therese Sutton seconded. The motion carried.

Hiring/Resigna
tion

FALL AND WINTER COACHES AND ADVISORS: Superintendent Wetherbee made the following recommendations for the 2020-21 school year:

- Ed Burke as athletic director; Charles Gilman moved to hire Ed Burke as athletic director and John Russ Hamilton seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- Clay Pierson as head varsity football coach; Kendra Horn moved to hire Clay Pierson as head varsity football coach, and Therese Sutton seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- Sara Decker as head varsity volleyball coach; John Russ Hamilton moved to hire Sara Decker as head varsity volleyball coach, and Charles Gilman seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- Ben Holland as head varsity boys' basketball coach; Therese Sutton moved to hire Ben Holland as head varsity boys' basketball coach, and Charles Gilman seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- Emily Pierson as head varsity girls' basketball coach; Kendra Horn moved to hire Emily Pierson as head varsity girls' basketball coach and Therese Sutton seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- Ed Burke as co-head middle school football coach; Kendra Horn moved to hire Ed Burke as co-head middle school football coach, and Therese Sutton seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- Anthony Johnson as co-head middle school football coach; Therese Sutton moved to hire Anthony Johnson as co-head middle school football coach, and Charles Gilman seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- Dena Maddison as head middle school volleyball coach; Therese Sutton

moved to hire Dena Maddison as head middle school volleyball coach, and Charles Gilman seconded the motion. The motion carried.

- Rodney Braaten as FFA advisor; John Russ Hamilton moved to hire Rodney Braaten as the FFA advisor, and Charles Gilman seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- Tymbre Stender as assistant FFA advisor; Charles Gilman moved to hire Tymbre Stender as assistant FFA advisor, and Therese Sutton seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- Rachel Minert as FCCLA advisor; Therese Sutton moved to hire Rachel Minert as FCCLA advisor, and Kendra Horn seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- Anthony Johnson as music advisor; Charles Gilman moved to hire Anthony Johnson as music advisor and John Russ Hamilton seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Superintendent Wetherbee recommended hiring Sara Decker as cook for the summer food program. Therese Sutton moved to hire Sara Decker as summer food cook, and John Russ Hamilton seconded the motion. Discussion included, but was not limited to: there may be some adjustments to how the summer food program is operated due to COVID-19; factors include what phase of re-opening the state is in, if meals will be grab-and-go or fed in a congregate setting, and if summer PALZ and summer school will be operated. The motion carried.

Superintendent Wetherbee recommended hiring the list of classified staff for the 2020-21 school year as presented. (See enclosed.) Therese Sutton moved to approve the list of classified staff for the 2020-21 school year as presented, and Charles Gilman seconded the motion. The motion carried, with John Russ Hamilton abstaining.

Classified Staff

FY 21 LUNCH PRICES-Superintendent Wetherbee recommended raising 2020-21 lunch prices for adults and students in grades 7-12 from \$2.00 to \$2.50. The Board reviewed the lunch program reimbursement data provided, and were advised that the District is reimbursed \$3.41 for each free meal served, \$3.01 for each reduced price meal served, and \$.32 for each paid meal served; the District's revenue for each paid meal is \$2.32; the USDA monitors the difference between paid meal revenue and the amount reimbursed for a free meal, and for several years has recommended that the District increase the meal charge; past boards felt it was not necessary because the general funds were used to subsidize the lunch fund. Superintendent Wetherbee stated that he does not set a budget for the cook to follow, as his philosophy is to feed the students what they are interested in eating; it has been at least 10 years since meal prices were increased. John Russ Hamilton moved to table the item until the June board meeting to gather information on cost per meal; Therese Sutton seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

FY 21 Lunch
Prices

(William Fabel left the meeting at 7:15 pm)

21ST CENTURY LEARNING CENTER PROGRAM-PALZ SUMMER PROGRAM: Superintendent Wetherbee advised the Board that due to COVID-19 policies and 21st Century Community Learning Center program requirements, the Board will need to approve the summer PALZ program; Lyra Hyndman, 21st CCLC grant director advised the Board that she was developing plans and protocols for each phase of reopening. Discussion included, but was not limited to: the ideal situation would be to wait for phase 3 when there will be fewer restrictions; during phases 1 and 2, options are to operate the program through distance learning with packets and virtual meetings, or limited gatherings on campus with students split into small groups, and measures such as extra cleaning and temperature screenings; the program typically runs during the month of July, and was scheduled to begin on July 6 this year. Superintendent Wetherbee anticipates having more information available in the next few weeks about reopening schools, and advised the Board to “wait and see” before making a decision. If Montana does proceed to phase 2, it will be safe to come back to in-person learning with the number of students that are anticipated; he still plans to operate summer school concurrently with summer PALZ and the summer food program. The Board will reconsider the issue at the June board meeting.

Summer PALZ

FY 20-21 PROPERTY AND LIABILITY INSURANCE: The Board reviewed the MSGIA renewal packet. Kendra Horn moved to approve the 2020-21 MSGIA Property and Liability Insurance in the amount of \$29,802; Charles Gilman seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

FY21 Prop. & Liab. Ins.

FY 20-21 INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH BEAVERHEAD COUNTY SCHOOLS-PSYCHOLOGIST SERVICES: Principal Stout advised the Board that since leaving the special education co-op, the District is contracting with Beaverhead County Schools to provide psychologist services to students; the arrangement has been working well, and he recommended approving the agreement for the FY20-21 school year. John Russ Hamilton moved to approve the Interlocal Agreement with Beaverhead County Schools, and Therese Sutton seconded the motion. The motion carried.

