

BILLINGS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT #1
Minutes of Regular Meeting
January 15, 2019
UNOFFICIAL MINUTES
(Subject to review and revision by the board)

The regular meeting of the Billings County School Board was called to order at 5:00 p.m. MT, Tuesday, January 15, 2019, at DeMores School in Medora. Present were board members Anita Adams, Eric Bock, Joey 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, Jessie Berger, Marjorie Jensen, Lynn Arthaud, Jim Arthaud, Rebecca Osterman, Logan Caulk, Kira Craig, Chelsea Raaen, Dickie Jo Kubas, Markie Toso, Chantel Fulton, Jan Kuchera, Liz Odermann, Kellie Hasty, Justin Hasty, Lizzie Pelton, Naomi Rossow, Kayla Henson, DeeAnn Bock, Amanda Talkington, Kinley Slauter, and Clarence Sitter.

Klatt moved, Adams seconded, to approve the consent agenda, which included the Minutes from the December 11 regular meeting, and the January 8 and January 10 special meetings, the attached check list, and the addition of two agenda items. All in favor.

Kessel informed the people in attendance that he would allow an hour for discussion regarding the proposed four-day school week. Members were asked to indicate on a sign-up sheet if they wanted time to speak. Each spokesperson was allowed five minutes. Several people in attendance spoke giving their opinion of the proposal. After public input, the board members discussed the proposal and reviewed the survey results from parents of students currently attending a BCSD school, parents of future students attending a BCSD school, and current staff. Kessel asked if the board was ready to decide. Each member indicated they were ready for a vote on the matter. Bock moved, Adams seconded, to adopt a modified four-day school week beginning in the 2019-20 school year. Roll call vote with Adams, Bock, and Kessel in favor and Klatt and Reis against. Motion carried.

O'Brien reported on the status of the Prairie Expansion project.

The board reviewed the preliminary project design submitted by KLJ for the DeMores Landscaping Correction Project. A minor correction was noted to add sidewalk by library book drop and a question posed regarding the west fence line. They also reviewed a proposed amendment to the KLJ architectural services agreement to add into the blueprint electrical components for playground lighting, underground irrigation system, and fixing the bell tower clock. Klatt moved, Reis seconded, to approve adding \$5,400 for electrical design services to the KLJ agreement. Roll call vote with all in favor.

Peplinski read Shawn Thomas' maintenance report in his absence.

Peplinski and O'Brien reported on upcoming events, planned professional development on the next early out day, testing schedule, and date for Spelling Bee. The school staff and students will also be participating in the Ian Vesey Benefit to be held February 16. The Student Council will plan and run the children's games at the event.

O'Brien informed the board that a community member would like to use the Prairie gym for walking. It was the consensus of the board to leave it to the Administrators' discretion to set days and times.

Simnioniw provided the board with the family transportation reimbursement report for the first half of the school year. She also discussed an issue with social security and medicare withholdings not being withheld for the annuity in lieu of insurance payments made. She was able to correct it on the federal side and on the W-2's before they were issued, but the proper amounts were not withheld from the employees' paychecks. The board asked Simnioniw to work out an agreeable repayment plan with each of the seven employees affected. The board reviewed the quarterly pledged assets report. Reis moved,

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Klatt seconded, to approve the pledged assets report noting that adequate amounts were pledged to cover assets. Roll call vote with all in favor. The board also reviewed the semi-annual investment report. Adams moved, Reis seconded, to approve the investments report. Roll call vote with all in favor.

With the adoption of the modified four-day school week, teacher negotiations would need to ensue. Kessel asked for volunteers to serve on the board negotiating team. Kessel and Bock volunteered. Reis volunteered to be an alternate. The board members were provided information on the February NDSBA training.

The board was informed that they need to designate an Entity Administrator for federal REAP and E-Rate grants. Klatt moved, Bock seconded, to designate Tammy Simnioniw as Entity Administrator. Roll call vote with all in favor.

Several policies were reviewed. Adams moved, Reis seconded, to approve the second reading of policies DBAC Recruiting & Hiring Teachers, DBBA Drug & Alcohol Testing, BC Meetings of the Board, BDD Compensation & Expenses for Board Members, DCB Definition of Workweek & OT and Compensatory Time, DEAA Drug & Alcohol Free Workplace, DI Personnel Records, FAB School Assignment, and IB Food Service Program. Roll call vote with all in favor. The board reviewed DI-E1 and DI-E2 and tabled until further research amending DBAA Recruitment & Background Checks for Personnel.

Peplinski reported there was no RESP report as there wasn't a monthly meeting since last board meeting.

Due to conflicts, the next meeting will be changed to 5:00 p.m. on Monday, February 11 at DeMores School in Medora.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Joey Kessel, President

Tammy Simnioniw, Business Manager