

1 **MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**
2 **HELD OCTOBER 1, 2024**

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4 A duly called Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Great Falls Public Schools
5 was held at the District Office Building, 1100 4th Street South, on the 1ST day of October
6 2024.

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8 **ROLL CALL:** Superintendent Heather Hoyer took roll call.

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10 **Trustees Present:** Gordon Johnson, Chairperson
11 Kim Skornogoski, Vice Chairperson
12 Bill Bronson
13 Mark Finnicum
14 Marlee Sunchild
15 Paige Turoski

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17 **Trustee Absent:** Amie Thompson – Excused

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19 **Others Present:** Heather Hoyer, Superintendent; Jackie Mainwaring and Lance Boyd,
20 Executive Directors of Student Achievement; Jeff Williams, Director of Information
21 Technology; Brian Miller, North Middle School Principal; and Carolyn Suden, Great Falls
22 Public Schools Psychologist.

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24 DR and his parents were not in attendance.

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26 At 5:15 p.m. Chairperson Johnson called to order the Special Meeting of the Board of
27 Trustees and reminded attendees that the meeting was being recorded per state law.
28 He asked everyone to join in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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30 **ADOPT AGENDA**

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32 Motion – Kim Skornogoski, Seconded – Bill Bronson, passed unanimously to adopt the
33 agenda as presented.

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35 **AUDIENCE COMMUNICATION** – None

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37 **PUBLIC VS PRIVATE DETERMINATION**

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39 Chairperson Johnson announced that it was his determination as Board Chairperson to
40 close this meeting to the public as it involves matters of individual privacy in accordance
41 with Montana Code Annotated 2-3-203(3).

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43 Chairperson Johnson closed the meeting at 5:18 p.m.

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45 **STUDENT DISCIPLINE HEARING – Aspen Conference Room**
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1 Separate confidential closed meeting minutes were taken by Superintendent Hoyer and
2 will be available to Trustees for approval.

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4 Chairperson Johnson reopened the Special Meeting at 5:40 p.m.

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7 **ACTION ITEM**

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9 **Action on the Student Discipline of D. R.** – In the matter of student disciplinary action for
10 student DR, Trustee Skornogoski motioned that the Trustees find there is sufficient evidence
11 to establish that student DR violated the School District’s discipline policy as presented by the
12 Superintendent’s Administrative Hearing Panel; and therefore, moved to accept the Hearing
13 Panel’s recommendation of expulsion for one (1) year. In order to be allowed to return to
14 school, DR must meet with administration, complete a threat assessment, and meet all
15 requirements of his probation.

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17 Motion seconded - Trustee Bronson. Motion passed unanimously.

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19 Chairperson Johnson thanked the panel.

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21 **ACTION TO ADJOURN**

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23 Motion – Chairperson Johnson, Seconded – Bill Bronson, passed unanimously to
24 adjourn the Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees at 5:43 p.m.

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Gordon Johnson, Chairperson

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Heather Hoyer, Acting Clerk

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