

BILLINGS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT #1
Minutes of Regular Meeting
December 11, 2018
UNOFFICIAL MINUTES
(Subject to review and revision by the board)

The regular meeting of the Billings County School Board was called to order at 4:00 p.m. MT, Tuesday, December 11, 2018, at the Prairie School in Fairfield. Present on site were board members Anita Adams, Eric Bock, Joey Kessel, Mike Klatt, and Julie Reis. Also on site for all or part of the meeting were Principal Shae Peplinski, Assistant Principal Danielle O'Brien, Business Manager Tammy Simnioniw, Maintenance Supervisor Shawn Thomas, Richard Volesky, Dickie Jo Kubas, Chelsea Raaen, and Liz Odermann. Present via teleconference was Markie Toso.

Klatt moved, Adams seconded, to approve the consent agenda, which included the Minutes from the November 13 regular meeting, the December 3 special meeting, review of November 29 committee meeting, the attached check list, and the addition of one policy, policy exhibits, and board regulations to the agenda. All in favor.

One fuel oil bid was received. Creative Energy submitted a bid for number two fuel oil for the period of December 12, 2018, through November 30, 2019, at a price of \$2.243 per gallon with taxes included. Klatt moved, Reis seconded, to award the fuel oil bid to Creative Energy at the bid terms. Roll call vote with all in favor.

O'Brien and Thomas updated the board on progress for the Prairie expansion project. Mechanical work will be done over the Christmas break so the board was asked to make a decision on alternate #1 which was to remove the existing unit heater. It was the consensus of the board to have the unit heater removed if repairs to the wall were included in the cost submitted.

The board was provided a blueprint from KLJ detailing the topography and identifying all of the drainage problem areas for the DeMores Landscaping project. Thomas reported on several issues that the board may want to see addressed in the design. Headbolt heaters located on north side of school are not working and could be removed as they are not used. The clock and school bell system on the outside clock tower are not working. There is insufficient lighting in the playground area and poses a risk since the playground is used by the public. It was suggested that the basketball court be moved to the west. The board asked Thomas to request these items be included as separate alternates in the design. They will make a final decision whether to include these items in the project based off bids that are received.

Thomas gave a maintenance report. Two major maintenance issues that have emerged were noted. The air handler blower fan in the gymnasium at Prairie needs to be balanced or it will do damage to shaft and bearings and the old upright freezer at Prairie sounds like the compressor is ready to go out. It was determined that there was room in the budget to address these issues. The board instructed Thomas to arrange for the repair of the air handler and to purchase a new upright freezer.

Discussion was held on the initiative to go to a four day school week. Staff provided the board with information gathered regarding busing, hot lunch program, staffing wages and benefits, and contracts affected by change. It was determined there was not much variance in costs between a four day and five day school week. A curriculum plan was reviewed for the enrichment days built into the school calendar. Reis moved, Adams seconded, to rescind the motion made at the February 13, 2017, meeting to have the four-day school week study completed by December 31, 2018. Roll call vote with all in favor. The board instructed staff to advertise for public meetings to be held in Medora and Fairfield to provide information on the four day school week and to obtain input from stakeholders. Public meetings will be held January 8 and January 10 (site for each date to be determined contingent upon availability of meeting room in Medora). The January regular board meeting will be moved to January 15. Kessel instructed the business manager to place time on the January board meeting agenda for patrons to request

further information if more questions were raised after the public input meetings.

Peplinski and O'Brien updated the board on upcoming events and schedules and reported that teacher evaluations would be completed and filed by December 15.

Peplinski requested that Logan Caulk and Chantel Fulton be issued teaching contracts for the remainder of the 2018-19 school year as they will be graduating in December. Klatt moved, Bock seconded, to approve issuing a 98 day contract for the remainder of the 2018-19 school year to Chantel Fulton and Logan Caulk, contingent upon them obtaining teaching licensure from ESPB. Roll call vote with all in favor.

Simnioniw discussed funding availability for the Prairie Expansion and DeMores Landscaping projects and informed the board of a meeting being hosted by WDEA to present detail on Senator Wardner's proposed "Operation Prairie Dog" bill regarding oil and gas gross production tax distribution.

Simnioniw reported that 2019 would be the final transition year for the school district to hold a school board election independent of the county elections. After the 2019 election, school board elections will be held in even numbered years with the county. Klatt moved, Reis seconded, with all in favor to establish polling precincts and polling places for the 2019 school board election as follows:

Prairie Precinct – Voting place – Prairie small school (library building) at 12793 20th St SW, Fairfield, ND. Precinct includes Townships 141 and 142 Ranges 98, 99 and 100; Townships 143 and 144 Ranges 98 through 102; all territory lying east of the Little Missouri River in Townships 143 and 144 Range 102.

Medora Precinct – Voting Place – DeMores School in Medora at 350 Broadway, Medora, ND. Precinct includes Townships 137, 138, 139 and 140 Ranges 100, 101, and 102; All of Township 141 and 142 Ranges 101 and 102; all the territory lying west of the Little Missouri River in Townships 143 and 144 Range 102; and the City of Medora.

Several policies were reviewed. Klatt moved, Adams seconded, to approve the second reading of policies ABCC, ACBB, ACDA, ACDB, ACDBA, ACEA, and HBAA. Roll call vote with all in favor. Adams moved, Klatt seconded, to rescind policies DBAC and DBBA and approve the first reading to adopt a new DBAC and DBBA. Roll call vote with all in favor. Klatt moved, Bock seconded, to amend with first reading policies BC, BDD, DCB, DEAA, DI, DI-BR, FAB, and IB. Roll call vote with all in favor. Reis moved, Klatt seconded, to approve the first reading to amend AAC and to waive the second reading. Roll call vote with all in favor. Regulations and Exhibits discussed with the board were BC-E, DBAA-AR, DBAA-E1, DBAA-E2, DEAA-AR, DEAA-E, FAB-E, IB-E1, IB-E2, IB-E3, IB-E4, DBBA-AR, DBBA-E, DBAC-E1, DBAC-E2, and ABCD-E.

Peplinski gave the RESP report.

The next meeting will be held at DeMores School at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 15.

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:21 p.m.

Joey Kessel, President

Tammy Simnioniw, Business Manager

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