

## REGULAR MEETING

August 10, 2021

6:00 PM

The regular meeting of the Baker School Board was called to order by Chairperson Gye Varner at 6pm in the Boardroom of Baker High School. Trustees Johnna Koenig, Mike Gunderson, Quentin Burdick, and Klint Flint were in attendance. Also present were Superintendent Aaron Skogen, Principals Rob Nyby and Erin Nevers, Vice-Principal/AD Bo Lingle, District Clerk Jennifer Mettler, Technology Director Scott Anderson, and Head Custodian Mardi Brown. Guests were Amy Lingle, Linda Thompson, and Bryan Nevers.

### **Consent Items:**

The bills, investment report, activity account report, journal adjustments, and minutes were reviewed by the trustees; claim checks 57084 to 57192 were reviewed and approved. There being no objections, Chairperson Varner approves the consent items as presented.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

### **EDUCATION REPORT**

None

### **ACTION ITEMS**

#### **CAMERAS IN THE CLASSROOMS – LINDA THOMPSON**

Ms. Linda Thompson presents to the board the proposal to have cameras installed in all classrooms with the ability of the parents to view/monitor their kids' classroom. Ms. Thompson stated she has gotten many signatures of people in the community in favor the cameras; some had concerns of privacy but does not think it is an issue. She also stated she contacted someone at the State and they directed to contact her local school board.

Chairperson Varner pointed out even the pictures of our students on the website need parents consent to publish and all the camera located within the district are closed circuit and only administration is able to view at a specific time; they do not sit and watch the cameras all day long. Chairperson Varner also pointed out this would be a bargaining issue with our local teachers union since this would be a change in their working conditions. The board all agree they want the school to be a safe place for students and something like this would not accomplish that for our students or staff.

Discussion followed.

Johnna Koenig moved to respectfully deny the request for the proposal to install cameras in classrooms.

Quentin Burdick seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

Linda Thompson leaves the meeting.

### **CLASSIFIED HIRES**

#### **a. Food Service**

Recommendation is made to offer the position to past employee, Pat Ehret on a part-time basis.

#### **b. Custodial**

Recommendation is made to offer the position to Joey Trujillo for full-time employment.

#### **c. Paraprofessional**

Recommendation is made to offer the position to Jesica Bautista for full-time employment.

Johnna Koenig moved to hire Pat Ehret as part-time food service aide, Joey Trujillo as full-time custodian and Jesica Bautista as full-time paraprofessional. Mike Gunderson seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

### **EXTRACURRICULAR HIRES**

Mr. Lingle presented to the board his recommendation for coaches for the remainder of positions for extracurricular positions. Recommended as follows:

Middle School Football	Chris Brawley
Middle School Volleyball	BreElle Wacker
Academic Olympics	Kallie Benter
Concessions	Jill Whiteman

Quentin Burdick moved to approve the coaching/advisor positions for the 2021-22 school year as presented. Klint Flint seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

## **STUDENT ATTENDANCE AGREEMENTS**

Mrs. Mettler presents to the board the attendance agreements from Plevna Public Schools.

Klint Flint moved to approve the 2021-22 attendance agreements for the following students to attend Plevna Public Schools: Abagayel Stonbrink, Johnny Miller, Billie Jo Miller, Braxton MacKay, Ruilin Li, and Felicia Li. Mike Gunderson seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

## **BOARD POLICY REVISIONS**

Mr. Skogen presented to the board policy revisions recommended by MT Schools Boards Association.

### **Policy 3416 – Administering Medication to Students**

MTSBA updated this model policy to reflect regulatory changes governing the storage of medication, the delegation of nursing duties and revisions to advised best practices.

### **Policy 3417 – Communicable Diseases**

MTSBA updated this model policy to reflect regulatory changes governing health and hygiene requirements in schools and revisions to advised best practices. This model policy will also ensure necessary provisions regarding health and safety are part of the district's permanent manual when emergency policies are terminated.

