

1 **MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING**
2 **OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**
3 **HELD AUGUST 22, 2022**
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5 A duly called Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Great Falls Public
6 Schools was held at the District Offices Building, 1100 4th Street South, on the 22nd day
7 of August, 2022.

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9 **ROLL CALL:** Brian Patrick took roll call.

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11 **Trustees Present:** Gordon Johnson, Chairperson
12 Kim Skornogoski, Vice Chairperson
13 Bill Bronson
14 Mark Finnicum
15 Marlee Sunchild
16 Amie Thompson
17 Paige Turoski
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19 **Others Present:** Tom Moore, Superintendent; Brian Patrick, Director of Business
20 Operations; Tom Hering, Director of Information Technology; and Jackie Mainwaring
21 and Heather Hoyer, Executive Directors for Student Achievement. Also present was
22 Tom Cabbage, GFEA President.
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24 At 5:30 pm, Chairperson Johnson called to order the Regular Meeting of the Board of
25 Trustees and asked everyone to join in the Pledge of Allegiance.
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28 **ADOPT AGENDA**

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30 Motion – Kim Skornogoski, Seconded – Bill Bronson, passed unanimously to adopt the
31 agenda as presented.
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34 **APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA**

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36 Motion – Mark Finnicum, Seconded – Paige Turoski, passed unanimously to approve
37 the Consent Agenda as presented.
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39 **A. Minutes of the August 8, 2022, Regular Board Meeting** – The Board approved the
40 minutes of the August 8, 2022, Regular Board Meeting as presented.
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42 **B. Personnel Actions** – The Board approved the Personnel Actions as presented.
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44 **C. Montana School Bus Drivers Certificates – OPI TR-35's** – The Board approved
45 the Montana Bus Drivers Certificates – OPI TR-35's for the individuals listed in the
46 agenda.
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1 **D. Transitional Kindergarten Student Attendance at the Early Learning Center for**
2 **the 2022-2023 School Year** – The Board approved the students listed in the agenda to
3 attend the Early Learning Center for the 2022-2023 school year due to exceptional
4 circumstances per Board Policy 3100.

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6 **E. Incoming Student Attendance Agreements for the 2022-2023 School Year** - The
7 Board approved the 2022-2023 Student Attendance Agreements for the students listed
8 in the agenda.

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10 **F. Records Disposal Request – Business Office** – The Board approved the request
11 for disposal of the Business Office records listed in the agenda that are in compliance
12 with the approved State, Local Government Records Committee Retention Schedule.

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15 **COMMUNICATION**

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17 **A. Malmstrom Air Force Base (MAFB) Communication** – None

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19 **B. Superintendent’s Report** –

20 Superintendent Moore thanked Dr. Monte Selby for his engaging presentation at the
21 2022-2023 Convocation. He stated that Jackie Mainwaring, Heather Hoyer and Lance
22 Boyd, Executive Directors for Student Achievement, held a leadership meeting and
23 BBQ at Great Falls High School. He stated that a structure change has made many
24 challenges and thanked them for their work.

25 Superintendent Moore shared a “Treasure Our Teachers” video in which various Great
26 Falls business representatives welcomed back Great Falls Public Schools teachers and
27 thanked them for their work and dedication.

28 A video series regarding reasons to choose teaching as a profession is being produced.

29 Superintendent Moore showed the first video highlighting the partnership between
30 Montana State University Great Falls and Montana State University Northern.

31 He stated that over 1,200 backpacks, filled with school supplies, were handed out at the
32 Back-to-School Blast event. He thanked our community partners and Great Falls Public
33 School students and staff for their work.

34 Montana State University of Great Falls (MSU-GF) hosted the Fall 2022 Welding
35 Cohort. MSU-GF offers a 30-credit welding program that helps prepare students of all
36 age groups to take the certification tests.

37 Staff training for the “Character strong” program is taking place throughout the District.
38 Each month of the school year will have an associated character word where all Great
39 Falls Public School students and staff will model, teach/learn and address each
40 character trait.

41 Great Falls Public Schools will implement Responsibility Centered Discipline this school
42 year where staff will work with students and their families to direct the responsibility to
43 the student.

44 Superintendent Moore stated that Great Falls Public Schools is hosting an on-site Job
45 Fair scheduled for September 8, 2022 at the Paris Gibson Education Center.

46 Great Falls High School Dahl Gallery is hosting an Artist Reception on September 1,
47 2022 for the Great Falls Public Schools Faculty Exhibit. Art will be on display through

1 October 3, 2022. Superintendent Moore thanked and congratulated Great Falls Public
2 School Art staff for their work.
3 He stated that the Luminaria Walk is scheduled for August 26, 2022. This is a family-
4 friendly event, free, and open to the public.
5 Superintendent Moore stated that new Great Falls Public School employees have been
6 featured on the Great Falls Public Schools Facebook page.

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8 **C. Audience Communication** – Community member Rodney Meyers expressed his
9 concerns with the District’s 1900’s policies series. In his opinion, the policies were
10 illegally adopted in the 2021-2022 school year and stated that he would like to see this
11 series removed.

