

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: Lan Nguyen, Navneet Kaur, Amrita Kaur, Erin Shannon, Aneet Sidhu, Tara
5 Sanjabi, Dr. Heather Harvey, Dr. Brenda Canine, Dr. Stephanie L. Zeszutek, Dr. Jan
6 Danto, and Assistant Dean Haley Nunberg-Denzer, all Touro Medical College medical
7 mentors and their advisors; Kelly Pisano, Art Teacher, Amber Sapp, Core Teacher Aide,
8 and Tanya Griffin, Special Education Para Educator all located at Riverview Elementary
9 School; Jolene Martinez, Core Teacher Aide at Loy Elementary School; Kaitlin Geer,
10 Julie Radonich and Char Bunker, all Intervention Teachers at Whittier Elementary
11 School; Tom Hering, Director of Information Technology and Tom Moore,
12 Superintendent both at the District Office Building; and Donna Garton, 4th Grade
13 Teacher at Sunnyside Elementary School.

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15 **E. Montana School Bus Driver Certificates – OPI TR-35's** – The Board approved the
16 Montana School Bus Driver Certificates – OPI TR-35's for the individuals listed in the
17 agenda.

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19 **F. Kindergarten Early Entrance for the 2024-2025 School Year** – The Board
20 approved the student listed in the agenda to enroll in kindergarten for the 2024-2025
21 school year due to exceptional circumstances per Board Policy 3110R.

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23 **G. Student Activity Monthly Report for February 2024** - The Board approved the
24 Student Activity Accounts Monthly Report for February 2024.

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26 **H. Award Bid for Instructional and Office Paper Supply** – The Board approved
27 Warden Paper's Instructional and Office Paper Supply bid for white bond paper in the
28 amount of \$54,600.

30 31 **COMMUNICATION**

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33 **A. Character Strong – West Elementary School** - West Elementary School Principal
34 Lyndsey Stulc, along with three (3) fifth grade students, explained when and why having
35 courage is important. They also gave examples of when they had to have courage.

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37 **B. Malmstrom Air Force Base (MAFB) Communication** - Malmstrom Air Force Base
38 (MAFB) Child and Youth School Liaison, Lisa Sapp, and Malmstrom Air Force Base
39 (MAFB) Exceptional Family Coordinator, Holy Wick, stated that Air Force Airman and
40 Family Readiness Center has partnered with LRP Publication to offer Direct Specialized
41 Training for Education Professions (DirectSTEP) and Specialized Training of Military
42 Parents (STOMP) trainings as free professional development resources for educators.
43 They reported on events that have taken place throughout the District, as well as future
44 events scheduled. They also thanked Becky Nelson for her continued support in
45 coordinating the *Month of the Military Child* events.

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47 **C. Community Partner Recognition** - Superintendent Moore thanked Morning Light
48 Coffee and the Great Falls Education Association for their continued support and
49 partnership with the District. Great Falls Education Association (GFEA) President, Tom

1 Cabbage, stated that a program has been initiated, through a grant, for discussion
2 involving the retention of new teachers.

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4 **D. Career and Technical Student Organizations (CTSO)** - Career Pathways Advisor
5 Mark Yaeger reported that there are six approved Career and Technical Education
6 (CTE) programs that include Business and Marketing, Family and Consumer Sciences,
7 Industrial Technology, Agriculture, Health Sciences and Junior Reserve Officers'
8 Training Corps (JROTC). He then introduced advisors and students from Skills USA,
9 Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA), Business Professionals of America
10 (BPA), Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA), Family, Career and Community
11 Leaders of America (FCCLA), and Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps (JROTC).
12 Advisors and their students spoke about their programs and awards won at state
13 competitions. They were all congratulated by the Board.

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15 Superintendent Moore then recognized Mark Yeager for his work.

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17 **E. Audience Communication** – Community member Anthony Rosales spoke on the
18 proactive oversight by the Board regarding District Administrators' roles and/or
19 involvement in external organizations.

20 21 22 **ACTION ITEMS**

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24 **A. Financial Report and Check Register for February 2024** – Director of Business
25 Operations Brian Patrick presented the financial report and check register for February
26 2024.

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28 Motion – Paige Turoski, Seconded – Bill Bronson, passed unanimously to approve the
29 February 2024 Financial Report and Accounts Payable checks #132390 - #132895 in
30 the amount of \$2,143,193.53 and Payroll checks #80591 - #80857 in the amount of
31 \$614,895.43 as presented.

