

ANNUAL BUDGET HEARING & REGULAR MEETING – AUGUST 19, 2010

1 & 2. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Chairman Keith called the regular meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. in the Elementary Board Conference Room. Trustees Present: Krystal Zentner, Penny Young, Kelly Stevenson and Russ Imlay. Others Present: Bill Phillips, Betty Sweet, Becky Bell, Clint Boggess, Tessa Beach, Robin Smith & Joe Brookshier

3. MINUTES:

Trustee Young made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 13, 2010 Regular Meeting as presented. Trustee Imlay seconded the motion. Members voted 5/0 in favor.

4. CLAIMS, PAYROLL, TREASURER'S RECONCILIATION:

Trustee Imlay made a motion to accept the following: claims 13508-13626 and 13583 (printed by hand out of sequence), payroll warrants 17081-17112, direct deposit lists of 8/5/10 and Treasurers' Reconciliations from April, May and June, 2101. Trustee Zentner seconded the motion. Vote 5/0. Questions on various warrants were asked and answered.

5. ATHLETIC/ACTIVITY ACCOUNTING:

Trustee Young made a motion to accept the activity accounting for July. Trustee Stevenson seconded the motion. Vote: 5/0.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT: None

7. SPECIAL REPORTS:

7.1 Principal/Activities Director Report: Principal Bell reported that the District has met Annual Yearly Progress in all areas. Targets were exceeded at all levels. Elementary teachers will be implementing a "Walk to Read" program as part of our Response to Intervention which will also address Gifted/Talented students. The High School has Advanced Placement courses to address Gifted/Talented students. Middle School teachers are working on how to address these needs. Principal Bell noted the various committees in which District staff are participating. It was the consensus of the Board to allow an account named "School Mart" to be opened in the Activity Accounts for JoEllen Wood and the high school special ed classroom to run a school store. Principal Bell will serve as the K-8 Principal and the Athletic Director. Superintendent Phillips will serve as the High School Principal and Transportation Director. Upcoming events were announced. Practice for high school volleyball and football have started with 15 and 18 players, respectively.

7.2 Superintendent/Transportation Director Report: The first Pupil-Instruction-Related day of the year, August 23, will start with breakfast for the staff. After introductions and information has been related to the whole staff, different groups will break out. The day also includes time for teachers to work in their classrooms. Board members were asked to consider attending a Board Orientation entitled 'Secrets to a Smooth School Year' on September 15th presented by Jeff Weldon and were asked to give input on committees or 'teams' and a list of the various teams in mind will be given out soon. Superintendent Phillips accepted letters of resignation from Houston Finn and Bill Coleman. The NEW SLATE grant and the amount of time Clerk Sweet needs to administer the grant were discussed. More will be reported on the grant and the time involved at a later date.

Trustee Zentner asked how substitute teachers are assigned. Teachers requests for certain subs are honored whenever possible. After that, the availability of the sub comes into play. Some subs work for other districts and aren't always available when we call. When absences are pre-planned it is easier to try to work down the list to be fair to all the subs, when absences are for more than one day, Judy and Diane try to assign the same sub for the duration of the absence. When there is an emergency, Judy and Diane start down the list and get the first person who can come on short notice. Superintendent Phillips doesn't feel that a policy of substitute rotation is advisable, specifying certified teachers first is an option but sometimes it's the best fit or the teacher's request that needs satisfied first.

Jeff Zeltner spoke with Superintendent Phillips about holding fundraisers for the upcoming trip. Board approval for the fundraisers is not necessary but the Board will be informed. The group will be required to fill out facility use forms.

7.3 Clerk's Report: The auditor will be back October 18th to finish the 2009-2010 audit. Everyone is invited to the annual Bank Picnic on 8/25.

8. OLD BUSINESS:

8.1 Summer Projects Update: Now that the high school gym has new lights, the stage is noticeably dim. Ace Electric offered a bid of \$1550.00 with a possible rebate of \$650. It was the consensus of the Board to pursue the bid, hoping that the lights would be dimmable for use during plays. It was also noted that the stage area gets hot and perhaps the exhaust fan needs work. Items will be placed on the September agenda when further information is available. The lighting project in the Ag Shop is running later than scheduled. Parts have been stored in the shop and Mr. Olsen may have to work around them for awhile. The east facing high school door (Senior door) wasn't working right and needed redesigned. Regarding the elementary doors: the architect has not returned our calls this week. We are not happy with the position of the posts and would like to have them cut off and removed, not pulled and replaced. There is still daylight showing around the doors and that needs to be fixed. The seal was specified in the bid. Gary Levine, the architect, will be consulted.

8.2 Bus Purchase: Trustee Zentner made a motion to table this item. Trustee Imlay seconded the motion. Vote: 5/0. District Policy 8105 regarding purchases will be relayed to Superintendent Phillips.

9. NEW BUSINESS:

9.1 Certified Negotiations: Superintendent Phillips would like a few months to review the budget before additional meetings are scheduled. Language could be discussed at this time but not additional money. The grievance procedure needs refined between the Master Agreement, District Policy and the handbooks.

