

1 Sherri Clark, met with the Cascade County Election Administrator Terry Thompson to
2 review and confirm the results for the Trustee Election held on May 7, 2024.

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4 Motion – Bill Bronson, Seconded – Kim Skornogoski, passed unanimously, to canvas
5 the May 7, 2024, Trustee Election results that include the election of Marlee Sunchild as
6 duly appointed to a three-year term on the Board of Trustees.

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8 **C. Actions of the Present Board** – Director of Business Operations Brian Patrick
9 explained this action concludes all business and commitments of the present (outgoing)
10 Board and allows for the clear delineation of activities between the present Board and
11 the new Board. All actions are considered complete and there will be no reason for the
12 present Board to return to conclude business on unfinished items.

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14 Motion – Kim Skornogoski, Seconded – Mark Finnicum, passed unanimously, to ratify
15 all actions of the present Board.

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17 **D. Swearing In and Oath of Office of Newly Elected Trustee** – Motion – Paige
18 Turoski, Seconded – Bill Bronson, passed unanimously, to Swear in and complete the
19 Oath of Office for the newly elected Trustee, as presented. Brian Patrick, Clerk of the
20 Board, gave the Oath of Office to newly elected Trustee Marlee Sunchild.

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22 **E. Organization of the New Board**

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24 **1. Elect Chairperson** – Motion – Bill Bronson, Seconded – Kim Skornogoski, passed
25 unanimously, to appoint Gordon Johnson as the Board Chairperson for the Board of
26 Trustees for a term of one year.

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28 **2. Elect Vice-Chairperson** – Motion – Mark Finnicum, Seconded – Amie Thompson,
29 passed unanimously, to appoint Kim Skornogoski as Board Vice-Chairperson for the
30 Board of Trustees for a term of one year.

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32 **F. Designate and Swear In Clerk of the District/Board** – Motion – Kim Skornogoski,
33 Seconded – Mark Finnicum, passed unanimously, to designate Brian Patrick as Clerk of
34 the Board for a term of one year. Aly Konecny gave Brian Patrick the Oath of Office.

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36 **G. Common Resources of the Board** – Motion – Bill Bronson, Seconded – Mark
37 Finnicum, passed unanimously, to approve the Common Resources of the Board as
38 presented. The Common Resources of the Board are the Attorney of Record – Faure
39 Holden Attorneys at Law, P.C., Property, Liability and School Board Errors & Omissions
40 Insurance – Montana Schools Property and Liability Insurance Plan/Marsh McLennan
41 Agency, Banking and Investments – First Interstate Bank, Worker’s Compensation
42 Insurance – Montana School Group Insurance Authority (MSGIA) and Workers’
43 Compensation Risk Retention Program (WCRRP), Unemployment Insurance – Montana
44 Schools Unemployment Insurance Program, and Trustee Organizations – Montana
45 School Boards Association (MTSBA).

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48 **ACTION TO ADJOURN**

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2 Motion – Mark Finnicum, Seconded – Bill Bronson, passed unanimously to adjourn the
3 Reorganization Meeting of the Board of Trustees at 5:45 p.m.
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5 Chairperson Johnson announced there will be a short break before starting the Regular
6 Meeting of the Board of Trustees.
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9 **MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING**
10 **OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**
11 **HELD MAY 28, 2024**
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13 A duly called Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Great Falls Public
14 Schools was held at the District Offices Building, 1100 4th Street South, on the 28th day
15 of May 2024.
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17 **ROLL CALL:** Brian Patrick took roll call.
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19 **Trustees Present:** Gordon Johnson, Chairperson
20 Kim Skornogoski, Vice Chairperson
21 Bill Bronson
22 Mark Finnicum
23 Marlee Sunchild
24 Amie Thompson
25 Paige Turoski
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27 **Others Present:** Tom Moore, Superintendent; Brian Patrick, Director of Business
28 Operations; Tom Hering, Director of Information Technology; Heather Hoyer, and Lance
29 Boyd, Executive Directors for Student Achievement; and Stephanie Becker, Director of
30 the Great Falls Public Schools Foundation. Also present was Tom Cubbage, Great Falls
31 Education Association President.
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33 At 5:47 p.m., Chairperson Johnson called to order the Regular Meeting of the Board of
34 Trustees.
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37 **ADOPT AGENDA**
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39 Motion – Kim Skornogoski, Seconded – Amie Thompson, passed unanimously to adopt
40 the agenda as presented.
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43 **APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA**
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45 Motion – Bill Bronson, Seconded – Kim Skornogoski, passed unanimously to approve
46 the Consent Agenda as presented.
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1 A. **Personnel Actions** – The Board approved the Personnel Actions as presented.

