

**BILLINGS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT #1**  
**Minutes of Special Meeting**  
**July 11, 2017**

A special meeting of the Billings County School Board was called to order at 7:45 p.m. MT, Tuesday, July 11, at Prairie School in Fairfield. Present were Joey Kessel, Stacey Kessel, and Julie Reis. Also present for all or part of the meeting on site were Sheriff/Emergency Manager Pat Rummel, John Tzap, and via teleconference, Marcia Lamb, County Auditor, and Lisa Rakich, Contract Officer with US Forest Service.

The school board negotiated contract terms with Lisa Rakich for utilization of school and grounds for a fire fighting unit base camp.

Upon completion of negotiations, Reis moved, Stacey Kessel seconded, to approve entering into an agreement with the US Forest Service for use of the small school and the corridor and cafeteria in the main school for base operations for the fire fighting units and for the use of the grounds, in specified areas, for approximately 40 tents on the outside grounds that were not irrigated. Compensation agreed to was \$500 per day for use of specified rooms with a minimum compensation of \$2,500 and \$500 per day for camping and parking areas with no minimum. The agreement covers the period of July 11, 2017, and ending August 1, 2017. Restoration terms were also specified. Roll call vote was taken with all in favor.

The board questioned Rakich extensively regarding liability of school district if injuries occurred on the premises. Rakich stated that the school would not be held liable for any injuries that may occur on school property. The US Forest Service assumed that liability.

Stacey Kessel moved, Reis seconded, to adjourn. All were in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

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Joey Kessel, Vice President

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Tammy Simnioniw, Business Manager