

1 C. **Personnel Actions** – The Board approved the Personnel Actions as presented.

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3 D. **Good Apple Awards** – The Board approved the nominations for Good Apple
4 Awards: Ashley Jerome, Resource 2 Teacher, Amanda Tramill, First Grade Teacher,
5 Laquita Henderson, Satellite Kitchen Lead and Teresa Jones, Food Service Employee
6 all located at Mountain View Elementary School.

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8 E. **Montana School Bus Driver Certificate – OPI TR-35** – The Board approved the
9 Montana School Bus Driver Certificate – OPI TR-35 for the individual listed in the
10 agenda.

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12 F. **Transitional Kindergarten Student Attendance at the Early Learning Center for
13 the 2023-2024 School Year** – The Board approved the student listed in the agenda to
14 attend the Early Learning Center for the 2023-2024 school year due to exceptional
15 circumstances per Board Policy 3100.

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17 G. **Incoming Student Attendance Agreements for the 2023-2024 School Year** – The
18 Board approved the Incoming Student Attendance Agreements for the 2023-2024
19 school year for the students listed in the agenda. Tuition will be paid for by the parents.

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21 H. **Student Activity Accounts Monthly Report for August 2023** – The Board
22 approved the Student Activity Accounts Monthly Report for August 2023 as presented.

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24 I. **C.M. Russell High School Student Activity Account Closure** - The Board
25 approved the closure of the Student Activity Account *Barrier Busters Club* at C.M.
26 Russell High School as it is no longer being used and the balances have been cleared.

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28 J. **Great Falls High School Skills USA Travel Request** - The Board approved the
29 Great Falls High Skills USA students request to attend the State Leadership Conference
30 in Missoula, Montana from October 23-25, 2023.

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33 **COMMUNICATION**

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35 A. **Malmstrom Air Force Base (MAFB) Communication** - Malmstrom Air Force Base
36 (MAFB) Child and Youth School Liaison Lisa Sapp reported that the District participated
37 in the National Math and Science Initiative (NMSI) grant professional development
38 training. This grant may be possible because of the percentage of high school's military
39 connected students', but the program will benefit all students enrolled in Advanced
40 Placement (AP) courses. A grant award ceremony is scheduled for October 24, 2023, at
41 C.M. Russell High School.

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43 B. **Superintendent's Report** –
44 Superintendent Moore introduced and congratulated Bob Stingley and the Great Falls
45 High School Boys' Cross-Country team who won the AA State Cross Country
46 Championship. He presented Bob Stingley with the "You Make a Difference" coin.

1 Riverview Student Leadership students Kennedy Ross and Brayden Thormanlen
2 presented on the *Character Strong* trait of the month, which is “Responsibility”, and
3 what it means to them.

4 Superintendent Moore reported on the Cross-Town football game that took place on
5 Friday, October 20, 2023, at Memorial Stadium. Great Falls High School won 7-0.

6 Independence Bank donated 800 bandanas representing each high school that were
7 given to students who attended the game as well as an \$800 check to split between the
8 high schools. Director of the Great Falls Public Schools Foundation, Stephanie Becker,
9 stated that \$153,910 was raised in the sale of the annual Truck Raffle tickets.

10 Superintendent Moore congratulated the Great Falls Public Schools Board of Trustees
11 who were awarded the Montana School Board’s Association (MTSBA) Golden Gavel
12 Award at the annual Montana Conference of Education Leadership (MCEL). He stated
13 that Bill Bronson and Gordon Johnson were also awarded the MTSBA Marvin Heinz
14 Award at the event.

15 *Treasure Our Teacher* week is scheduled for October 23-27, 2023.

16 Superintendent Moore reported that former principal Tara Rosipal was awarded the
17 Montana Music Educators Association Outstanding Administrator Award for 2023.

18 Superintendent Moore thanked Torgerson’s Equipment, LLC for their annual pumpkin
19 give-away in which every first-grade student in the District received a pumpkin.

20 The Great Falls Chamber of Commerce *Business for Breakfast* event took place on
21 October 23, 2023. Four Great Falls Public Schools students won a 30 second radio
22 competition and will be awarded a pie from the Double Barrel.

23 Superintendent Moore encouraged everyone to attend the *Safety in the Falls* event
24 scheduled for October 25, 2023, for information regarding the upcoming City Safety
25 levy.

26 He reported that Storyteller Dale Deforest will participate in an Artist Talk and Reception
27 scheduled for Tuesday, October 24, 2023 at Great Falls High School’s Dahl Gallery.

28 C.M. Russell High School’s drama department is holding a *Trick or Treat so Kids Can*
29 *Eat!* event at the Westside Albertson’s on Saturday, October 28, 2023.

30 Great Falls High School’s drama department will be hosting their fall production of
31 *Midsummer Night’s Dream* from November 2-4 and 9-11, 2023.

32 Superintendent Moore invited everyone to the STEM Event scheduled for October 24,
33 2023, at C.M. Russell High School.

34 Each Trustee received a copy of the book “Gracious Space”. Superintendent Moore
35 stated that it is a remarkably adaptive, foundational concept that can add value to many
36 situations, whether in business, community groups or at home.

