

BILLINGS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT #1
Minutes of Regular Meeting
January 14, 2020
UNOFFICIAL MINUTES
(Subject to review and revision by the board)

The regular meeting of the Billings County School Board was called to order by President Joseph G. Kessel at 5:05 p.m. MT, Tuesday, January 14, 2020, at DeMores School in Medora, ND. Present on site were members Anita Adams, Eric Bock, Kwirt Johnson, Joey Kessel, and Julie Reis. Also present on site for all or part of the meeting were Principal Shae Peplinski, Assistant Principal Danielle O'Brien, Business Manager Tammy Simnioniw, Maintenance Supervisor Pete Hegge, Dickie Jo Kubas, Liz Odermann, and Jessie Wanner.

Reis moved, Adams seconded, to approve the consent agenda, which included the Minutes from the December 10 regular meeting, the payment list, financial reports, and the addition of one agenda item. All in favor.

The board reviewed a report on the final project costs for the Prairie Expansion project and the status of the project costs for the DeMores Landscaping project.

Pete Hegge gave a maintenance report. Replacement of the boiler system at Prairie was discussed. Hegge reported that a boiler inspection is scheduled for January 23. He will provide information to the board at the next meeting on the results of the boiler inspection and the recommendation of the boiler inspector regarding the condition of the current system. Hegge also discussed the possible need of replacing windows at Prairie. The board concurred that this should be explored. O'Brien and Hegge will determine which windows should be replaced and obtain quotes from area businesses.

Principal Peplinski presented information she obtained from other schools regarding how stipends and travel costs for advisors and chaperones of the Close Up Program are handled. No decision was made and the matter will be revisited at the next board meeting when Erika Honeyman and Markie Toso can be present.

Peplinski and O'Brien reported on upcoming events. They also provided the board with a first draft of a proposed 2020-21 school calendar and survey results from parents and staff regarding the four day school week and the continuance of Discovery Days. The board asked that eight Discovery Days be included in the schedule. No decision was made at this time on a final schedule.

Simnioniw provided the board with a family transportation report. The board also reviewed the quarterly pledged assets report from First State Bank of Golva. Bock moved, Reis seconded, to approve the quarterly pledged assets report noting that pledged assets were adequate to cover deposits. Roll call vote with all in favor.

The board also reviewed the semi-annual investments report. Johnson moved, Adams seconded, to approve the investment report. Roll call vote with all in favor.

Kwirt Johnson and Joey Kessel volunteered to be on the teacher negotiations team. Eric Bock stated he would also serve if either Johnson or Kessel couldn't. It was determined that Bock, Johnson, Kessel, and possibly Adams will attend the Negotiations Seminar in Bismarck on February 7.

Simnioniw reported that she attended the Legislative Education Committee meeting held in Bismarck on January 8. She discussed several issues being considered for the 2021 legislative session. One of major concern that could impact our school district was a proposal submitted by NDCEL to force consolidations of schools within 25 miles of each other (building to building). Staff and board members will keep abreast of this issue and compile information to present in testimony if this

proposal is developed into a bill.

Peplinski and Adams discussed a free online meeting platform currently being used by RESP. Simnioniw presented information on a similar platform recommended by NDSBA, but at a cost of \$2,000 per year. Peplinski and O'Brien will look further into the use of the free platform and try to get it set up for the next board meeting.

Simnioniw reported that CPASS, the South Heart after prom committee, submitted a request for a donation. Since policy doesn't allow for this type of donation out of the general fund, it was forwarded to the DeMores and Prairie student councils. O'Brien reported that the Prairie student council voted to donate \$15 from the student activities account to the after prom committees of each of the high schools being attended by Billings County students if donations are requested.

Simnioniw reported that Advanced Business Methods submitted a proposal to replace the current photocopier at Prairie with a leased machine. The lease for the new copier would be approximately \$17 per month less than what the current maintenance agreement is. The current copier still works and will be offered to the Sheriff's department for the Glade School building they are leasing. Bock moved, Reis seconded, to replace the current copier with the new leased copier from ABM. Roll call vote with all in favor.

Adams moved, Johnson seconded, to approve the second reading of FCAE Suicide Prevention, ACEA Bullying Policy, GAAB Curriculum Adoption, and GACB Patriotic Exercises. Roll call vote with all in favor. Adams moved, Bock seconded, to approve the first reading to amend FAAA Open Enrollment, FGDD Student Publications & Freedom of Expression, GAAB Curriculum Adoption, GCC Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment & Third-Party Research on Students, and GDB Graduation Exercises. Roll call vote with all in favor. Adams moved, Johnson seconded, to approve the first reading to rescind old and adopt new HBCC Fundraising and GAAA Curriculum Design & Evaluation. Roll call vote with all in favor. Adams moved, Bock seconded, to approve the first reading to adopt new BBBB School Board Committees. Roll call vote with all in favor.

The board reviewed ACBD-E11 Medication Disposal/Destruction Log, FAAD-E Tuition Agreement Letter to Parents, GAAC-E1 Billings County Public Schools Request for Reconsideration of Instructional Resources, GAAC-E2 Library Bill of Rights, GAAC-E3 Access to Resources and Services in the School Library Media Program, GAAC-E4 Hatch Amendment Sample Letter, and GCC-E Model Notification of Rights Under the Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment (PPRA).

Adams and Peplinski gave the RESP report.

The next regular board meeting was scheduled for February 11, 2020, at 5:00 p.m. at DeMores School in Medora.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Joey Kessel, President

Tammy Simnioniw, Business Manager