

BILLINGS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT #1
Minutes of Regular Meeting
March 10, 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, March 10, 2020, at DeMores School in Medora, ND. Present on site were members Eric Bock, Kwirt Johnson, Joey Kessel, and Julie Reis. Present via teleconference for portions of the meeting was Anita Adams. Also present on site for all or part of the meeting were District Principal Shae Peplinski, Assistant Principal Danielle O'Brien, Business Manager Tammy Simnioniw, Maintenance Supervisor Pete Hegge, Liz Odermann, Jessie Berger, and Erika Honeyman.

Bock moved, Reis seconded, to approve the consent agenda, which included the Minutes from the February 11, 2020, regular meeting and review of February 27, 2020, policy committee Minutes, the payment list, financial reports, and the addition of two agenda items. All in favor.

Pete Hegge gave a written and oral maintenance report. Only two contractors responded back regarding window replacement or repairs to Prairie School windows with only Viking Glass providing a quote of \$2,540 for resealing and caulking of current windows. Reis moved, Johnson seconded, to accept proposal from Viking Glass in the amount of \$2,540. Roll call vote with all in favor. Hegge also reported that he will be replacing fuel oil #2 in the underground tanks used as backup fuel for heating. He is obtaining price quotes and will take lowest since we didn't get any responses to the formal bid process. Hegge reported that he will be attending a playground inspection course in Bismarck March 17-19.

The title change for principals was discussed. Anita Adams joined the meeting via teleconference at this point (5:45 p.m.). Questions were raised by board members. Bock moved, Johnson seconded, to table a decision and revisit at the April board meeting. Roll call vote with all in favor.

Simnioniw presented a proposed 403(b) plan document and resolution to amend and restate the adoption agreement. Reis moved, Adams seconded, to adopt a resolution to amend and restate the adoption agreement, administrative appendix, written plan document, and IRS approval letter for the Billings County Public School District #1 403(b) Plan. Roll call vote with all in favor.

Anita Adams left meeting at this point (6:30 p.m.).

Reis presented additional information regarding funding for school sponsored events such as Close-Up. The board asked that procedures for budgeting for new fiscal year be followed and any funding requests be included for consideration at time of budget development and adoption rather than coming in after budget is approved.

Peplinski and O'Brien reported on upcoming events in the District.

The following open enrollment requests were presented to the board. Three Dickinson Public School District students from same family are requesting open enrollment beginning 2020-21 school year into DeMores School. Two of the students are currently enrolled under a tuition waiver. The students would be enrolled in grades Kindergarten, fourth, and sixth grades. Peplinski reported on number of students in each classroom and advised that there was capacity. Johnson move, Reis seconded, to approve these open enrollment requests. Roll call vote with all in favor. One

Dickinson Public School District student is requesting open enrollment beginning 2020-21 school year into Prairie School. This student is currently enrolled under a tuition waiver. The student will be enrolled into fourth grade. O'Brien reorted on number of students in the classroom and advised that there was capacity. Reis moved, Bock seconded, to approve this open enrollment request. Roll call vote with all in favor.

Simnioniw reported on information received regarding alternative options for health insurance coverage. No decisions were made. Simnioniw will continue further exploration of the self-funded option and report any new information back to the board.

O'Brien asked the board to consider preschool rates to determine charges for 2020-21 school year. It was the consensus of the board to keep rates the same with \$350 per month for full-time students and \$175 per month for part-time students. No pro-rating according to number of days or hours attending will be allowed.

The board was also asked to consider hot lunch and milk rates for the 2020-21 school year. Student meals are currently \$2.50, milk is \$0.30 per carton, and adult meals are \$3.25. It was consensus of the board to keep rates the same.

The board set a date of April 14, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. to hold a public strategic planning session for the school district. It will be held in conjunction with the monthly board meeting.

Bock moved, Johnson seconded, to approve the second reading ABABA Religious Observance, ABCB Sportsmanship, ACAC Accident Reporting, ACBC Use of Animals in District Schools and Curricular Programs, AAC Nondiscrimination and Anti-harassment Policy, ABAB School Year Calendar, ABBA ND Comprehensive Model School Policy for Tobacco Use, and ACCA Sexual Offenders on School Property. Roll call vote with all in favor. Johnson moved, Bock seconded, to approve the first reading to adopt policy ACEB Hazing. Roll call vote with all in favor.

Anita Adams rejoined meeting via teleconference (6:55 p.m.).

Johnson moved, Bock seconded, to waive the first reading and approve the second reading to adopt BCAD Executive Session. Roll call vote with all in favor. Reis moved, Adams seconded, to approve the first reading to amend policies ACE Violent and Threatening Behavior, BAA Employing Board Members, BBBA Officers of the Board, BBC Method of Filling a Board Vacancy, BCAB Board Meeting Procedures, and BCAC Minutes. Roll call vote with all in favor. Bock moved, Johnson seconded, to reaffirm policies BAB Board Conflict of Interest and BCAB-BR Procedure for Seating New Board at the Annual Meeting. Roll call vote with all in favor. The board reviewed BBC-E School Board Application Form, BCAD-E2 Executive Session Format, and BCAD-E3 Executive Session Format for Discussion of Education Records.

Adams and Peplinski gave RESP report.

Review of correspondence from Killdeer Post Prom Committee and a thank you from Joanne Kessel family.

President Kessel stated that the next item on the agenda is teacher negotiations strategy. Reis moved, Johnson seconded, to discuss negotiations strategy in executive session rather than in an open meeting in accordance with NDCC Section 44-04-19.1(9). Roll call vote with all in favor.

President Kessel stated that if there were any members of the public present, they would be asked to leave the room and it was anticipated that the meeting would reconvene at 7:45 p.m. (There were no members of the public present at this time). The executive session began at 7:18 p.m. and was attended by Anita Adams (teleconference), Eric Bock, Kwirt Johnson, Joey Kessel, Julie Reis, Shae Peplinski, Danielle O'Brien, and Tammy Simnioniw. The executive session was adjourned at 8:23 p.m. and reconvened in open meeting.

The next regular board meeting was scheduled for April 14, 2020, at 5:00 p.m. at DeMores School in Medora.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Joey Kessel, President

Tammy Simnioniw, Business Manager