

**BILLINGS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT #1**  
**Minutes of Special Meeting**  
**August 29, 2017**

A special meeting of the Billings County School Board was called to order at 4:00 p.m. MT, Tuesday, August 29, 2017, at the DeMores School in Medora, ND. Present were Lynn Arthaud, Joey Kessel, Stacey Kessel, Mike Klatt, Julie Reis, Principal Shae Peplinski, Asst. Principal Danielle O'Brien, Business Manager Tammy Simnioniw, and attending all or part of the meeting were Lynn Peterson, Rob Fugere, Anthony Kessel, and Kevin Kessel.

The purpose of the meeting was to approve payments that were due prior to next meeting, make a hiring decision for Prairie Aide/Para position, and consider busing transportation issues. A public meeting will follow at 6:00 p.m. for the purpose of considering an increase to the tax levy and to approve the fiscal year 2018 operating budget.

Klatt moved, Stacey Kessel seconded, to approve the consent agenda. All in favor.

Reis moved, Klatt seconded, to approve the payments presented. Roll call vote with all in favor.

An interview committee consisting of Mike Klatt, Joey Kessel, Principal Peplinski and Principal O'Brien reported that they interviewed two candidates and recommended offering the position to Jennifer Frank for a part-time position from 9:00 a.m. to noon each day. Joey Kessel moved, Klatt seconded, to follow the recommendation of the committee and hire Jennifer Frank for the part-time position at an hourly rate of \$14 per hour. Roll call vote with all in favor.

Arthaud presented information on the cost of transporting students by bus and the transportation costs in relation to students open-enrolled out of district. Discussion followed on the potential ways to handle transportation. A list of questions was developed and will be forwarded on to the NDSBA. The board emphasized that no changes will be made for the current year, but decisions will be made for subsequent years prior to bid letting of the routes in the spring.

Joey Kessel moved, Klatt seconded, to take a short recess before beginning the public tax levy portion of the meeting. All in favor. The meeting was recessed at 5:55 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 6:00 p.m. Arthaud and Simnioniw presented financial and statistical information to the attendees. A question and answer session ensued. Upon conclusion of the discussion, Joey Kessel moved, Reis seconded, to increase the general fund tax levy to \$1,045,854 for the 2017-18 fiscal year. Roll call vote was taken with all in favor.

Klatt moved, Stacey Kessel seconded, to approve the final budget for the 2017-18 fiscal year as presented. Roll call vote was taken with all in favor.

Joey Kessel moved, Klatt seconded, to adjourn. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

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Lynn Arthaud, President

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Tammy Simnioniw, Business Manager