

BILLINGS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT #1
UNOFFICIAL Minutes of Special Meeting
January 18, 2018

A special meeting of the Billings County School Board was called to order at 10:00 a.m. MT, Thursday, January 18, 2018, at Prairie School in Fairfield. Present were Lynn Arthaud, Joey Kessel, Stacey Kessel, Mike Klatt, Julie Reis, Assistant Principal Danielle O'Brien, and Business Manager Simnioniw. Present via teleconference was Shae Peplinski, Principal, and Lynn Peterson.

Simnioniw clarified to the board that the vehicle that Belfield Public School is selling is a white activity bus. Drivers will be required to have medical clearance and take a defensive driving course. The board was still in favor of moving forward with the purchase.

Arthaud and Joey Kessel reported that they met with the South Heart Public School transportation committee on January 17 to discuss transportation of high school students attending South Heart School. There were two proposals discussed. South Heart's proposal was to take over the Gary Meduna route and enter into an agreement with Billings County School District on a cost/pupil basis to transport the high school students to South Heart.

Arthaud presented the proposal discussed at the 1/9/18 board meeting which is to have students attending South Heart meet at the closest bus stop along Highway 85 and transport the Belfield and South Heart students to Belfield and send another bus from Belfield on to South Heart with the South Heart high schoolers. Family transportation would be paid to the parents for transporting to nearest bus stop. Arthaud, Joey Kessel, and Simnioniw will meet with the Belfield School transportation committee on January 23 to discuss this proposal. Transportation will be placed on the Billings County School District board agenda for decision on how to handle the high school transportation.

Simnioniw provided the board with the final tally from the returned surveys regarding the Prairie School expansion project. The tally was as follows:

In favor of expansion: 110
Against expansion: 68
Neutral: 12

There were 818 surveys distributed or mailed and 190 returned which is a 23% response rate. Reis moved to go forward with expansion with a scaled down version of the plan. Motion died for lack of second.

Joey Kessel moved, Reis seconded, to move forward with the expansion with project total at \$1 million or less, which includes contingency, architectural, etc. Roll call vote was taken with all in favor. KLJ will be asked to draw up another concept drawing for a scaled down version.

The board discussed options for the little Glade school. Reis moved, Klatt seconded, to research non-classroom option costs for Glade School including but not limited to use as cold storage or total demolition. Roll call vote with all in favor.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 12:55 p.m.

Lynn Arthaud, President

Tammy Simnioniw, Business Manager