37 38 **C. Audience Communication –**

39 Tony Rosales spoke on behalf of the C.M Russell High School’s Speech and Debate
40 team stating that there is a desperate need for judges. He also said that he is in favor of
41 the proposed CORE School, however, he recommended to not approve since there are
42 many details that need to be ironed out.

43 44 **ACTION ITEMS**

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47 **A. Financial Report and Check Register for August 2023** – Director of Business
48 Operations Brian Patrick presented the financial report and check register for August

1 2023.

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3 Motion – Bill Bronson, Seconded – Paige Turoksi, passed unanimously to approve the
4 August 2023 Financial Report and Accounts Payable checks #129470 - #129875 in the
5 amount of \$3,045,439.96 and Payroll checks #79138 - #79237 in the amount of
6 \$134,669.78 as presented.
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8 **B. 2024-2025 Budget Development Process** - Director of Business Operations Brian
9 Patrick stated that District funding largely depends on student enrollment. Brian
10 presented the prior four (4) years' enrollment data. When enrollment is declining,
11 current law allows for a three-year average for enrollment as well as the ability to ask
12 voters for additional funding up to the State Maximum Budget (100%) to maintain the
13 previous year's budget. Brian said that after only one enrollment count, it is difficult to
14 have an accurate revenue forecast for the 2024-2025 fiscal year. He presented a Board
15 Budget Committee recommended timeline for the 2024-2025 budget meetings with the
16 main Board Budget Committee Meetings scheduled for March of 2024.
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18 Motion – Mark Finnicum, Seconded – Bill Bronson, passed unanimously to adopt the
19 2024-2025 Budget Development Process as presented
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21 **C. Great Falls Public Schools CORE School –**

22 Superintendent Moore explained that a detailed report regarding the Great Falls Public
23 Schools CORE school was given at the Board meeting on October 9, 2023, which
24 resulted in a high volume of questions from the public. He reviewed the CORE School
25 timeline and highlighted the application deadline is November 1st and requires prior
26 Board approval. Superintendent Moore explained the difference between a Public
27 Charter School vs. Private Charter School.
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29 Motion – Mark Finnicum, Seconded – Bill Bronson, passed unanimously to approve the
30 District application to the Montana Board of Public Education for public charter status for
31 the Great Falls Public Schools CORE School as presented.
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33 Multiple Trustees and Community members presented many questions as well as
34 comments which were answered by Directors of Student Achievement Jackie
35 Mainwaring, Heather Hoyer, and Lance Boyd as well as the Co-Coordinator of
36 Curriculum Rachel Cutler.
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38 **D. Revised Board Policy 3413F2** – Director of Business Operations, Brian Patrick
39 reviewed the changes to the Board Policy 3413F2 form suggested by the Board Policy
40 committee and the Montana Department of Health and Human Services (DPHHS). The
41 District has been using this updated form since the start of the school year.
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43 Motion – Bill Bronson, Seconded – Kim Skornogoski, passed unanimously to approve
44 revised Board Policy 3413F2 as presented.
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47 **ACTION: OTHER**
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2 **REPORTS, DISCUSSION, AND POLICIES**
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4 **A. Review of Building and Grounds 2023 Summer Project** - Facilities Director Brent
5 Cutler reviewed work responsibilities for the Custodians, Plumbers, Painters,
6 Carpenters, and Electricians. He also reported that the summer project work plan is
7 driven by building walk-throughs. Brent stated that most Great Falls Public School
8 buildings have been converted to LED lighting for energy conservation. Great Falls
9 Public Schools has partnered with Secure Education Consultants to improve safety and
10 security in the schools. Jack reported on the summer projects completed including, but
11 not limited to drainage, irrigation, asphalt, and playground projects.

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13 Superintendent Moore announced his retirement date of June 30, 2024, and thanked
14 the Board for their work.

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16 **B. Discussion, Committee Reports, and Comments –**

17 Trustees Bronson, Skornogoski, Finnicum, Turoski and Chairperson Johnson thanked
18 the District for the opportunity to attend the Montana Conference of Education
19 Leadership (MCEL). They stated that they learned a lot of information and enjoyed the
20 presentations.

21 Trustees Skornogoski and Turoski thanked Brent, Jack, and their team for their work.

22 Trustee Sunchild stated that she is humbled by everything that teachers endure and is
23 appreciative of *Treasure your Teacher's Week*.

24 Chairperson Johnson and Trustees Bronson and Skornogoski thanked Superintendent
25 Moore for his dedication and appreciated the advanced retirement notice to ensure
26 ample time to find a replacement.

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29 **UPCOMING EVENTS**
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31 Chairperson Johnson said the next Regular Board Meetings are scheduled for Monday,
32 November 13, 2023, and Monday, November 27, 2023.

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35 **ACTION TO ADJOURN**
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37 Motion – Kim Skornogoski, Seconded – Paige Turoski, passed unanimously to adjourn
38 the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees at 7:38 p.m.

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Gordon Johnson, Chairperson

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Brian Patrick, Clerk
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