

BILLINGS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT #1
Minutes of Regular Meeting
February 11, 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 5:00 p.m. MT, Tuesday, February 11, 2020, at DeMores School in Medora, ND. Present on site were members Anita Adams, Kwirt Johnson, Joey Kessel, and Julie Reis. Present via video conference was Eric Bock. Also present on site for all or part of the meeting were Assistant Principal Danielle O'Brien, Business Manager Tammy Simnioniw, Maintenance Supervisor Pete Hegge, Liz Odermann, and Erika Honeyman.

Reis moved, Johnson seconded, to approve the consent agenda, which included the Minutes from the January 14 regular meeting, review of December 17, 2019, and January 29, 2020, policy committee Minutes, the payment list, financial reports, and the addition of four agenda items. All in favor.

Pete Hegge gave a maintenance report. A written report provided information from the boiler inspector who stated the boiler is well-built and has life expectancy of 50 years. Hegge reported that Viking Glass did a site visit at Prairie to inspect the windows. They recommended re-caulking first before replacement of windows. A quote will be forthcoming. Hegge contacted several other vendors to get estimates from them as well and is waiting for a response. Due to the information obtained from boiler inspector, the board decided to try fixing the windows and hold off at this time on replacing the boiler system.

The title change for principals was tabled until the March meeting.

The board reviewed a final draft of the 2020-21 school calendar consisting of 150 classroom instruction days and eight discovery days. Bock moved, Adams seconded, to approve the 2020-21 school calendar as presented. Roll call vote with all in favor.

Reis presented information on how the Close Up program in our school district could be classified. Adams moved, Bock seconded, to approve participation by the Billings County School District in the Close-Up program as a school sponsored program. Roll call vote with all in favor.

O'Brien provided information on upcoming events. O'Brien informed the board that the Billings County Sheriff's Department was interested in the copier being replaced out at Prairie. They would use it in the office they are setting up in the Glade School building they are leasing. Johnson moved, Reis seconded, to donate the used copier to the Sheriff's Department. Roll call vote with all in favor.

O'Brien read a letter of resignation from Logan Caulk, first and second grade teacher at Prairie, effective May 21, 2020. Adams moved, Johnson seconded, to accept the resignation. Roll call vote with all in favor.

Simnioniw reported that the school board terms of Joey Kessel and Eric Bock will expire in July, 2020. Their positions will be up for election at the June 9 joint election with the County.

Simnioniw provided evaluation forms for the District Principal and Business Manager to the board members. Joey asked that they be returned to him by the March board meeting.

The board reviewed the high school tuition report.

Simnioniw discussed with the board the possibility of using a third party administrator for the school district's 403(b) retirement plan. Several school districts reported that they use ADMIN Partners and are satisfied with their services. The quoted price from ADMIN Partners for these services is a one-time setup fee of \$1,350 plus annual fees of \$600. Johnson moved, Reis seconded, to secure the services of ADMIN Partners for third party administration of our 403(b) retirement plan. Roll call vote with all in favor.

The board considered the petition for recognition of representative organization for negotiations by licensed classroom teachers employed as teachers. It was determined that 93% of the teachers had signed the petition and the petition had been posted for at least 10 days. Reis moved, Johnson seconded, pursuant to NDCC Section 15.1-16-10, the Board of the Billings County School District recognizes as the appropriate negotiating unit all employees licensed to teach by the ESPB or approved to teach by the ESPB and employed primarily as classroom teachers. Roll call vote with all in favor. Adams moved, Johnson seconded, that the Board of the Billings County School District has investigated the petition filed by the Billings County Education Association requesting that the Association be recognized as the representative organization for the negotiating unit and has determined that the Billings County Education Association does represent a majority of the teachers within that unit. The Board recognizes the Billings County Education Association as the representative organization for a minimum of one year beginning February 11, 2020. Roll call vote with all in favor.

The board determined that they will go into executive session for negotiations strategy at the end of their March regular board meeting. Negotiations meetings will be scheduled for shortly after that date.

Simnioniw reported that a request had been received from the Belfield After Prom Party committee for a donation. The Prairie Student Council donated \$15 out of their student funds.

Policies were reviewed and acted upon as follows. Adams moved, Reis seconded, to rescind the motion to approve the first reading of policy GAAB from the January 2020 meeting as this policy was already previously approved for a second reading. Roll call vote with all in favor.

Adams moved, Johnson seconded, to approve the second reading of FAAA Open Enrollment, FGDD Student Publications & Freedom of Expression, GCC Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment &: Third-Party Research on Students, GDB Graduation Exercises, HBCC Fundraising, GAAA Curriculum Design & Evaluation, and BBBB School Board Committees. Roll call vote with all in favor. Adams moved, Bock seconded, to approve the first reading to adopt policies ABABA Religious Observance, ABCB Sportsmanship, ACAC Accident Reporting, and ACBC Use of Animals in District Schools and Curricular Programs. Roll call vote with all in favor. Johnson moved, Adams seconded, to approve the first reading to amend policies AAC Nondiscrimination and Anti-harassment Policy, ABAB School Year Calendar, ABBA ND Comprehensive Model School Policy for Tobacco Use, ACCA Sexual Offenders on School Property, and ACCA-BR Criteria for Granting Parent Offenders Privileges to Enter School Property. Roll call vote with all in favor. Adams moved, Reis seconded, to reaffirm policy ABBDA Political Activities. Roll call vote with all in favor. The board reviewed AAC-E2 Discrimination and/or Harassment Complaint Confidentiality Assessment, AAC-E3 Discrimination and Harassment Training Requirements for Employees, AAC-E4 Reasonable Accommodation Request Physician Form, ABCA-AR Computer Software, and ACBC-AR Use of Animals in Curricular Programs Regulations.

Adams reported that there had not been a February RESP meeting. The next meeting will be held March 4.

The next regular board meeting was scheduled for March 10, 2020, at 5:00 p.m. at DeMores School in Medora.

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Joey Kessel, President

Tammy Simnioniw, Business Manager