

1                   **MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
2                                           **HELD APRIL 25, 2022**  
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4 A duly called Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Great Falls Public  
5 Schools was held at the District Offices Building, 1100 4<sup>th</sup> Street South, on the 25<sup>th</sup> day  
6 of April 2022.  
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8 **ROLL CALL:** Brian Patrick took roll call.  
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10 **Trustees Present:** Jeff Gray, Chairperson  
11                                   Gordon Johnson, Vice Chairperson  
12                                   Bill Bronson  
13                                   Mark Finnicum  
14                                   Nathan Reiff  
15                                   Marlee Sunchild  
16                                   Kim Skornogoski  
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18 **Trustees Absent:**  
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21 **Others Present:** Tom Moore, Superintendent; Brian Patrick, Director of Business  
22 Operations; Tom Hering, Director of Information Technology; Ruth Uecker, Assistant  
23 Superintendent K-6; and Lance Boyd, Director of Student Services.  
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25 At 5:32 pm, Chairperson Gray called to order the Regular Meeting of the Board of  
26 Trustees and asked everyone to join in the Pledge of Allegiance.  
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29 **ADOPT AGENDA**  
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31 Motion – Kim Skornogoski, Seconded – Bill Bronson, passed unanimously to adopt the  
32 agenda as presented.  
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35 **APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA**  
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37 Motion – Mark Finnicum, Seconded – Kim Skornogoski, passed unanimously to  
38 approve the Consent Agenda as presented.  
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40 **A. Minutes of the April 11, 2022, Regular Board Meeting** – The Board approved the  
41 minutes of the April 11, 2022, Regular Board Meeting as presented.  
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43 **B. Personnel Actions** – The Board approved the Personnel Actions as presented.  
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45 **C. Good Apple Awards** - The Board approved the nomination for Good Apple Awards:  
46 Jim McCormick, Executive Director at the Great Falls Rescue Mission and his staff;  
47 Bridgette Pence, Counselor at Great Falls High School and Zane Vanlieshout, Industrial  
48 Technology teacher at Great Falls High School.

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2 **D. Montana School Bus Drivers Certificates – OPI TR-35’s** – The Board approved  
3 the Montana Bus Drivers Certificates – OPI TR-35’s for the individuals listed in the  
4 agenda.

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6 **E. Transitional Kindergarten Student Attendance at the Early Learning Center for**  
7 **the 2021-2022 School Year** – The Board approved student R.J. to attend the Early  
8 Learning Center for the 2021-2022 school year due to exceptional circumstances per  
9 Board Policy 3100.

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11 **F. Resolution to Dispose of Unsuitable District Property** - The Board approved the  
12 resolution to declare the items listed in the agenda as surplus.

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14 **G. C.M. Russell High School Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA)**  
15 **Students Traveling to Nashville, TN, June 21-26, 2022** – The Board approved HOSA  
16 students to attend the International Leadership Conference in Nashville, TN, June 21-  
17 26, 2022.

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19 **H. Instructional and Office Paper Supply Order Bid Awards** - The Board approved  
20 the request to award contracts to successful vendors who were able to provide the best  
21 pricing for products specified on the Instructional and Office Paper Supply Bid: Warden  
22 Paper for \$119,844.37 and Pyramid School Products for \$10,291.46.

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24 **I. Montana High School Association (MHSA) Annual Dues, Liability Catastrophe**  
25 **Insurance and Concussion Insurance for 2022-2023** - The Board approved the  
26 Montana High School Association 2022-2023 annual dues and the liability catastrophe  
27 and concussion insurance premiums for Great Falls High School and C.M. Russell High  
28 School as presented.