12 Community member Steven Sem expressed his concerns with the Great Falls Public
13 Schools graduation rates. He stated that he would like to see a better relationship
14 between Great Falls Public Schools and the Great Falls business community. He is
15 suggesting that graduating transcripts and diplomas be used in the hiring process.

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17 **ACTION ITEMS**

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19 **A. Second Reading of New and Revised Board Policies 3612, 3612P, 3612F, 5450**
20 **and 5450F**– Superintendent Moore said he has not received any comments or
21 concerns regarding Board policies 3612, 3612P, 3612F, 5450 and 5450F since the first
22 reading at the August 8, 2022 Board meeting.

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24 Motion – Bill Bronson, Seconded – Amie Thompson, passed unanimously to approved
25 new and revised Board policies 3612, 3612P, 3612F, 5450 and 5450F as presented.

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27 **B. Second Reading of the New Social Studies Standards** - Curriculum Coordinators
28 Rachel Cutler and Beckie Frisbee stated that grammatical errors were the only concern
29 reported since the initial report on August 8, 2022.

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31 Motion – Mark Finnicum, Seconded – Kim Skornogoski , passed unanimously to
32 approve the new Social Students District Standards as presented

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34 **C. 2021-2022 Trustee Financial Report** – Director of Business Operations Brian
35 Patrick explained that the Trustees’ Financial Summary (TFS) is the official document
36 that closes the books on the 2021-22 fiscal year and is required by law to be approved
37 by the Board. Mr. Patrick explained that when the District is audited each year, the
38 auditors look very closely at the TFS. He noted that the TFS can be found on the
39 District’s website.

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41 Motion – Mark Finnicum, Seconded – Bill Bronson, passed unanimously to approve the
42 2021-2022 Trustees’ Financial Report as presented.

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44 **D. Adopt Budgeted Funds for the 2022-2023 Fiscal Year** –
45 Brian Patrick, Director of Business Operations explained that a Board Budget Work
46 Session began on August 18, 2022 to review each of the budgeted funds. He explained
47 the total mills have gone down so taxpayers will see a decrease in the amount of taxes
48 paid.

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2 Motion – Kim Skornogoski, Second – Paige Turoski, passed unanimously to adopt
3 Elementary and High School Budgeted Funds for the 2022-2023 Fiscal year as
4 presented:

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6 **Great Falls Elementary:**

7	General Fund	\$52,251,443.45
8	Transportation Fund	\$ 3,871,993.00
9	Bus Depreciation Fund	\$ 40,526.02
10	Tuition	\$ 3,100,504.44
11	Retirement	\$ 7,850,000.00
12	Adult Education	\$ 509,068.00
13	Technology	\$ 695,947.01
14	Flexibility	\$ 733,892.88
15	Building Reserve	\$ 3,222,992.32
16	Debt Service	\$ 3,463,193.76

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18 **Great Falls High School:**

19	General Fund	\$25,595,800.03
20	Transportation Fund	\$ 1,485,420.14
21	Bus Depreciation Fund	\$ 25,001.71
22	Tuition	\$ 885,092.00
23	Retirement	\$ 4,500,000.00
24	Adult Education	\$ 450,961.00
25	Technology	\$ 166,405.65
26	Flexibility	\$ 559,902.41
27	Building Reserve	\$ 1,181,538.33
28	Debt Service	\$ 4,145,081.26

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31 **ACTION: OTHER**

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34 **REPORTS, DISCUSSION, AND POLICIES**

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36 **A. First Reading of New and Revised Board Policies 4125, 4330 and 5130 -**

37 Superintendent Moore reviewed new Board Policy 4125 and changes to revised Board
38 Policies 4330 and 5130 and asked if anyone has comments, concerns or questions to
39 contact him before the next Board meeting.

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41 **B. 2022-2023 Secondary Student Class Fees Report -** Executive Director for Student

42 Achievement Heather Hoyer explained there are secondary classes/courses that have
43 class fees associated with them in order to provide additional materials that will
44 enhance instruction. A list of the high school and middle school class fees was included
45 in the agenda. Heather explained that Great Falls Public Schools has received support
46 through the Montana Advanced Opportunities Act, to offset Career and Technical
47 Education (CTE) associated costs. Fees which may be eligible for reimbursement are
48 denoted with a (*) on the list.

1 **C. Discussion, Committee Reports, and Comments –**
2 All Trustees thanked Convocation guest speaker Dr. Monte Selby for his entertaining,
3 inspirational, and engaging presentation. Trustee Bronson was appreciative that all staff
4 members were recognized.
5 Trustee Skornogoski stated that the Back-to-School Blast was a success with over 300
6 volunteers. The partnership between Great Falls Public Schools and an engaging
7 community is respected and appreciated. She stated that she attended a
8 “Transformation Learning” workshop and is delighted to see the passion that the staff
9 has for this program.

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12 **UPCOMING EVENTS**

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14 Chairperson Johnson said the next Regular Board Meetings are scheduled for Monday,
15 September 12, 2022, and Monday, September 26, 2022.

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18 **ACTION TO ADJOURN**

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20 Motion – Kim Skornogoski, Seconded – Marlee Sunchild, passed unanimously to
21 adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees at 6:36 p.m.

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Gordon Johnson, Chairperson

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Brian Patrick, Clerk