### **Policy 5325 – Breastfeeding in the Workplace**

MTSBA updated this model policy to reflect regulatory changes governing appropriate and suitable accommodation of breastfeeding students, employees, and visitors.

### **Policy 8200 – Food Services**

MTSBA updated this model policy to reflect recent regulatory changes governing school food services.

### **Policy 8301 – District Safety**

MTSBA updated this model policy to reflect regulatory changes governing safety requirements in schools and revisions to advised best practices.

### **Policy 8421 – Lead Renovation**

MTSBA updated this model policy to reflect additional options for informing parents about facility renovations involving lead.

### **Policy 2170 & 2170P – Montana Digital Academy**

Montana Digital Academy has announced a cost-sharing program for participating Districts in accordance with Section 20-7-1202, MCA. This program requires updates to MTSBA Model Policies 2170 and 2170P. The changes to the policy acknowledge the authority of MTDA to charge fees while honoring the requirement that the fees will not be passed on to students for courses required for graduation as specified in the statute. To determine whether a class is "required for graduation," the updates to the policy rely on the guidance offered in Section 20-9-213, MCA, as outlined in Model Policy 3520. The policy also authorizes the administration to develop procedures to implement the program. This is reflected in the updates to Model Policy 2170P which provides the Board options on whether to charge students for elective classes and specifying methods to determine if a class is required for graduation. These are required changes to recommended policies.

### **Policy 2332 & 4331 – Student Clubs and Groups**

The MTSBA Model Policies governing student clubs and groups have also been updated. These updates work to provide a consistent approach for curricular clubs and non-curricular groups across all related policies in a manner consistent with the federal Equal Access Act and the applicable case law. The changes to the policies outline steps to designate clubs and groups as curricular and non-curricular and specify the manner in which the designation will occur. Further, the applicable designation will govern how the club or group access other district support measures such as use of logo or imagery, facilities, and communications systems. MTSBA Model Policies 2332, 3223, 3510, 3550, 3550F, 4211, and 4331 have all been developed or amended to address these revisions. These are recommended changes to recommended policies.

### **Policy 3413 – Student Immunizations**

The Legislature also passed, and the Governor approved, HB 334 that requires further amendment to MTSBA Model Policy 3413. This is a required change to a required policy. This bill takes effect on July 1, 2021. The bill contains new terminology and procedures for medical exemptions to immunizations and new confidentiality standards. The policy has also clarified the exclusion for exposure provision. The new provisions in the policy update these issues to ensure the student's rights are honored. When new exemption forms are issued by DPHHS, MTSBA will send the updates to Districts.

### **Policy 3311 – Student Due Process**

The Legislature also passed, and the Governor approved, SB 283 that requires further amendment to MTSBA Model Policy 3311. This is a required change to a required policy. This bill takes effect

on July 1, 2021. The bill requires new procedures when the trustees are considering the expulsion of a student who has violated the policy by possessing a firearm at school. The new provisions in the policy outline these steps to ensure the student's rights are honored.

**Policy 3510 – School Sponsored Activities**

Calls for designation of school district sponsored activities for students of all ages based on biological sex. MTSBA Model Policy 3510 has been updated to address this legislation while recognizing inconsistencies between the bill and federal law as specified by the United States Supreme Court in *Bostock v. Clayton County Georgia* and outlined in District Policy 3210. The legislation contains a contingent voidness clause that is also reflected in Policy 3510. This is a required change to a recommended policy.

**Policy 3510, 3121, 3150 – Home School Extra-Curricular Participation**

Allows certain otherwise unenrolled children who participate in extracurricular activities to be included as partial enrollment for ANB calculations. The legislation states a child who resides in a public school district; is not enrolled in the district; completed an MHSA sanctioned activity, school theater production, or CTE organization for six weeks may be counted for one-sixteenth enrollment. An 18 week activity may be counted for one eighth enrollment. MTSBA Model Policies 3510, 3121, and 3150 have been updated to address this legislation. This is a required change to a recommended policy.

