

BILLINGS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT #1
Minutes of Regular Meeting
October 9, 2018
OFFICIAL MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Billings County School Board was called to order at 5:05 p.m. MT, Tuesday, October 9, 2018, at the DeMores School in Medora. Present were members Anita Adams, Eric Bock, Joey Kessel, 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, Dickie Jo Kubas, Markie Toso, Marjorie Jensen, and Dan Schaff with KLJ.

Reis moved, Adams seconded, to approve the consent agenda, which included the Minutes from the September 11 regular meeting, the attached check list, and the addition of one item to the agenda. All in favor.

The board reviewed the Scope of Service Agreement with KLJ submitted by Brett Gurholt, Landscape Architect, in the amount of \$43,300 for boundary and topographic survey, preliminary design, final design, bidding and negotiation, and construction services. Bock moved, Reis seconded, to approve entering into the Scope of Services Agreement for the DeMores Landscape Project with KLJ as presented. Roll call vote with all in favor.

Dan Schaff with KLJ provided a status report on the Prairie Expansion project and provided a construction schedule. Construction has begun. Final completion is estimated for May 28, 2019. Thomas provided a maintenance report. After discussion regarding cell phone coverage inside the Prairie School building, it was the general consensus of the board for Thomas to purchase one 4G cell phone booster to determine effectiveness. Another may be purchased if there is significant improvement and it is determined another is needed.

Staff provided a list of obsolete or items no longer used by the school district. Adams moved, Reis seconded, to approve disposal of property as presented with the exception of iPads. Roll call vote with all in favor. Items will be posted in school newsletter and on the school website. Further research into viability of the iPads will be conducted by O'Brien.

O'Brien submitted a facility use request from a staff person to utilize the Prairie gym for Optimist practice with fees waived. Billings County students will be participants on the team. Reis moved, Adams seconded, to approve this request. Roll call vote with all in favor.

The renegotiation of the Malkowski bus contract was tabled due to Malkowski's not being present. Peplinski will follow up with them and remind them that contract needs to be renegotiated since it was bid for diesel bus and gasoline bus is being used.

Peplinski stated there was nothing at this time to report on the School Resource Officer agreement with Billings County Sheriff's Department.

Peplinski and O'Brien requested direction from the board on how they would like to proceed with the four-day school week study. Bock and Klatt are on the committee along with the two Principals. They will schedule a committee meeting to examine all information currently obtained and decide on a strategy.

The Principals reported on upcoming events. Peplinski reported that West River Student Services was short-staffed and not able to provide speech services to the level needed at Prairie. O'Brien has her Speech Language Pathology Paraprofessional certification and would be able to provide those services under the supervision of a Speech Pathologist. Peplinski is working to find someone who would be willing to supervise O'Brien. Peplinski requested that O'Brien receive a \$3,000 per year stipend for taking on the additional role. Adams moved, Reis seconded, to add an addendum to Danielle O'Brien's October 9, 2018 Regular Minutes

contract for additional compensation of \$3,000 for SLPP services contingent upon finding a Speech Pathologist to supervise. Roll call vote with all in favor.

Simnioniw reported that Bock will be attending the new board member seminar and Adams, Reis, O'Brien, and Simnioniw will be attending the School Law Seminar and School Board convention in October. Bock moved, Kessel seconded, to appoint Adams and Reis as voting delegates for the Billings County School District at the convention. Roll call vote with all in favor.

Simnioniw reported that the audit for fiscal year 2018 books will be conducted October 23 by James Wosepka, CPA. The board was presented the quarterly pledged assets report from First State Bank of Golva. Reis moved, Adams seconded, to approve the pledged assets report for September 2018. Roll call vote with all in favor. Simnioniw reported that she would be attending the Western Dakota Energy Association Meeting in Newtown on November 8. On the agenda will be legislative proposals for oil and gas gross production tax revenue bills. Farmers Union Insurance is recommending that violent event insurance coverage be added to our policy. The board requested more information on the difference from what we currently have. Simnioniw will investigate further and report back at next meeting.

Several policies were reviewed. Bock moved, Adams seconded, to reaffirm policies AAA and AACA. Roll call vote with all in favor. Reis moved, Adams seconded, to rescind policies AAB and AAC and approve the first reading for new policies AAB and AAC. Roll call vote with all in favor. Adams moved, Bock seconded, to rescind AAC-BR and adopt a new AAC-BR. Roll call vote with all in favor. Adams moved, Bock seconded, to amend with first reading policies ABAA, ABBE ABCA, and ACBA and waive the second reading. Roll call vote with all in favor. Reis moved, Adams seconded, to rescind IBA. Roll call vote with all in favor. Action on ABCC was tabled.

Adams and Peplinski gave the RESP report on the governing board meeting they attended.

Reis moved, Adams seconded, to adjourn the meeting. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Joey Kessel, President

Tammy Simnioniw, Business Manager