

BILLINGS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT #1
Minutes of Annual Meeting
August 15, 2017

The regular monthly meeting of the Billings County School Board was called to order at 5:00 p.m. MT, Tuesday, August 15, 2017, at the DeMores School in Medora. Present were members Lynn Arthaud, Joey Kessel, Stacey Kessel, Mike Klatt, and Julie Reis. Also present for all or part of the meeting were Principal Shae Peplinski, Assistant Principal Danielle O'Brien, Business Manager Tammy Simnioniw, Dan Schaff with KLJ, Elizabeth Odermann, Lynn Peterson, Tory Polensky, Jessi Polensky, John Romanyshyn, Jerice Romanyshyn, Tina Downing, Clarence Sitter, and Laurie Roller.

Joey Kessel moved, Klatt seconded, to approve the consent agenda, which included the Minutes from the July 18 regular meeting, the attached check list, and the addition of one item to the agenda. All in favor.

Dan Schaff, KLJ, provided revised plans for the Prairie expansion project. One minor adjustment to the plans was requested. Joey Kessel moved, Reis seconded, to approve the proposal to construct an expansion to Prairie School at the proposed estimate of \$1 million or less and to submit the plan to the State for approval. Roll call vote was taken with all in favor.

Schaff reported that the hallway ceiling replacement and new lighting was completed in the DeMores School to repair the damage occurring in 2016 from water damage while the roof was being re-shingled. Schaff also oversaw the roof repairs done by Perry Roofing to correct the work done by Simplicity Homes. All is now completed to satisfaction and no leaking has been occurring during recent rains.

Simnioniw reported on the progress of the security camera installation. Work will be completed prior to the start of school.

Propane bids are due. Reis moved, Stacey Kessel seconded, to advertise for propane bids for the 2017-18 school year with bid opening and award scheduled for 5:00 p.m. at the September 12 regular board meeting. Roll call vote was taken with all in favor.

No maintenance report available from Dave Dickey.

The board reviewed bus routes and discussed variables from route to route. Patrons from the Gary Meduna South Heart route were present to discuss their concerns with any planned changes. It was the consensus of the board to keep routes the same as the 2016-17 school year. New families on all the routes who are open enrolled out of District will need to meet at a bus stop. It was the consensus of the board that for this school year, elementary students who are open enrolled out of district, who make arrangements with the bus contractor to be picked up without added cost to the District, and without adding too much time, will be allowed to ride a district bus if there is room. It was also the consensus of the board that for this school year the Belfield HS bus will go to Klatt's turnaround and will stop at residences located adjacent to the highway. Stacey Kessel moved, Reis seconded, to table a decision on specific school transportation policy for school years after the current one. The board will schedule a special meeting to work through the bus route issues and come up with guidelines prior to the bus contractor bid process in the spring. Roll call vote was taken with all in favor.

The board reviewed the Gerbig route. Since it is agreeable to the Gerbig family to receive family transportation reimbursement now that they have a high school student, it was the consensus of the board that the route not be extended due to time constraints and cost effectiveness.

DPI is requiring school districts to adopt a board regulation outlining meal charging procedures and limitations on delinquent payments. The board expressed grave concern regarding students being penalized with being served alternate meals because of late payments. Simnioniw checked with ND School Board Association and they stated that this is a required policy and federal funding could be withheld if not adopted. Joey Kessel moved, Stacey Kessel seconded, to adopt the Meal Charging Policies and Procedures (IB-BR) with noted changes to the terms that were presented. Roll call vote was taken with all in favor.

Reis moved, Joey Kessel seconded, to approve the second reading to adopt the ND Comprehensive Model School Policy for Tobacco Use (ABBA) policy. Roll call vote was taken with all in favor.

Peplinski and O'Brien presented the Principals' reports as follows. An interview committee consisting of Peplinski, O'Brien, Julie Reis, and Joey Kessel interviewed candidates for the Prairie Preschool position. It was the committee's recommendation to offer the position to Becky Boltz. Stacey Kessel moved, Joey Kessel seconded, to approve the interview committee's recommendation to hire Becky Boltz as Preschool teacher at Prairie for the three day per week position. Roll call vote was taken with all in favor.

The Title IIA grant application was presented to the board outlining professional development activities and associated costs to be submitted. Reis moved, Klatt seconded, to approve the Title IIA grant application for the 2017-18 fiscal year. Roll call vote was taken with all in favor.

O'Brien requested to hire a part-time teacher's aide/para-professional for Prairie School. Joey Kessel moved, Reis seconded, to approve the request and begin advertising for the position. Roll call vote was taken with all in favor.

Arthaud reported that she had been in contact with Pat Rummel and he stated that the suburbans being donated to the school district would be ready in the next week or two. Peplinski presented Beach's policy IEAB regarding school personnel transportation services. The board asked that it be compared to the Billings County School District's policy and to bring back any suggested changes identified at the next meeting. The board also would like staff drivers to be undergo drug and alcohol testing and that school administrators ensure that they possess a valid drivers license.

The preliminary budget was reviewed. Final adoption is scheduled for the August 29 public meeting.

A bus contractor requested that the board add R&R Auto Farm & Electric as DOT bus inspection vendor. Reis moved, Klatt seconded, to approve this request. Roll call vote was taken with all in favor.

Peplinski and Stacey Kessel gave the RESP report.

Simnioniw provided the board members with the tax levy correspondence that was sent out to taxpayers.

The board scheduled a special meeting to discuss bus transportation at 4:00 p.m. on August 29, 2017, with the tax levy public meeting to follow at 6:00 p.m.

Joey Kessel moved to adjourn, Reis seconded. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Lynn Arthaud, President

Tammy Simnioniw, Business Manager