Quentin Burdick moved to approve the required changes to existing board policies 2170, 2170P, 2332, 3121, 3150, 3311, 3413, 3510, 4331, 3416, 3417, 5325, 8200, 8301, and 8421 as presented. Mike Gunderson seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

**OIL & GAS REVENUE**

Mrs. Mettler presented to the board the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2021 oil and gas revenue; revenue received is \$631,731.35 and it is recommended to be deposited into the Flexibility Fund.

Johnna Koenig moved to reallocate the oil and gas revenue on or about August 1, 2021 to the Flex Fund in the amount of \$631,731.35, reserving the right to reallocate the future payments when received. Mike Gunderson seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

**2021-22 BUDGETS**

Mrs. Mettler presents to the board the recommended budgets for the 2021-22 school year.

General Fund	\$4,166,146.67
Transportation	\$432,085.00
Bus Depreciation	\$10,000
Tuition	\$90,000
Retirement	\$825,000
Adult Education	\$150,000
Technology	\$700,000
Flex	\$2,500,000
Debt Service	\$5,000
Building Reserve	\$3,000,000

This year, the District will levy base mills permissively to fund the General Fund and also access mills for the Over-Base amount, which was approved in the May 2021 election. Transportation Fund will be assessing permissive levies again this year to pay for yellow bus costs. Discussion followed.

Quentin Burdick moved to approve the budgets as presented for the 2021-22 school year. Klint Flint seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

**SAFE RETURN TO SCHOOLS & CONTINUITY OF SERVICES PLAN**

Mr. Skogen presented to the board the plan, which is under revision for every board meeting during the school year. An issue to be aware of currently would be the requirement of masks on all buses. The only other change to the plan would be if a child is quarantined, they would be able to receive online instruction during that time but not allowed to receive online instruction at any other time during the year.

Klint Flint moved to approve the changes as discussed. Johnna Koenig seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

**REPORTS:**

**1. COMPLEX – Bryan Nevers**

Swim Lessons - 152

Swimmers - 678

Weight/Cardio - 644

Memberships - 36 total

<b>MEMBERSHIPS SOLD:</b>		
FAMILY	QRTLY	5
	SEMI	1
	ANNUAL	2
INDIVIDUAL		
	WEEKLY	4
	MONTHLY	4
	QRTLY	18
	SEMI	1
	ANNUAL	1

LG and LG instructor training scheduled for August 25th at Rocky Mountain College

**2. MAINTENANCE – Mardi Brown**

Absent

**3. TECHNOLOGY**

The Mid-Rivers phone system is about 90% complete and some training has happened; chromebooks have been added to the obsolete equipment list on the website; any and all website changes please contact me so I can get them done and after school program page is under construction. Viewboards have been requested by at least 10 staff so trying to get them ordered but there is a 3 month wait time. Surface tablets for staff have been deployed and ready for pick up to use. Approximate equipment numbers in District:

441 Chromebooks, 233 desktops, 227 tablets, 53 laptops, 3 servers and 1 partridge in a pear tree!

**4. PRINCIPALS**

**a. ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL, Erin Nevers**

FastBridge training was on August 9<sup>th</sup> with staff in K-2; training was done by Pam Pettigrew from Prairie View Special Services. Class lists will be posted on August 9<sup>th</sup> and first day for teachers is August 23<sup>rd</sup> and Lincoln & Longfellow open house will be August 24<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-7:00pm

**b. HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL, Rob Nyby**

Attended the Prairie View Curriculum Consortium on August 9<sup>th</sup>.

**c. VICE PRINCIPAL/AD, Bo Lingle**

Football and volleyball practices will start Friday and junior high will start August 16<sup>th</sup>.

**5. SUPERINTENDENT, Aaron Skogen**

The MT School Boards Association (MTSBA) has contacted and would like to pick back up with the Strategic Planning so board needs to look at calendar and pick out 3 more dates to continue the planning sessions since MTSBA can travel again.

Next scheduled board meeting is September 15, 2021 at 6 pm.

There being no other business, meeting adjourned at 7:21 pm.

*s/ Jennifer Mettler*

Clerk

*s/ Gye Varner*

Chairman