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30 **COMMUNICATION**

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

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34 **B. Superintendent’s Report**

35 Superintendent Moore reported that North Middle School Science Olympiad students  
36 won first place at the Science Olympiad Competition.  
37 Three Lincoln Elementary students raised and donated \$859.51 to the Cameron Family  
38 Center (Great Falls Rescue Mission).  
39 He stated that April is recognized as the month of the military child. JROTC students  
40 presented the flag at Loy Elementary on “Purple Up” Day. An Education Summit and  
41 tours of Loy Elementary School, North Middle School, and the Early Learning Family  
42 Center occurred. The Career and Technical Education (CTE) students also toured the  
43 Montana Air National Guard (MANG) facility as part of the month-long recognition effort.  
44 Superintendent Moore said that Fishers of Men, a volunteer group at Whittier  
45 Elementary School, assembled 35 Easter dinner food boxes for families in need. He  
46 thanked Big Stone Hutterite Colony and other vendors for their donations.

1 He stated that Great Falls Public Schools is hosting a Summer School Camp Program  
2 in the month of June to help address the learning loss experienced during the COVID-  
3 19 pandemic.

4 2022 Electric City Shark Tank will take place May 19, 2022 at Heritage Hall, located at  
5 Great Falls College – Montana State University (GFC-MSU).

6 Leadership High School will recognize 88 students on Wednesday, April 27, 2022 as  
7 they graduate from the Great Falls Chamber of Commerce program.

8 A Community Job Fair is scheduled for Wednesday, May 4, 2022 at Paris Gibson  
9 Education Center where employers will share employment opportunities within the  
10 community.

11 Superintendent Moore stated that Wednesday, April 27, 2022 is Administrative  
12 Professionals Day, and May 2<sup>nd</sup> through May 6<sup>th</sup> is Teacher Appreciation Week.

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14 **C. Audience Communication – None**

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17 **ACTION ITEMS**

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19 **A. Second Reading of New and Revised Board Policies 5223, 5610, 7251 and 7252**

20 - Superintendent Moore briefly reviewed the policies and stated that he did not receive  
21 any comments or concerns regarding policies 5223, 5610, 7251 and 7252 since the first  
22 reading on April 11, 2022. He also stated that during Board Policy Committee meetings  
23 individuals may be invited to a meeting as consultants for policies within their scope of  
24 duties.

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26 Motion – Kim Skornogoski, Seconded – Bill Bronson, passed unanimously to approve  
27 new and revised Board Policies 5223, 5610, 7251 and 7252 as presented.

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30 **ACTION: OTHER**

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33 **REPORTS, DISCUSSION, AND POLICIES**

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35 **A. First Reading of New and Revised Board Policies 1520, 7625, 8300 and 8502 -**

36 Superintendent Moore reviewed, in detail, the changes to new and revised Board  
37 Policies 1520, 7625, 8300 and 8502 and asked if anyone who has comments, concerns  
38 or questions to contact him before the next Board meeting.

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

41 Trustee Sunchild reminded everyone to return their election ballots.

42 Trustee Finnicum stated that he attended Leadership Great Falls and that he looks  
43 forward to the graduation activities in May.

44 Trustees Bronson and Johnson reported that they attended the Buffalo Harvest and  
45 appreciate the effort put into the program. Chairperson Gray stated that the Buffalo  
46 Harvest is an amazing opportunity.

47 Trustee Skornogoski thanked the District for adopting a park during the United Way  
48 “Take Pride in Our Parks” program.

1 Trustee Reiff thanked the District for the wide spectrum of celebrations in the month of  
2 May regarding graduations.  
3 Trustee Johnson stated that the Montana School Boards Association is very beneficial  
4 to the District and worth the annual dues associated belonging to this organization.  
5 Chairperson Gray reported that he attended the art exhibit at the Paris Gibson Square  
6 Museum.

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8 **UPCOMING EVENTS**

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10 Chairperson Gray said the next Regular Board Meetings are scheduled for Monday,  
11 May 9, 2022, and Monday, May 23, 2022.

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14 **ACTION TO ADJOURN**

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16 Motion – Gordon Johnson, Seconded – Jeff Gray passed unanimously to adjourn the  
17 Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees at 6:24 p.m.

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Jeff Gray, Chairperson

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Brian Patrick, Clerk

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