

BILLINGS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT #1
Minutes of Special Meeting
April 16, 2019
UNOFFICIAL MINUTES

A special meeting of the Billings County School Board was called to order at 5:20 p.m. MT, Tuesday, April 16, 2019, at DeMores School in Medora, North Dakota. Present were Eric Bock, Joey Kessel, Mike Klatt, Julie Reis, District Principal Shae Peplinski, Assistant Principal Danielle O'Brien, and Business Manager Tammy Simnioniw. Also present for all or part of the meeting were Rob Matteson, Maintenance Supervisor, Brett Gurholt, KLJ, Markie Toso, Jessie Berger, Pete Odermann, and Gary Meduna. Dennis O'Brien participated via telephone for part of the meeting.

The purpose of the meeting was to award bids for DeMores Landscaping Correction project, negotiate District Principal and Assistant Principal contracts, make hiring decisions, consider a tuition waiver request, and renegotiate bus contracts for 2019-20 school year.

Brett Gurholt with KLJ provided documentation on the bids submitted for the DeMores Landscaping Correction project and discussed references for bidders. After discussion and consideration of all bids, Klatt moved, Bock seconded, to award the bid to Schepp's Construction & Excavation for the bid amount of \$441,546.81. Roll call vote with all in favor.

Discussion was held on the District Principal and Assistant Principal contracts for 2019-20 school year. Kessel moved, Reis seconded, to table negotiations to give the board time to consider what was discussed. Roll call vote with all in favor. A meeting date of Friday, April 26, was established with time of meeting yet to be determined.

The interview committee reported that they interviewed five applicants with all being good candidates for the two vacant teaching positions at DeMores. The committee submitted their recommendations to the board. Reis moved, Bock seconded, to offer the position of first and second grade combination classroom to Dustin Honeyman. Roll call vote with all in favor. Bock moved, Klatt seconded, to offer the position of third and fourth grade combination classroom to Erika Honeyman. Roll call vote with all in favor.

Kessel reported that the negotiated contract for teachers was ratified by both teams. Simnioniw reported that contracts were issued.

The board considered a tuition waiver request for two students from the Dickinson Public School District for enrollment at Prairie School for the 2019-20 school year. Reis moved, Klatt seconded, to approve the request. Roll call vote with all in favor.

The board requested the bus contractors affected by the change to four-day school week to re-negotiate their bus contracts for the 2019-20 school year since it would reduce the number of days from 175 to 166. Dennis O'Brien requested an increase to \$2.83/mile for the diesel bus for Route 3 and \$2.69/mile for the gasoline bus for Route 6. He stated he was figuring for a 158 day contract. Gary Meduna requested an increase to \$2.70/mile for his gasoline bus for Route 1. Pete Odermann requested an increase to \$2.63/mile for a gasoline bus for Route 2.

The board counter offered as follows for a 166 day contract:

Route 1 – Gary Meduna \$2.65/mile (gasoline)

Route 2 – Pete Odermann \$2.59/mile (gasoline)

Route 3 – Dennis O'Brien \$2.76/mile (diesel)

Route 6 – Dennis O'Brien \$2.65/mile (gasoline)

All contractors agreed to the board's counter-offer and all agreed to proposed language regarding video cameras on buses being added to 2019-20 contracts. Reis moved, Klatt seconded, to enter into bus contracts for the 2019-20 school year as agreed to in the board's counter offer. Roll call vote with all in favor.

The board established that Bock and Kessel would negotiate with District Principal and Assistant Principal for 2019-20 contracts. Bock declared conflict of interest in determining classified staff wage increases.

Kessel and Adams were delegated to determine wage increases for classified staff for fiscal year 2019-20.
The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Joey Kessel, President

Tammy Simnioniw, Business Manager