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

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6 C. **Transitional Kindergarten Student Attendance Agreement at the Early Learning
7 Family Center for the 2023-2024 School Year** – The Board approved the student
8 listed in the agenda to attend the Early Learning Family Center for the 2023-2024
9 school year due to exceptional circumstances per Board Policy 3100.

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11 D. **Incoming Student Attendance Agreements for the 2024-2025 School Year** – The
12 Board approved the incoming student attendance agreements for the 2024-2025 school
13 year for the students listed in the agenda. Tuition will be paid for by the District of
14 Residence.

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16 E. **Student Activity Accounts for April 2024-** The Board approved the Student Activity
17 Accounts for April 2024.

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19 F. **Resolution to Dispose of Unsuitable District Property** – The Board approved the
20 items listed in the agenda as surplus property as they are no longer suitable for District
21 use.

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23 G. **CORE School – Board of Public Education Requirements** - The Board approved
24 the submission of the initial financial process statement to the Board of Public Education
25 as presented.

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27 **COMMUNICATION**

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29 **A. Superintendent’s Report**

30 Superintendent Moore introduced Chief Joseph Elementary School’s Principal Andrea
31 Thares, Counselor Amber Smith-Boggs, and a student who reported on *Character*
32 *Strong* and what Creativity means to Chief Joseph Elementary School.

33 JROTC cadets placed flags on headstones of fallen soldiers for Memorial Day.

34 Superintendent Moore congratulated coaches and athletes of the C.M. Russell High
35 Schools Boys Tennis team on becoming the AA State Champions. He also stated that
36 the C.M. Russell High School Girls Tennis team took fourth place.

37 The School Administrators of Montana (SAM) organization is partnering with local
38 school districts to help facilitate the development of future local leaders through one-
39 hour monthly evening academy sessions that focus on administrative responsibilities.

40 Superintendent Moore then presented the recipients of the SAM Aspiring Principal
41 Certification program with their certificates and a *You Make a Difference* coin.

42 Superintendent Moore recognized Ryan Hart, Lee Houle, Tony Forster, and Marla
43 Hauser, Great Falls Public Schools Homeless/Transition Facilitators who serve students
44 in all Great Falls Public Schools to ensure that they are able to remain in school, and
45 that families are able to secure safe housing.

46 The High School House students had their annual ribbon cutting ceremony on
47 Thursday, May 23, 2024. He thanked Pete Pace for his work.

1 The Great Falls Public School Book Giveaway is scheduled on June 19-20, 2024, at
2 Paris Gibson Education Center.
3 Superintendent Moore reported that Lewis & Clark Elementary School students raised
4 \$24,710 to purchase books for their school. All students received books during this
5 *Book Blast* to encourage summer reading.
6 He reported that 2024 graduates walked the halls of their former Elementary Schools
7 and thanked United Way of Cascade County for their participation in the event.
8 Superintendent Moore recognized many community partners for their work with the
9 *Build Montana* event that took place Tuesday, May 28, 2024, at Torgersons Equipment.
10 Superintendent Moore reviewed the Secondary Life Skills program and congratulated
11 the six (6) graduating students.

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13 **B. Audience Communication – None**
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16 **ACTION ITEMS**
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18 **A. Financial Report and Check Register for April 2024** - Director of Business
19 Operations, Brian Patrick, stated that \$100,000 has been taken out of the long term
20 Investment Fund for rate stabilization. These funds are used for the District portion of
21 staff insurance.

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23 Motion – Mark Finnicum, Seconded – Paige Turoski, passed unanimously to approve
24 the April 2024 Financial Report and Accounts Payable checks #133344 - #133780 in
25 the amount of \$1,991,360.55 and Payroll checks #81124 - #81395 in the amount of
26 \$694,325.02 as presented.

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28 **B. Transfer of Budgeted Funds – Elementary and High School General Fund**
29 **Budget to the Elementary Interlocal Agreement Fund** – Director of Business
30 Operations, Brian Patrick explained the transferring of the Elementary and High School
31 General Funds to the Interlocal Agreement Fund allows the remaining money that was
32 budgeted in the 2023-2024 school year to be carried over to the next school year for
33 elementary curriculum materials and staff development.

