

BILLINGS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT #1
Minutes of Special Meeting
November 1, 2017
UNOFFICIAL MINUTES
(Subject to review and revision by the board)

A special meeting of the Billings County School Board was called to order at 1:00 p.m. MT, Wednesday, November 1, 2017, at Prairie School in Fairfield, ND. 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, Maintenance Supervisor Shawn Thomas, Jessi Polensky, Tory Polensky, and Dan Schaff with KLLJ.

Reis was approached by Gloria Pflapsen regarding the board's decision not to purchase a new heater for the small garage and to require that snow removal equipment be stored in new large storage garage at Prairie. Simnioniw reported that she had notified Pflapsen that this topic was on the agenda and Pflapsen stated she did not wish to be present since she had provided input to Assistant Principal O'Brien and to board member Julie Reis. It was the consensus of the board to stay with the decision previously made regarding storage of snow removal equipment in the large storage garage. Shawn Thomas was asked to monitor the situation and let the board know if there were any issues he saw with this arrangement.

The board discussed options regarding transportation of students. The goal of the board is to provide transportation to all Billings County students attending a Billings County school and to accommodate high school students in the best way possible.

Policies IEAC and FAAA were read. Joey Kessel moved, Stacey Kessel seconded, beginning with the 2018-19 school year, board policy will be followed for all routes as stated in policy, "Parents/guardians who have requested and received special permission for their child to attend a pre-K through eighth-grade school other than a Billings County school or the in-district school assigned, or as designated by existing bus service, will not receive district-sponsored transportation" (Policy IEAC) and "The District will not be responsible for transportation of resident students who have enrolled in other districts through the open enrollment process..." (Policy FAAA). Roll call vote was taken with all in favor. Simnioniw was advised to place both policies on the November 14 agenda for further review.

There were no decisions made in regard to high school transportation. President Arthaud asked for volunteers to serve on a transportation committee to meet with the South Heart and Belfield school board representatives and staff to discuss various options. Arthaud and Joey Kessel volunteered with Stacey Kessel and Julie Reis agreeing to serve as alternates. The board decided to cancel attending the South Heart and Belfield school board meetings and work through committee first.

Dan Schaff discussed Prairie Expansion options. The board asked Administrators to obtain information from South Heart and Belfield to determine their process of surveying and educating parents and taxpayers when they were proposing construction projects. Peplinski stated she would be at a meeting with the Superintendents the following day so would discuss this with them. The board would like to survey taxpayers with names and addresses obtained from general election voting polls and BCSD parents. A draft document and plan will be developed and provided to the board at the November 14 meeting.

O'Brien submitted a request on behalf of a McKenzie School District parent to transfer a student to Prairie School and obtain a tuition waiver for the 2017-18 school year. The student is currently open-enrolled into Killdeer. Reis moved, Klatt seconded, to approve this request. Roll call vote was taken with all in favor.

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

The meeting adjourned at 4:17 p.m.

Lynn Arthaud, President

Tammy Simnioniw, Business Manager