FY21 Interlocal Agreement-Psych Svcs.

FY 20-21 SPEECH THERAPY CONTRACT-THERAPY WORKS, LLC: Principal Stout recommended approving the FY 20-21 contract with Therapy Works, LLC. Charles Gilman moved to approve the FY 20-21 contract with Therapy Works, LLC, and Therese Sutton seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Speech Therapy

FY 20-21 ACADIA CONTRACT-ALTACARE: Superintendent Wetherbee recommended approving the FY 20-21 contract with Acadia for Altacare services; approximately 15% of students utilize the service, and it is a valuable resource. Kendra Horn moved to approve the FY 20-21 contract with Acadia, and Charles Gilman seconded the motion. The motion carried, with John Russ Hamilton abstaining.

Acadia Contract

CANVASS 2020 ELECTION RESULTS: The Trustees reviewed the abstract of election, ballot report and tally book for the school election held May 5, 2020, provided by the Madison County Clerk & Recorder and Election office. John Russ Hamilton moved to approve the election results, and Charles Gilman seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Canvass
Election

RESOLUTION FOR MAIL BALLOT ELECTION IN 2021 BY MADISON COUNTY CLERK & RECORDER: Therese Sutton moved to approve the resolution for mail ballot election in 2021 by the Madison County Clerk & Recorder. Charles Gilman seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Resolution for
County to Run
Election

READING AND OR APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S) MINUTES

Therese Sutton moved to approve the minutes from the special meetings held on March 15, 2020, March 22, 2020, March 26, 2020, April 5, 2020, April 19, 2020, April 26, 2020, and May 3, 2020. John Russ Hamilton seconded the motion. The motion carried. Kendra Horn moved to approve the minutes from the regular meeting held April 14, 2020. Charles Gilman 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 May, totaling \$107,260.46 including warrants #108969 through #109008. Kendra Horn moved to approve the warrant list as presented, and Charles Gilman seconded the motion. Discussion included, but was not limited to: there were no significant expenses related to the school closure; the majority of expenses at this time are supplies for next year. The motion carried.

Warrant List

PRINCIPAL REPORT:

Principal Stout reported on the following:

- He received a bid to install bleachers in the South Mezzanine for \$56,000; the bleachers would be an additional 231 seats; the cost of electrical work to wire the bleachers is not included. The cost is prohibitive and he will not move forward with that project.
- He is meeting with someone about playground equipment next week, and plans to replace the purple equipment; he anticipates new equipment will be approximately \$40,000, and hopes to have a proposal at the June meeting.
- The next big maintenance project will be installing the kitchen floor.
- Thursday, May 14, will be the last day that meals are delivered to students;
- Elementary students will check-out on Friday, May 15, and appointments are scheduled like parent-teacher conferences to maintain adequate distancing, and a hand-wash station will be placed at the entrance.
- The last distance-learning packets were delivered today. Overall, distance-learning went better than expected. Almost all teachers conducted Zoom meetings for their classes at least once per week. The staff really stepped up the last few months.

Principal's
Report

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Superintendent Wetherbee reported on the following:

- There will be no Drivers' Ed. program this summer. U of M Northern is not holding their normal instructor training, and the teacher who planned to teach it will not be able to get their certification; he is checking into alternatives;
- Summer school will be for high school students who received a failing semester grade in any class; teachers are preparing 20 days of work; students who successfully complete summer school will receive a D on their transcript; some 7th and 8th graders who need remediation in English and math will also be invited to attend; summer school will not be held unless it can be done in person;
- Middle and high school students will check out in a manner similar to the elementary students; there will be a handwashing station at the front entrance, and five students at a time will be allowed in the building;
- Graduation will be May 24 at 1:00 p.m. on the football field; if there is inclement weather, the ceremony will be moved to the gym, and the audience will be restricted to parents only; graduation will be broadcast by FM radio and a video will be on Facebook immediately after;
- He commended Mr. Stout for his efforts in delivering meals and work to students; even with the struggles the District faced, our distance-learning was better than most schools, which is a testament to the staff;
- He advised the Board that facilities will not be available for public use until the State is in phase 3 of reopening; coaches are in the process of developing a schedule and proper protocols for students to begin using the facilities.

Chairman Wood recognized Charles Gilman, and thanked him for his 6+ years on the Board.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:10 p.m., Charles Gilman made a motion that the meeting be adjourned.

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


CLERK


CHAIRMAN

The meeting was reopened for the reorganization of the Board at 8:15 p.m.

- Trustee Therese Sutton, elected by 303 votes to 244 votes, was seated on the Board.
- William T. C. Wood nominated Kendra Horn as Board Chair, and she was elected by acclamation.

Supt. Report

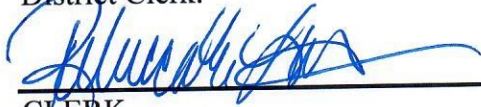
Adjourn

Board
Reorganization

- John Russ Hamilton nominated Therese Sutton as Vice Chair, and she was elected by acclamation.
- William T. C. Wood moved to appoint Rebecca Larsen as District Clerk. Therese Sutton seconded the motion, and the motion carried.
- The following committees were appointed:
Safety committee: William Fabel, William T. C. Wood, and Therese Sutton.
Technology Committee: John Russ Hamilton, Kendra Horn, and Klint Todd.

Therese Sutton moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 p.m.

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CLERK


CHAIRMAN