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35 Motion – Bill Bronson, Seconded – Paige Turoski, passed unanimously to approve the
36 transfer of \$299,712.00 from the Elementary District General Fund and \$124,858.00
37 from the High School District General Fund into the Interlocal Agreement Fund (182).
38 This money was budgeted in the 2023-2024 school year for curriculum materials and
39 staff development and will be specifically designated for curriculum materials and staff
40 development during the 2024-2025 school year.

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42 **C. Second Reading of Revised Board Policies 2131, 3110, 6140, 7320, 8132 and**
43 **7008** - Superintendent Moore stated that Trustee Bronson and the District Policy
44 Committee have requested postponing action on Policy 2131 for further review. No
45 other comments or suggestions to Board Policies 3110, 6140, 7320, 8132 and the
46 deletion of Board Policy 7008 have been received since the first reading at the May 13,
47 2024, Board meeting.
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1 Motion – Bill Bronson, Seconded – Paige Turoski, passed unanimously to approve
2 revised Board policies 3110, 6140, 7320, 8132, the deletion of Board Policy 7008 and
3 postpone action on Board Policy 2131, as presented.
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5 **D. Second Reading of the 2024-2025 Board of Trustees Meeting Calendar –**
6 Director of Business Operations Brian Patrick explained that he has not received any
7 comments or concerns since the first reading of the Board Meeting Calendar at the May
8 13, 2024, Board meeting and recommended approval of the Board Meeting Calendar.
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10 Motion – Paige Turoski, Seconded – Kim Skornogoski, passed unanimously to approve
11 2024-2025 Board Meeting Calendar as presented.
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14 **ACTION: OTHER**

15 There were no items extracted from the Consent Agenda to discuss.
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17 **REPORTS, DISCUSSION, AND POLICIES**
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19 **A. First Reading of Revised Board Policy 3121, 5325, 8110, 8121, and 8502 –**
20 Superintendent Moore reviewed the recommended revisions to Board Policies 3121 –
21 *Enrollment and Attendance Records*, 5325 – *Breastfeeding in the School and*
22 *Workplace*, 8110 – *Bus Routes and Schedules*, 8121 – *District Owned Vehicles*; and
23 8502 – *Constriction and Repairs* in detail. He asked if anyone has comments or
24 concerns about the policies to contact him before the next Board meeting.
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26 **B. Discussion, Committee Reports, and Comments –**

27 All Trustees stated that they appreciate and enjoy the opportunities to attend District
28 events throughout the year.

29 Trustee Turoski and Trustee Thompson stated that they attended the Secondary Life
30 Skills Graduation. Trustee Turoski attended the Valley View 2024 graduate walk as well.
31 She recognized community partners for the *Build Montana* program.

32 Trustee Bronson stated that he attended the Excellence of Education and the
33 Longevity/Retirement ceremonies. He appreciates that the District acknowledges all
34 District positions.

35 Trustee Skornogoski said that she appreciates community collaborations that involve
36 and engage students and that those relationships are vital to the District. Trustee
37 Skornogoski stated that she completed her half-day District work requirement as a 5th
38 grade teacher and commends the teachers throughout the District. She, Trustee
39 Thompson, and Trustee Sunchild thanked Ryan Hart and his team for their work with
40 the Homeless/Transition program.

41 Trustee Thompson stated that she also attended the High School House ribbon cutting
42 and the Excellence in Education events.

43 Trustee Sunchild thanked Mike Henneberg and his team for their work with the State
44 Track and Field meet as well as the crossing guards for their work engaging with the
45 students and making sure they are safe while crossing the street.

46 Chairperson Johnson thanked Stephanie Becker and the Foundation for their work.
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1 **UPCOMING EVENTS**

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3 Chairperson Johnson said the next Regular Board Meetings are scheduled for Monday,
4 June 10, 2024, and Monday, June 24, 2024.

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7 **ACTION TO ADJOURN**

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9 Motion – Kim Skornogoski, Seconded – Bill Bronson, passed unanimously to adjourn
10 the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees at 7:00 p.m.

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Gordon Johnson, Chairperson

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Brian Patrick, Clerk

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