

REGULAR MEETING – NOVEMBER 9, 2010

1 & 2. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Chairman Keith called the regular meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. in the Elementary Board Conference Room. Trustees Present: Krystal Zentner, Kelly Stevenson (came in at item 6.1) and Russ Imlay. Others Present: Bill Phillips, Betty Sweet, Becky Bell, Allison Boeck, Linda Eckerman, Wes Schwend and Donovan Thomas.

3. MINUTES:

Trustee Imlay made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 12, 2010 Regular Meeting and the October 25, 2010 work session. Trustee Zentner seconded the motion. Members voted 3/0 in favor.

4. CLAIMS, PAYROLL, TREASURER'S RECONCILIATION:

Trustee Zentner made a motion to accept the following: claims 13743-13815, warrant coding changes dated 11/2/10, payroll warrants 17259-17314, the direct deposit list of 11/4/10 and the Treasurers Reconciliations for August and September. Trustee Imlay seconded the motion. Vote 3/0. Questions were asked on warrants for MSU-B (Slate grant administration), MCEL etc. mileage reimbursed to Betty Sweet (clerk's meetings, packet/grant item deliveries) and items for the Peer Coaching Grant. Warrant 13742 issued to ADH for \$13,025 replaces stale dated warrants 13016 and 13582, both for \$14025 and both which are now declared Void. (Note: Architect suggested paying \$1000 short as the job was not satisfactory.)

5. ATHLETIC/ACTIVITY ACCOUNTING:

Trustee Imlay made a motion to accept the activity accounting for October. Trustee Zentner seconded the motion. Vote: 3/0. Discussion included the fact that the Dane's Legacy account was closed to the FCCLA account.

6. SPECIAL REPORTS:

6.1 Principal/Activities Director Report: Mrs. Bell noted that a committee of several Montana high school administrators had met at the MHSAA office to discuss possibly adding a fifth classification for schools with enrollment of 65 or fewer. Information was included in the Board packet on this matter. Parent Teacher Conferences are being held today and tomorrow (11/9-10).

6.2 Superintendent/Transportation Director Report: Mr. Phillips noted that our RTI team and the intervention strategies used in our district are well above the curve even though our teachers have had some struggles and frustrations. He noted that we are doing 'big-school' programs at our small school and the fact that one of our teacher's has been asked to lend herself out to Park City to help them implement their program speaks well of our team. Superintendent Phillips noted that work needs done of the cell phone policy in the junior high. The high school has not had any problems with the trial policy they have been running under since last year but the Junior High has had more problems. At a staff meeting held 11/8/10, teachers felt that at the Jr. High level cell phones were not necessary and the students didn't need access to them during classes. Parent/Teacher conferences in the high school had a low rate of participation. The Pep Band will not be going to the State Volleyball tournaments as the rules for when bands can play are very stringent. A Pep Bus will be offered instead that will leave Thursday and stay late for the night game. The bus will return Thursday night. At the Divisional VB tournament the band stayed in the Stanford cafeteria. Three new students enrolled today and 4 more are still due to

arrive. Mr. Phillips recognized Stetson Schwend for being honored for making the top ten in the state for the Heisman Foundation Scholarship. Superintendent Phillips noted that he had accepted the resignation of High School Paraprofessional Arlee Schneider dated October 29, 2010 and sent an acknowledgement of the acceptance by registered mail.

6.3 Clerk's Report: Information on enrollment, P-card rebate, an MTSBA Law Symposium and the findings of the FY 2010 audit were given to the Board. Members set December 7, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. as the date to meet with Superintendent Phillips for his evaluation. Each will do their own evaluation and bring it to the meeting, meet in caucus to prepare a joint evaluation and then discuss the evaluation with Superintendent Phillips.

7. OLD BUSINESS:

7.1 Coaching Policy – Second Reading: Trustee Imlay made a motion to accept the second and final reading of the Coaching policy to be placed in the Activity Handbook. Trustee Zentner seconded the motion. Members voted 4/0 in favor. Discussion was held on the term 'reopened'.

7.2 Coaching Evaluation – Second Reading: Trustee Imlay made a motion to accept the second and final reading of the coaching evaluation. Trustee Stevenson seconded the motion. Vote: 4/0.

7.3 Second Reading: Trustee Zentner made a motion to accept the second reading of policy 2170P-Digital Academy Classes (Procedure). It was noted that in section 4, the sentences starting with OR should be deleted as they were alternate choices that the board could take. This policy will be brought back to the next meeting for a third reading. Trustee Imlay seconded the motion and members voted 4/0 in favor. Policy 5251-Resignations; Trustee Imlay made a motion to table action on this policy to the December meeting while we wait for input from attorney Jeff Weldon. Trustee Stevenson seconded the motion. Vote: 4/0.

8. NEW BUSINESS:

8.1 Varsity Girls Basketball Season: Superintendent Phillips advised the Board to only discuss numbers of players during this item, not other issues. Although it's difficult to speculate until practice starts, there is a possibility that anywhere from 5 to 10 girls might be going out for High School Basketball. MHSA rules state that there must be more than 10 team members to have a varsity team. Options include: 1) cooping with another district by asking for a hardship exception, 2) bringing 8th grade girls up, or, 3) play with what we have. Information on what happens if a certain percentage of games are forfeited was given as was the fact that the 8th graders would still have all eligibility left for high school if that option was taken. The season starts November 22nd and we won't know the numbers till then. No motion needed on this item.

8.2 Field Trip – 6th through 8th grades: Trustee Stevenson made a motion to open a Junior High Field Trip account in the High School Activities Fund. Trustee Zentner seconded the motion and members voted 4/0 in favor. There's a possibility that the group can stay at the old Ennis gym for little or no cost which would lessen the amount needed to fund raise considerably. It was noted that the trip is a reward and the students can lose the privilege to go through grades or behavior. The group is manning Jr. High Concessions through the Booster Club. (They will not be given the stipend).

9. PERSONNEL:

9.1 Hire-Paraprofessional: Based on the recommendation of Superintendent Phillips, Trustee Zentner made a motion to hire Sonia Murray as the High School Paraprofessional for the remainder of the 2010-2011 school year. Trustee Imlay seconded the motion. Vote: 4/0. Ms. Murray has one year experience and will be placed at \$10.13 on the wage matrix. The special services coop will supply \$5000 for the wages and ARRA and Special Ed contingency funds will be applied for as soon as they are available to help fund this position. A plan needs prepared to fund this position for the ensuing years.

10. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Donovan Thomas addressed the Board on the use of cell phones in the Junior High. He has noticed students texting under their desks and feels that the use of phones is a distraction to the class. He commended Superintendent Phillips for his handling of a recent situation and asks the Board to consider not letting students in grades K-8 use their cells phones during the school day. Chairman Keith noted that this issue had been discussed under the Superintendent’s report and that the Board felt that it is not necessary for students in grades K-8 to have access to their phones during the day. He also noted that some parents will feel that these are ‘their’ phones and that we should not be able to deny use in school. Principal Bell added that the staff had discussed this issue at their meeting the night before and noted that the trial policy for cell phones is only available for the high school. The current district policy is that there are not cell phones allowed in K-8 and the students will be reminded of that. Specifics will need to be written out.

11. NEXT REGULAR MEETING:

Trustee Zentner made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:03 p.m. Trustee Stevenson seconded the motion. The next regular Board meeting will be Tuesday, December 14, at 7:00 p.m. Negotiations with the BEA will resume after volleyball season ends.

ATTEST:

Board Chairman

Clerk of the Board