9.2 Montana Digital Academy Policy: Superintendent Phillips recommended adopting Policy 2170 – Montana Digital Academy. Trustee Zentner made a motion to accept the first reading of policy 2170. Trustee Young seconded the motion. Members voted 5/0 in favor. The Academy could be used instead of the current credit recovery program through Odyssey Ware, or, fewer licenses would be needed which would also cut our costs. Superintendent Phillips will discuss the options further with Principal Bell and Corinne Turnsplenty. The Academy is free this year.

One of our teachers would monitor the program, grades would be assigned by the Academy and would go on the students' transcripts and be reflected in their GPA.

9.3 Handbook Revisions & Review: Trustee Zentner made a motion to use the same handbooks as last year with only names, dates, the foreign language requirement and any state mandated items changed at this time. Trustee Stevenson seconded the motion. Vote: 5/0. The handbooks will be revisited at a later date with possible language changes.

9.4 Budget/Annual Budget Hearing: Trustee Imlay made a motion to accept the Budget for the 2010-2011 Fiscal Year as presented with possible changes as recommended by the auditor. Trustee Young seconded the motion. Vote: 5/0.

9.5 Transportation Mechanic Job Description: As there are no applicants for the position, using a per hour, time & material or base rate of pay will be decided at a later date. Basic maintenance could be covered in a base amount.

9.6 Approve 2010-2011 Bus Routes: Trustee Imlay made a motion to accept the bus routes as presented. Trustee Zentner seconded the motion. Vote: 5/0.

9.7 SLATE Grant Tech Purchases: Trustee Young made a motion to approve the proposed purchases for the District from our portion of the NEW SLATE grant. Trustee Imlay seconded the motion and all members voted in favor.

9.8 Out of District Attendance Agreements: Trustee Young made a motion to accept the out of district attendance requests for the following students: Michael Carreon, Kerrigan Bemis, Phoenix & Keiran Russell, Jonathan Sticka and Joci Waggener. Trustee Stevenson seconded the motion and all members voted in favor.

9.9 Trustees Financial Statement: Trustee Imlay made a motion to accept the Trustees Financial Statement for the 2009-2010 Fiscal Year as presented with possible changes as recommended by the auditor. Trustee Young seconded the motion. Vote: 5/0.

9.10 Commitment to Cooperative – First Year of Three: Trustee Imlay made a motion to recommit to the special services coop for the first year of our three-year commitment. Trustee Young seconded the motion and the vote counted 5/0.

10. PERSONNEL:

10.1 Hire- Route Driver: As recommended by Superintendent Phillips, Trustee Imlay made a motion to hire Rikki Zentner as a Route Driver for the District. Trustee Young seconded the motion. Vote: 5/0.

10.2 Hire – Groundskeeper: As recommended by Superintendent Phillips, Trustee Stevenson made a motion to hire Doug Asbury as Groundskeeper pending background check. Trustee Imlay seconded the motion. Vote: 5/0. Mr. Asbury will work as needed and until Superintendent Phillips tells him to stop.

10.3 Hire – HS Head Boys BB Coach: Superintendent Phillips recommended the board move to hire Scott Berube as Head Boys Basketball Coach for the 2010-2011 season pending

background check. The motion was made by Trustee Imlay, seconded by Trustee Young. Members voted 5/0.

10.4 Hire – HS Head Girls BB Coach: Superintendent Phillips recommended the board move to hire Tessa Beach as Head Girls Basketball Coach for the 2010-2011 season. The motion was made by Trustee Zentner, seconded by Trustee Imlay. Members voted 5/0.

10.5 Hire – Transportation Mechanic: no recommendation at this time

10.6 Hire – HS Asst. Football Coach: Superintendent Phillips recommended the board move to hire Drew Hayes as Asst. Football Coach for the 2010-2011 season pending background check. The motion was made by Trustee Imlay, seconded by Trustee Young. Members voted 5/0.

10.7 Hire – Jr. High Asst. Football Coach: Superintendent Phillips recommended the board move to hire Eric Little as Jr. High Asst. Football Coach for the 2010-2011 season pending background check. The motion was made by Trustee Young, seconded by Trustee Stevenson. Members voted 5/0.

10.8 Hire – Business Education Teacher: Based of the recommendation of Superintendent Phillips, Trustee Young made a motion to hire Brent Kolobakken as the Business Education Teacher pending background check. Trustee Imlay seconded the motion and all members voted in favor.

10.9 Approve 2010-2011 Sub List: Superintendent Phillips recommended the acceptance of the list of substitute works for the 2010-2011 school year. Trustee Young made a motion to accept the list pending background checks for all new hires. Trustee Stevenson seconded the motion. Members voted 5/0 in favor.

11. NEXT REGULAR MEETING:

Trustee Imlay made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:10 p.m. Trustee Young seconded the motion. The next regular Board meeting will be Tuesday, September 14, at 7:00 p.m. Trustee Imlay may not be able to attend.

ATTEST:

Board Chairman

Clerk of the Board