

BILLINGS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT #1
Minutes of Annual Meeting

July 16, 2019
UNOFFICIAL MINUTES
(Subject to review and revision by the board)

The annual meeting of the Billings County School Board was called to order at 5:00 p.m. MT, Tuesday, July 16, 2019, at the DeMores School in Medora. Present on site were members Anita Adams, Joey Kessel, Mike Klatt, and Julie Reis. Eric Bock was present via teleconference. Also present for all or part of the meeting were Principal Shae Peplinski, Assistant Principal Danielle O'Brien, Business Manager Tammy Simnioniw, Kwirt Johnson, Rob Matteson, Dan Schaff, and David Shepherd.

Klatt moved, Adams seconded, to approve the consent agenda, which included the Minutes from the June 10 regular meeting and June 26 special meeting, the attached payment list, the 2019 fiscal year financial reports, and the addition of three items to the agenda. All in favor.

Old Business was dealt with prior to seating the newly elected board members.

Peplinski and Matteson reported on the status of the DeMores Landscaping Project. There have been delays due to rain and shipment of supplies.

Matteson gave update on maintenance issues. Matteson then submitted a letter of resignation. Reis moved, Klatt seconded, to accept the resignation. Roll call vote with all in favor.

Simnioniw presented an investment report, tuition to other schools report, district pupil membership and transportation reports, and a pledged assets report from First State Bank of Golva. Reis moved, Adams seconded to approve the investment, tuition, district pupil membership and transportation, and pledged assets reports for fiscal year ending June 30, 2019. Roll call vote with all in favor.

Simnioniw reminded board members of board member boot camp being sponsored by NDSBA.

An excess property list was provided to the board with items identified for disposal. Klatt moved, Bock seconded, to approve disposal or sale of items on the excess property list as presented. Roll call vote with all in favor.

It was determined that a second reading was still needed for policies GABAA (English Language Learners) and GABDB (Title Programs Dispute Resolution Procedures). Adams moved, Reis seconded, to approve the second reading of policies GABAA and BAGDB. Roll call vote with all in favor.

O'Brien asked the board to determine how they would like the removal of the old playground equipment at Prairie to be handled. The company installing the new will remove the equipment as part of their quote. It was the consensus of the board to have it removed and disposed of by BC6 Builders due to liability concerns.

Peplinski reported that Stacie Larson, para-professional for DeMores preschool and lead technology coordinator submitted her resignation. Adams moved, Klatt seconded, to accept her resignation. Roll call vote with all in favor. Reis moved, Bock seconded, to offer the lead technology coordinator position to Erika Honeyman with an addendum to her contract for the 2019-20 school year in the amount of \$4,500. Roll call vote with all in favor.

Klatt moved, Adams seconded, to adjourn the meeting for the 2018-19 fiscal year. All in favor. The meeting was then called to order for the 2019-20 fiscal year with Kwirt Johnson and Julie Reis seated for transitional three-year terms. Mike Klatt retired from board service and was thanked for his valuable contributions.

Members declared conflicts of interest as follows. Adams, Johnson, and Reis had no conflicts of interest to report. Joey Kessel reported that Joe Kessel, his father, is a County Commissioner. Eric Bock reported that his wife, DeeAnn Bock, is an employee of the Billings County School District.

Election of officers was conducted. Reis nominated Joey Kessel as president. Adams moved that nominations cease and a unanimous ballot be cast for Joey Kessel, Reis seconded. Roll call vote with all in favor. Adams nominated Eric Bock as vice president. Johnson moved that nominations cease and a unanimous ballot be cast for Eric Bock, Reis seconded. Roll call vote with all in favor.

O'Brien stated that a request had come to her to have preschool tuition waived for staff who enroll their students in preschool. She will place this on the August agenda for board consideration.

The NDSBA policy services agreement is up for renewal at an annual maintenance rate of \$550. Adams moved, Reis seconded, to renew the NDSBA Policy Services. Roll call vote with all in favor.

Reis moved, Johnson seconded, to designate the *Billings County Pioneer* as official newspaper for the District. Roll call vote with all in favor.

Bock moved, Reis seconded, to designate health care professionals at Sanford Occupational Health Center for DOT required health physicals, and Performance Truck Center, Westlie Truck Center, Wallworks Diesel, Nelson International, Harlow's, and Guy Tessier for DOT inspections of buses. Roll call vote with all in favor.

Reis moved, Adams seconded, to appoint Principal Peplinski as District representative on the West River Student Services committee. Roll call vote with all in favor.

Reis moved, Johnson seconded, to establish the annual meeting calendar for the 2019-20 fiscal year with regular meetings scheduled for the second Tuesday of each month at 5:00 p.m. except for the July annual meeting which will be held the third Tuesday in July at 5:00 p.m.. Roll call vote with all in favor.

Johnson moved, Reis seconded, to appoint Anita Adams as District representative on the Roughrider Educational Services Partnership governing board for the 2019-20 school year. Roll call vote with all in favor.

Adams moved, Reis seconded, to appoint Principal Shae Peplinski as the authorized representative for Title Programs, Homeless Liaison, Ell Coordinator, and 504 Coordinator for the 2019-20 school year. Roll call vote with all in favor.

Adams moved, Bock seconded, to designate First State Bank of Golva as depository for regular working accounts, with investments to be made through Choice Financial Bank of Belfield, First State Bank of Golva, or Edward Jones public fund investment program. Roll call vote with all in favor.

Dan Schaff, KLJ, arrived at meeting and gave update on status of Prairie Expansion Project. He presented change order #3 and change order #4. Johnson moved, Reis seconded, to approve change orders #3 and #4 as presented. Roll call vote with all in favor.

David Shepherd stopped into meeting to provide status report on the DeMores Landscaping Project.

The preliminary budget for the 2019-20 school year was reviewed. Discussion was held and the board decided not to increase the General Fund taxation levy, to request \$350,000 in Land Utilization (Bankhead Jones) funds from the county, and to use building fund money to pay for remainder of Prairie Expansion and DeMores Landscaping projects. The preliminary budget reflected this decision. Johnson moved, Adams seconded, to approve the preliminary budget for the 2019-20 fiscal year as presented. Roll call vote with all in favor.

Simnioniw stated that the school board is on the county commission meeting agenda for August 6 at 11:00 a.m. to request LU (Bankhead Jones) funds and any additions to the contract between the Dickinson Public Library and Billings County Commission. Simnioniw asked the board members if they would like to pursue requesting the contract between BC Commission and Dickinson Library include additional staff time at Prairie in the new library/technology lab available to the public during the school year on Fridays when there is not school and one to two evenings a week. The board concurred that they would like to make this request. Johnson, Reis, O'Brien and Simnioniw will attend the meeting.

The August regular meeting will be held August 13, 2019, at 5:00 p.m. at Prairie School in Fairfield. Reis moved, Adams seconded, to establish the public input meeting and finalization of the 2019-20 budget at the August 13 meeting. Roll call vote with all in favor. (It was later determined that the public input meeting would need to be held in September.)

Adams stated there was no RESP report this month.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Joey Kessel, President

Tammy Simnioniw, Business Manager