

MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING SHIELDS VALLEY ELEMENTARY MULTI PURPOSE ROOM 6:30 P.M., WEDNESDAY, MARCH 08, 2023

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ATTENDANCE

The regular school board meeting of the Board of Trustees convened at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 8, 2023 in the Shields Valley Elementary Multi-Purpose Room in Wilsall with five trustees present. Superintendent Danny Johnston, Board Chairperson Cleve Swandal, Board Vice-Chairperson Rex Ternan, Nick Jerke, Jon Croston, Graham Gilmour, JH/HS Principal Greg Sager, and Clerk Rhonda Lahaye were present the entire public meeting.

WELCOME THE PUBLIC

There were 8 visitors present.

CONSENT AGENDA

The action items on the consent agenda were approved, including item 1) Feb. minutes and 2) warrant approvals, payroll warrants #29531 through #29556 and claims warrants #65783 through #65825, current expenditure report and athletic/activity expenditure report.

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

Motion: Jon Croston

Seconded: Rex Ternan

Vote: Unanimous

CORRESPONDENCE

There was a letter stating the Emergency Authorization for HS Science was granted and approved, also a letter from the MT Dept of Labor & Industry stating the Safety Compliance Inspection at the High School had been completed and closed.

DISCUSSION AND REPORTS

District Clerk Rhonda Lahaye presented the current boiler fuel usage since installing the new boilers in Wilsall.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Mr. Johnston gave a report to the Board including I Love to Read Month, staff resignations, heating in the elementary white building, K-1 grades attending swim PE rec days, spelling bee and the emergency authorization letter.

JH/HS PRINCIPAL REPORT

Mr. Sager presented the JH/HS Principal Report including PT conferences which includes a presentation on "Hidden in Plain Sight", legislative visit, JH music

festival, state BPA, academic Olympiad, state FFA, day of service, testing month, junior prom and track and field as well as graduation plans. Rex Ternan volunteered to be the Board Rep helping hand out diplomas at the graduation.

**MAINTENANCE
REPORT**

There is a maintenance update and report included in the Board packet which was read to the Board by Cleve Swandal.

**TEACHERS
REPORT**

Kelsi Fisher was the teacher rep and presented the teachers reports. Please see formal reports attached.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

None

**ACTION ITEMS -
SINGULAR**

Consider Elementary Construction/Renovation Project

Mr. Johnston reached out to Shane Swandal with HCCM for some advisor on how to proceed with the building project. The Board would like Mr. Johnston to reach out to other schools that have completed building projects or actively doing building projects to take a tour of their school. Mr. Johnston will bring back information to the Board at the next meeting.

Consider Permissive Levy Amounts

Mr. Johnston and Mrs. Lahaye presented information on current budget, next years projected budget and permissive levy information. After board discussions, Jon Croston made a motion to approve the increase in permissive amounts as listed:

Elementary:

\$66,780 – Transportation

\$ 1,068 – Tuition

\$ 2,000 – Adult Education

\$ 1,830 – Bldg Reserve

High School:

\$ 45,989 – Transportation

\$ 5,225 – Tuition

\$ 2,000 – Adult Education

\$ 10,500 – Bldg Reserve

Rex Ternan seconded the motion, vote unanimous

Consider Elementary General Fund Levy Amount

Rex Ternan made a motion to approve a levy amount of \$87,606.46 in the Elementary General Fund to maintain our current budget authority, Nick Jerke seconded the motion, vote unanimous.

PERSONNEL

Consider Early Release from Teach Contract (K-12 Art) for Good Cause

Shannon Bilbao's husband got a job in Oregon, the family is moving and Mrs. Bilbao wants released from her contract without liquidated damages. Graham Gilmour made a motion to release Mrs. Bilbao from her contract with no liquated damages, see MCA 10.57.611, Jon Croston seconded the motion, vote unanimous.

Resignations:

- a) 4th Grade Teacher, Rachelle Swandal, effective May 26, 2023

b) Elementary Secretary, Stacy Mills, effective March 9, 2023

Informational only

Consider Interim K-12 Art Teacher, April 3-May 26, 2023 – Kyleen Olson
Rex Ternan made a motion to approve a long term sub contract for
Kyleen Olson to fill the vacant art teaching position for the remainder
of the year, Nick Jerke seconded the motion, vote unanimous

Consider Interim Elementary Secretary March 13-June 1, 2023 – Lisa Held
Jon Croston made a motion to approve a long term sub-contract for
Lisa Held to fill the vacant secretary position for the remainder of the
year, Graham Gilmour seconded the motion, vote unanimous.

Consider Full-time Elementary Secretary/Asst Business Mngr SY23-2024 –
Adrienne Hinton
Nick Jerke made a motion to approve a contract for Adrienne Hinton
for SY 2023-2024, Graham Gilmour seconded the motion, vote
unanimous.

Consider Substitute Teacher – Evan Nilson and Amber Wirtz
Rex Ternan made a motion to approve Evan Nilson and Amber Wirtz
for substitute positions, Nick Jerke seconded the motion, vote passed
unanimously 4-0, Jon Croston abstained from voting

Consider Substitute Teacher – Andrea Rutledge
Jon Croston made a motion to approve Andrea Rutledge for substitute
teaching pending successful background check, Rex Ternan seconded
the motion, vote unanimous.

Consider Drivers Education Contract 2023- Ken Huff
Rex Ternan made a motion to approve a contract for Ken Huff for
Drivers Ed for SY 2023, Graham Gilmour seconded the motion, vote
unanimous.

DISCUSSION AND REPORTS

Review Maintenance Report for the Activity Bus.
Mr. Johnston presented an activity bus maintenance binder for the
Board to look at, that was given to him by Harlows School Bus
Services. There was not very much to review and the Board has asked
Mr. Johnston to keep this on the Board packet every month for review.
The Board also asked Mr. Johnston to request Harlow's to keep up with
the maintenance and reporting, they want to see quarterly reports and
they want the activity bus maintained yearly by a certified dealer.

Discussion on Heating for the Elementary School
Informational only

School Board Elections, we have 2 positions up for re-election, Cleve Swandal
and Rex Ternan. Deadline to apply to run for the election is March 23, 2023.

ADJOURNMENT

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 12th, 2023 at the
Wilsall Elementary Multi-Purpose Room at 6:30 pm.

3/09/2023

Date

Rhonda Lahaye

District Clerk

Board Chairperson