

BILLINGS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT #1
Minutes of Election Canvassing and Regular Meeting
June 10, 2019
UNOFFICIAL MINUTES
(Subject to review and revision by the board)

A meeting of the school board election canvassing board was called to order at 5:05 p.m. on Monday, June 10, 2019, at DeMores School in Medora. Serving on the canvassing board were Anita Adams, Eric Bock, Joey Kessel, and Mike Klatt.

The canvassing board opened a sealed envelope containing a ballot with a write-in name but no mark by the name to indicate the vote. They reviewed NDCC 16.1-12-02.2 and also voting instructions displayed in voting booth. After discussion, Klatt moved, Adams seconded, to accept the ballot as valid with the write-in candidate of Corey Simnioniw. Roll call vote with all in favor.

The vote tallies from Prairie and DeMores precinct were then reviewed by the board and it was determined there was a tie between Julie Reis and Corey Simnioniw for director district 2. NDCC 15.1-09-16 was then reviewed to determine next steps. A meeting would be scheduled to conduct a drawing to determine the winner. Corey Simnioniw was called by the canvassing board during the meeting and informed of the results. Julie Reis was present on-site. Corey Simnioniw stated that he appreciated the confidence of the voters, but he would withdraw from the election and would submit a letter witnessed by the election official to that nature. Julie Reis was asked if she was interested in serving on the board in this position. She stated she was.

The poll books were examined by the canvassing board. Adams moved, Bock seconded, to approve the poll book tallies with the ballot acted upon by the canvassing board added to the director district 2 count. Roll call vote with all in favor. Julie Reis was declared elected from director district 2 and Kwirt Johnson was declared elected for the at-large position. The majority of voters also voted to publish school board Minutes.

Klatt moved, Adams seconded, to adjourn the canvass board meeting. All in favor. The canvassing board meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

The regular meeting of the Billings County School Board was called to order at 5:35 p.m. MT, Monday, June 10, 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 District Principal Shae Peplinski, Assistant Principal Danielle O'Brien, Business Manager Tammy Simnioniw, and Maintenance Supervisor Rob Matteson.

Bock moved, Reis seconded, to approve the consent agenda which included the May 14 regular meeting Minutes, the financial reports, the payments list, and the addition of three agenda items and the removal of one agenda item. All in favor.

O'Brien updated the board on the Prairie Expansion project and submitted an amended change order #2 regarding ceiling tiles. Reis moved, Adams seconded, to approve the amended change order. Roll call vote with all in favor. The board received information on the inside brickwork where outer doors were removed. A change order for repair of the bricks under the door casings will be forthcoming. The contractor is projecting to be finished with the expansion project by the end of June.

Peplinski reported that the DeMores Landscaping project has begun and is going well so far. An additional tree was identified for removal at a cost of \$1,600. A change order will be forthcoming.

Matteson gave a maintenance report of projects completed and planned projects.

Peplinski reported that a family had requested an additional bus route south of Medora along the river.

Peplinski and O'Brien reported on upcoming training being obtained by teaching staff and principals.

Simnioniw reported that health insurance rates will increase 13% but will remain at that level for two years. Dental and vision insurance rates will not increase. The tuition report was not available as still waiting for one more bill from neighboring school district. The family transportation report was provided to the board for review.

O'Brien withdrew the agenda item regarding a part-time para-professional position at Prairie. A situation changed so position is not needed at this time.

Klatt requested information on how it is determined which staff person drives students to activities. He expressed concern of having a classroom teacher leaving school early to drive. Peplinski and O'Brien discussed their rationale for determining drivers.

Simnioniw requested that the board schedule a special meeting to approve end of fiscal year checks the last week of June. A teleconference meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, June 26 at 10:00 a.m. (with payments list emailed to board members in advance).

Policy GABAA English Language Learners was presented for first reading to reaffirm the policy. Adams moved, Bock seconded, to reaffirm policy GABAA. Roll call vote with all in favor.

Policy GABDB was presented for first reading to amend the policy. Adams moved, Klatt seconded, to approve the first reading to amend policy GABDB. Roll call vote with all in favor.

The July regular board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 16, at 5:00 p.m. at DeMores School in Medora.

Bock moved, Reis seconded, to adjourn. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Joey Kessel, President

Tammy Simnioniw, Business Manager