

MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION

**REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
SHIELDS VALLEY ELEMENTARY ART ROOM
6:30 P.M., WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2022**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

**CLEVE SWANDAL, BOARD CHAIRPERSON
REX TERNAN, BOARD VICE CHAIRPERSON
GRAHAM GILMOUR
NICK JERKE, via TELECONFERENCE
DANNY JOHNSTON, SUPERINTENDENT
GREG SAGER, JH/HS PRINCIPAL
RHONDA LAHAYE, DISTRICT CLERK**

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jon Croston

ATTENDANCE

The regular school board meeting of the Board of Trustees convened at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, December 14, 2022 in the Shields Valley Elementary Art Room in Wilsall with four trustees present. Superintendent Danny Johnston, Board Chairperson Cleve Swandal, Board Vice-Chairperson Rex Ternan, Graham Gilmour, Nick Jerke, via teleconference, JH/HS Principal Greg Sager, and Clerk Rhonda Lahaye were present the entire public meeting.

WELCOME THE PUBLIC

There were 7 visitors present.

**ACTION ITEMS -
SINGULAR**

Consider Senior Class of 2023 trip (presentation)

This item was moved up in the meeting so the senior class could present their items first. They have proposed flying to San Diego, CA either April 19-23 or April 26-30, 2023. They have their temporary itinerary, vrbo information, meals and activities planned. There will be 8 kids, 2 advisors and an administrator on the trip. Graham Gilmour made a motion to approve this trip, Rex Ternan seconded the motion, vote unanimous.

CONSENT AGENDA

The action items on the consent agenda were approved, including item 1) Nov. minutes and 2) warrant approvals, payroll warrants #29457 through #29481 and claims warrants #65632 through #65679, current expenditure report and athletic/activity expenditure report

The Board made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Motion: Graham Gilmour

Seconded: Nick Jerke

Vote: Unanimous

CORRESPONDENCE

The Board received a thank you note from Kayla Johnson for the opportunity to attend the National FFA convention and receive her American FFA degree.

**DISCUSSION AND
REPORTS**

District Clerk Rhonda Lahaye will present other information later in the meeting.

**SUPERINTENDENT
REPORT**

Mr. Johnston gave a report to the Board including an update on the adult ed boot camp, a representative from ASPEN taught healthy relationships curriculum in grades K-8, student of the month, Bannack follow-up, Core Control information, staff holiday party, two hour school delay due to inclement weather. See formal report

**JH/HS PRINCIPAL
REPORT**

Mr. Sager presented the JH/HS Principal Report including high school play, BPA regional contest, JH/HS Christmas concert, scheduling and semester 1 exam schedule – Please see attached formal report.

**MAINTENANCE
REPORT**

There is a maintenance update and report included in the Board packets.

**TEACHERS
REPORT**

Deb Johnston was the teacher rep and presented the teachers reports. Please see formal reports attached.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

None

**ACTION ITEMS -
SINGULAR**

Consideration New Auditor Proposal

Our previous auditor, Strom & Associates, is no longer interested in performing our yearly audit. Rhonda Lahaye received a proposal from Wohlenberg, Ritzman & Co out of South Dakota. They sent several references which were contacted and received good reviews back on them. They have presented a (1) year contract or a (3) year contract. Rex Ternan made a motion to accept the (3) year contract, Graham Gilmour seconded the motion, vote unanimous.

Approve Plan for Reopening COVID-19 Emergency Plan
This will be discussed at the next meeting.

Discussion on strategic planning

There was some discussion on strategic planning but the Board decided to have a meeting at the end of January to talk about the building projects. That meeting will be held on January 25, 2023.

PERSONNEL

Consider substitute teacher Elyse Russell pending completion of a background check

Rex Ternan made a motion to add Elyse Russell to our substitute list pending a successful background check, Graham Gilmour seconded the motion, vote unanimous

**ACTION ITEMS -
FIRST READING**

Consider Changes to Policy 7336 (travel allowances and expenses)

Currently the District pays one way mileage for traveling teachers between the two schools but there is no policy for this. Also, in the past, there has been mileage paid for traveling coaches but also no policy for this. The district received guidance from MTSBA that will help clarify the process. Graham Gilmour made a motion to pay

mileage to the traveling teachers, Nick Jerke seconded the motion, vote unanimous.

**DISCUSSION AND
REPORTS**

There was no additional discussion or reports to present

ADJOURNMENT

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 11th, 2023 at the Wilsall Elementary Art Room, following the meeting the Board will meet with Mr. Johnston concerning his evaluation.

12/15/2022

Date

Rhonda Lahaye

District Clerk

Board Chairperson