

BILLINGS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT #1
Minutes of Regular Meeting
March 13, 2018
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 5:05 p.m. MT, Tuesday, March 13, 2018, at the DeMores School in Medora. Present were members 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, Carrie Wanner, Tanner Wanner, Sheriff Pat Rummel, Dickie Jo Kubas, Jessie Berger, Liz Odermann, Erika Honeyman, Kira Craig, and Chelsea Raaen.

Reis moved, Klatt seconded, to approve the consent agenda, which included the Minutes from the February 13 regular meeting and the February 28 special meeting, the attached check list, and the addition of three items to the agenda. All in favor. Committee Minutes from February 28, March 2, and March 12 were reviewed.

Carrie Wanner requested that an additional high school bus stop be added at the turnaround near her yard. She agreed to allow other patrons to park vehicles in the yard if they want to use this bus stop as well. Reis moved, Klatt seconded, to approve the request to utilize the Wanner turnaround as a bus stop for the high school bus. Roll call vote with all in favor.

Transportation policies were revised. Stacey Kessel moved, Reis seconded, to approve the first reading to amend Open Enrollment policy (FAAA) with revisions. Roll call vote with all in favor.

Stacey Kessel moved, Klatt seconded, to approve the first reading to amend the Busing and Family Transportation Policy (IEAC) with revisions. Roll call vote with all in favor.

An open enrollment request for a McKenzie County student requesting to attend Prairie School entering first grade in the 2018-19 school year was considered. Reis moved, Stacey Kessel seconded, to approve the request. Roll call vote with all in favor.

An open enrollment request for a Golden Valley student requesting to attend DeMores School entering Kindergarten in the 2018-19 school year was considered. Klatt moved, Reis seconded, to approve this request. Roll call vote with all in favor.

A committee is being formed to study the four-day school week. Stacey Kessel moved, Reis seconded, to establish this committee consisting of two board members and school district staff and to conduct a community survey to determine interest. Roll call vote was taken with all in favor. Klatt volunteered to be on the committee and Lynn Arthaud will be asked as well. The board would also like to see the Principals, Business Manager, and teacher and classified staff represented on the committee.

Principal Peplinski and Assistant Principal O'Brien reported that it is anticipated that there will be at least three Pre-K students at Prairie and seven Pre-K students at DeMores with all planning to attend full days. Reis moved, Stacey Kessel seconded, to offer Pre-K at both schools to include three year olds who turn four within the academic year and establish program rates at \$150 per month for half days and \$300 per month for full days. Roll call vote with all in favor.

The Principals also reported that the strategic five-year plan would be completed in time for an April public input meeting. The board determined that they will hold the public meeting after the regular April board meeting.

The Principals presented the 2018-19 school calendar. Klatt moved, Reis seconded, to approve the calendar as presented. Roll call vote with all in favor.

Sheriff Pat Rummel was in attendance and he and Principal Peplinski discussed school safety concerns and trainings they have attended. They presented information on utilizing Shawn Thomas as a School Resource Officer (SRO). Klatt suggested having "School Safety Officer on duty" signs at both schools as a deterrent. The board advised Peplinski to look into policy and liability to the school. They would

also like a survey to parents conducted to get their feedback on the utilization of a SRO.

Peplinski also reported on upcoming events and the accomplishments of the Science Olympiad students. Billings County student teams placed first, second, and third in various events. Marketplace for Kids student participants performed very well also.

Peplinski went through Shawn Thomas' maintenance report in his absence. Klatt moved, Reis seconded, to purchase new garage door openers for the DeMores garage doors. Roll call vote with all in favor.

The Elections policy (BBA) was reviewed. Klatt moved, Stacey Kessel seconded, to approve the first reading to amend this policy with revisions. Roll call vote was taken with all in favor.

Reis asked the board to review the District's Public Participation at Board Meetings policy (BCBA). Reis asked that a committee be established to update policies after the job description revisions have been completed. Reis and Stacey Kessel volunteered to serve on this committee.

Business Manager Simnioniw requested that a three-month contract extension be allowed for the old accounting system taking it through July, 2018, at a rate of \$530 to ensure a smooth transition to the new system. Klatt moved, Stacey Kessel seconded, to approve this request. Roll call vote with all in favor.

Simnioniw reported that Project Pros withdrew their quote to repair the rain gutters at DeMores. Reis moved, Klatt seconded, to award the project to Perry Roofing which was the next lowest quote at \$1,595. Roll call vote with all in favor.

Simnioniw presented CTS' proposal to address energy issues at both schools. It was the consensus of the board to not move forward with the project proposal at this time, but to bring it back on the agenda in June.

Doss insurance offered a settlement for the Prairie water damage claim. Klatt moved, Reis seconded, to accept a settlement of \$3,034.53 with an additional \$3,211.98 in recoverable deferment. Roll call vote with all in favor.

Stacey Kessel gave the RESP report.

The Beach Post Prom committee submitted a donation request. Stacey Kessel moved, Klatt seconded, to contribute \$100 to the Beach Post Prom committee. Roll call vote with all in favor.

The April meeting date and time was changed to 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 17, at DeMores School beginning with a walk through of facilities. The public strategic planning meeting will be held at 6:00 p.m. on this date also.

Joey Kessel announced that the next item on the agenda was teacher negotiation strategy. He asked that a motion be made in order to discuss negotiations strategy in executive session according to NDCC 44-04-19.1. Reis moved, Stacey Kessel seconded, to discuss the topic in executive session rather than in an open meeting. Roll call vote was taken with all in favor.

Joey Kessel stated that, the executive session will be recorded and all members of the governing body are reminded to limit their discussion during the executive session to the announced topic. The prohibition on taking final action during the executive session does not apply to providing guidance or instructions to our negotiators.

Joey Kessel stated that the board anticipated adjourning the executive session and reconvening the open portion of the meeting at approximately 8:30 p.m.

The Minutes will show that the executive session began at 7:43 p.m. and was attended by Joey Kessel, Stacey Kessel, Mike Klatt, Julie Reis, Principal Shae Peplinski, Assistant Principal Danielle O'Brien, and Business Manager Tammy Simnioniw.

The meeting reconvened in open meeting 8:54 p.m.

The board scheduled a work session for job descriptions for 1:00 p.m. on Monday, March 19, at DeMores School. No action will be taken at this meeting.

Klatt moved to adjourn, Reis seconded. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

Joey Kessel, Vice President

Tammy Simnioniw, Business Manager