

REGULAR MEETING – OCTOBER 11, 2011

1. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Chairman Keith called the regular meeting to order at 7:09 p.m. in the Elementary Board Conference Room. Trustees Present: Kelly Stevenson, Krystal Zentner, Russ Imlay and Bart Heiken. Others Present: Bill Phillips, Betty Sweet, Becky Bell, Amy, Lily and Xander Kraft, Mike Kelsey, Jennifer and Colter Hickok, Sierra Roukey, Avery Loverdi, Michaella Lesniak, Josh Harmoning and Matt Gunn.

2. AGENDA APPROVAL/REVISION: Item 8.3 – reACT Group was moved to the beginning of the meeting but will be reported in order.

3. MINUTES: Trustee Imlay made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 13, 2011 Regular Meeting. Trustee Stevenson seconded the motion. Members voted 5/0 in favor.

4. CLAIMS, PAYROLL: Trustee Zentner made a motion to accept the following: claims warrants 14420-14481, payroll warrants 18079-18133 and the direct deposit list of 10/5/11. Trustee Imlay seconded the motion. Vote 5/0.

5. ATHLETIC/ACTIVITY ACCOUNTING: Trustee Zentner made a motion to accept the activity accounting for September. Trustee Imlay seconded the motion. Vote: 5/0. Superintendent Phillips asked the Board to continue thinking of projects that would then be submitted to the Elementary Fundraising Committee for consideration.

6. SPECIAL REPORTS:

6.1 Principal/Activities Director Report: Principal Bell noted that a group had attended MBI (Montana Behavior Institute) training in Billings the prior week. The goal of this program is to aid the district in a consistent approach to behavior problems. At a recent meeting of Athletic Directors for our conferences, moving Custer to our basketball schedule was discussed but no one was in favor of doing this if it changed this year's schedules. It was also noted that decisions regarding 8th grade participation in high school sports had all been passed back to the individual districts to decide.

6.2 Superintendent/Transportation Director Report: The first Negotiation meeting will be held October 12 at 6:30 p.m. Superintendent Phillips discussed the Common Core Curriculum which will slightly change standards for teaching. A training session for the Board will be set up with Jeff Weldon as soon as a date can be determined. Leaks occurred in the Elementary Building after the last rain – information on the roof warranty will be requested from Spectrum Architects. Information on Senate Bill 329 and its implications was given to the members. A list of repairs needed will be started in January and February and scheduled as funding is determined.

6.3 Clerk's Report: October 3rd was Fall Enrollment Count Day. A summary of current enrollment was given to the Board. (201 total)

7. OLD BUSINESS:

7.1 First Reading Policy 3115 – Homeschool Student Attendance: Trustee Heiken made a motion to table this policy. Trustee Zentner seconded the motion and members voted 5/0 in favor. Policy 2413 deals with credit transfer and assessment for placement of high school age

students but other information will be looked into in an attempt to soften the language of policy 3115. (Other policies may be listed as Part-Time Attendance (3150), not Home School)

7.2 Activity Passes: No additional action was taken. Changes to the cost of passes made at the last meeting will stand.

7.3 Accept Trustee Resignation: Trustee Imlay made a motion to accept the resignation of Kelly Stevenson, effective at the end of this meeting, with sincere regrets. Trustee Heiken seconded the motion. Members voted 5/0 in favor. Mr. Stevenson will be relocating to Australia.

8. NEW BUSINESS:

8.1 Eighth Grade Girls Varsity Basketball Participation: Based on the recommendation of Superintendent Phillips, no action will be taken on this item at this time. Until numbers of girls participating are determined, no changes will be made. On another note, it is apparent that having Jr. High and High School teams travel together to away games is taking students out of school for too much time.

8.2 New Day Inc. Contract: Trustee Heiken made a motion to authorize the contract between the District and New Day Inc. for comprehensive school and community treatment services. Trustee Imlay seconded the motion and members voted 5/0 in favor.

8.3 reACT Program: Amy Kraft and members of the local reACT group were on hand to acquaint the Board with this 'tobacco-free' group and the activities they are proposing. In partnership with the Beartooth Hospital, Bridger and Belfry have formed a group that is the largest in this area. Mrs. Kraft wrote a grant and received an award of \$3,995 which will be used for supplies and various expenditures for the group (not salaries). The local target is to make area parks Tobacco Free. Members are asking the Board to recognize them as a student organization in this District and noted that they are already following current eligibility guidelines in the district. Trustee Heiken made a motion to recognize the reACT group as a student organization in the Bridger District. Trustee Zentner seconded the motion and all members voted in favor. The group may be asking for transportation to some of their activities.

9. PERSONNEL:

9.1 Hire Assistant Boys Varsity Basketball Coach: Trustee Imlay made a motion to hire Josh Harmoning as the Assistant Boys Varsity Basketball Coach for the 2011-2012 season. Trustee Stevenson seconded the motion. Vote: 5/0.

9.2 Hire Head Jr. High Boys Basketball Coach: Eric Little was recommended for this position in June and the item was tabled as this season and the High School Boys season overlaps. Carrie Klemple, Matt Gunn and Darren Zentner have now applied for this position. Rikki Zentner is the only applicant for assistant and would only accept the position if she were able to coach with Carrie Klemple as the head coach. As Mr. Zentner's application came in too late to post the nepotism notice no action can be taken on this item tonight. Season begins February 13. Trustee Imlay made a motion to close the application for Head Coach and to table this item. Trustee Heiken seconded the motion and members voted 5/0 in favor. Current applicants will be asked if they would be willing to accept the Head or Assistant position.

9.3 Hire Asst. Jr. High Boys Basketball Coach: Trustee Heiken made a motion to table this item. Trustee Stevenson seconded the motion. Vote: 5/0. See item 9.2.

10. TRUSTEE APPOINTMENT:

10.1 Interview Candidates: Pat Hereim and Mike Kelsey were interviewed by the members of the Board, Superintendent Phillips and Principal Bell.

10.2 Appoint New Trustee: Trustee Heiken offered the Boards thanks to both applicants for their interest in the appointment. Trustee Heiken then made a motion to appoint Mike Kelsey for the seat vacated by Kelly Stevenson. Trustee Imlay seconded the motion and members voted 4/0 in favor, Kelly Stevenson abstained from voting. This appointment will continue to the May School Election. At that time, the seat will be up for election for a one-year term. After that election it will revert back to its original three-year term.

10.3 Swear in New Trustee: Clerk Sweet swore in Mike Kelsey.

11. PUBLIC COMMENT: None at this time.

12. NEXT REGULAR MEETING: Trustee Kelsey made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 p.m. Trustee Heiken seconded the motion. The next regular board meeting will be held November 8, 2011.

ATTEST:

Board Chairman

Clerk of the Board