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33 **B. Approve School Meal Prices for the 2024-2025 School Year** - Director of
34 Business Operations Brian Patrick explained that the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of
35 2010 requires that schools annually review the prices charged for student meals. The
36 USDA provides a calculator in which prices are compared to the Federal reimbursement
37 paid to the District for students who participate in the Free and Reduced Lunch
38 Program. If the District does not charge enough for meals according to the calculated
39 amount, the District is required to increase the price of paid meals by at least ten cents
40 per year or an amount which meets the Federal reimbursements rate for free meals. If
41 this price increase is not implemented, paid meals must be reimbursed by non-Federal
42 funding to cover the difference. Mr. Patrick said the recommendation is to increase the
43 student lunch prices by the minimum amount required by law, which is ten cents. The
44 increase will help offset the rising food supply costs. The price will remain the same for
45 those students who qualify for a reduced rate.

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47 Motion – Paige Turoski, Seconded – Bill Bronson, passed unanimously to approve a
48 \$.10 per lunch and breakfast price increase for the 2024-2025 school year:

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1 Elementary Lunches: from \$2.90 to \$3.00
2 Secondary Lunches: from \$3.00 to \$3.10
3 Elementary and Secondary Breakfasts: from \$1.85 to \$1.95
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5 **C. Second Reading of Revised Board Policies 1400, 1511, 1520, 3141P, 3410 and**
6 **5231-** Superintendent Moore stated that he has not received any comments or
7 suggestions to Board Policies 1400, 1511, 1520, 3141P, 3410, and 5231 since the first
8 reading at the April 8, 2024, Board meeting.
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10 Motion – Bill Bronson, Seconded – Mark Finnicum, passed unanimously to approve
11 revised Board policies 1400, 1511, 1520, 3141P, 3410, and 5231 as presented.
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13 **ACTION: OTHER**

14 There were no items extracted from the Consent Agenda to discuss.
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18 **REPORTS, DISCUSSION, AND POLICIES**

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20 **A. First Reading Revised Board Policies 3311, 5223, and 5330** – Superintendent
21 Moore reviewed the recommended revisions to Board Policies 3311– *Firearms and*
22 *Weapons*, 5223 – *Personal Conduct*, and 5330 – *Maternity and Paternity Leave* in
23 detail. He asked if anyone has comments or concerns about the policies to contact him
24 before the next Board meeting.
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26 **B. Discussion, Committee Reports, and Comments**

27 All Trustees spoke about how much they enjoy hearing about the accomplishments of
28 the CTSO students.

29 Trustee Thompson stated that she attended a Montana School for the Deaf and Blind
30 (MSDB) concert. She noticed that there were also many students from Great Falls
31 Public Schools enjoying the concert as well.

32 Trustee Turoski reported that she attended an assembly at Valley View where a flag
33 was donated by the Great Falls Realtors Association. She stated that she enjoys
34 listening to elementary students talk about *Character Strong*. Trustees Turoski and
35 Sunchild thanked Great Falls Education Association (GFEA) and community partners
36 for their work with teacher recruitment and retention.

37 Trustee Sunchild recognized her fellow Board members for their dedication to the
38 District and its students.

39 Trustee Bronson reported that he attended various events including the *Purple Star*
40 presentation at C.M. Russell High School, Breakfast with Outstanding Juniors, and
41 academic recognition ceremonies. He also spoke on a meeting regarding AA schools
42 and the new Health Insurance Trust.

43 Trustee Finnicum thanked Superintendent Moore, the District, and local military
44 alliances for the continued partnership and collaborations. He also stated he completed
45 his half-day work obligation doing janitor services at Meadow Lark Elementary School.
46 Vice Chairperson Skornogoski spoke on the State-Wide Child Abuse and Neglect event
47 that she attended. She stated that Spring drama productions are scheduled at both
48 Great Falls High and C.M. High Schools and encouraged people to attend. She also
49 stated that Trustee Forums have taken place around Great Falls to get to know the

1 candidates and that the Trustee Election ballots were to be mailed out this week and
2 are due back to the Elections office by May 7, 2024.

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5 **UPCOMING EVENTS**

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7 Vice Chairperson Skornogoski said the next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for
8 Monday, May 13, 2024, and the Reorganization Board meeting is scheduled for
9 Tuesday, May 28, 2024.

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12 **ACTION TO ADJOURN**

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14 Motion – Amie Thompson, Seconded – Paige Turoski, passed unanimously to adjourn
15 the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees at 7:01 p.m.

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Kim Skornogoski, Vice Chairperson

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Brian Patrick, Clerk

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