

BILLINGS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT #1
Minutes of Regular Meeting
October 10, 2017
UNOFFICIAL MINUTES
(Subject to review and revision by the board)

The regular monthly meeting of the Billings County School Board was called to order at 5:00 p.m. MT, Tuesday, October 10, 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, Jessi Polensky, Vernon Polensky, Markie Toso, Liz Odermann, and Marjorie Jensen.

Joey Kessel moved, Klatt seconded, to approve the consent agenda, which included the Minutes from the September 12 regular meeting and the October 3 and October 4 special meetings, the attached check lists, and the addition of one item to the agenda. All in favor.

The board reviewed court decisions, ND Century Code laws, and the BCSD's reorganization plan regarding school transportation issues. Discussion was held with patrons present regarding transportation of students on the various routes operated by BCSD. It was the consensus of the board to meet with the South Heart and Belfield School District school boards to discuss options of sharing costs for transporting students into their respective schools. Simnioniw will contact the Superintendents at each school to request time on the agenda for their November meetings.

Arthaud informed the board that the server at DeMores went down. A new server has been ordered and had been budgeted for in the event it failed. Simnioniw reported that Land Grant funds can be used to replace the server.

Peplinski and O'Brien reported on upcoming events. Peplinski provided information on a speech assessment tool. The cost can either be shared between school districts or the District can buy their own at a cost of \$918. If shared, it goes with the Speech Therapist assigned to our school. It can only be administered by a licensed speech therapist but has a shelf life of at least five years. Joey Kessel moved, Klatt seconded, to purchase the CELF-5 assessment software for our school district at a cost of \$918. Roll call vote was taken with Arthaud, Joey Kessel, Klatt, and Reis in favor and Stacey Kessel against. Motion carried.

Reis and Stacey Kessel plan to attend the school board convention. Joey Kessel and Arthaud will attend if they are able, but couldn't commit at this time. Klatt moved, Joey Kessel seconded, to appoint Reis and Stacey Kessel as voting delegates for the BCSD for the convention business meetings. Roll call vote with all in favor.

The board was provided with the quarterly pledged assets report. Reis moved, Klatt seconded, to approve the pledged assets report with adequate assets secured for the funds deposited at First State Bank. Roll call vote with all in favor.

Simnioniw reported that the BCSD was awarded \$4,169 for a federal Rural Schools grant. The funds can be used for any Title-approved activities. Peplinski reported that they were looking at utilizing these funds for professional development of teachers.

Simnioniw reported on the Legislative Education Committee meeting she attended. Also reported that bus stop signs were scheduled to be installed by DOT at 16th Street SW (Malkowski entry), 27th Street SW (Bill Kessel bus turnaround), 30th St SW (county line at Lackey's), and between mile marker 103 and 104 (Klatt bus turnaround). Simnioniw reported that she had requested information from the Secretary of State's Office regarding the process of having school board elections every other year combined with the county elections and converting board member terms to coincide with that schedule rather than the school district having separate elections of their own every year. The SOS office couldn't advise so legal counsel was sought to aide in this effort.

The board reviewed the Prairie School Expansion project plan prepared for submission to the ND Department of Public Instruction for their approval. With estimates for project construction and materials, architectural fees, contingency fees, and movable furniture, the total project cost is estimated at

\$1,226, 025. Joey Kessel moved, Reis seconded, to approve the plan and to submit it to ND DPI for approval at the estimated cost identified. Roll call vote was taken with Joey Kessel and Reis in favor and Klatt, Stacey Kessel, and Arthaud against. Motion was defeated. Reis moved, Joey Kessel seconded, to secure the services of KLJ to revise the plan, cutting the square footage down to keep the project estimated total costs under \$1 million (without factoring contingency estimates into this total). Roll call vote was taken with Reis, Joey Kessel, and Klatt in favor and Stacey Kessel and Arthaud against. Motion carried. The Principals and Business Manager were asked to meet with Dan Schaff of KLJ to see where square footage cuts could be made and come back with a new proposal to the board.

Joey Kessel and Klatt reported that they had completed a site visit of the small garage at Prairie to consider replacing the heater in that building. Two estimates were reviewed for a new propane heater. One from Martin's Welding & Refrigeration for \$2,404.63 and another from West Dakota Oil for \$1,620. Both estimates included equipment and labor. It was the consensus of the board to table a decision at this time.

There was no RESP report.

Correspondence from the Billings County Pioneer was considered by the board wherein a request was made to publish the unofficial Minutes of the school board. Motion by Arthaud, seconded by Klatt, to publish the BCSD unofficial Minutes on the BCSD website promptly after each meeting and to publish the official Minutes in the Billings County Pioneer after they are approved. Roll call vote was taken with all in favor.

Arthaud discussed the role and supervision of the maintenance position. No changes to current job description was made at this time. Shawn Thomas accepted the position and will begin employment on October 18.

Reis moved to adjourn, Stacey Kessel seconded. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Lynn Arthaud, President

Tammy Simnioniw, Business Manager