

AGENDA

Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting
January 13, 2025



Great Falls Public Schools

1100 Fourth Street South, Great Falls, Montana



Welcome to the Great Falls Public Schools Board of Trustees meeting!

Is this your first meeting?

If this is your first time attending a meeting, let us extend our special welcome! These meetings are designed to give everyone the opportunity to participate in seeing how the Great Falls Public Schools Trustees facilitate school business.

What is the purpose of these meetings?

The meetings of the Great Falls Public Schools Board of Trustees are open to the public, are recorded, and may be accessed on our website for up to one year. These meetings are held to officially conduct the business of the school district, as governed by Montana law. Trustees are responsible for key decisions, some of which include hiring employees, reviewing negotiated agreements, approving new curriculum or changes to existing curricula, facility usage requests, and paying of monthly expenses.

How can I address the Trustees?

If you would like to address the Board of Trustees on any matter, please fill out a “Request to Speak” card available from the Clerk of the Board at each meeting. Return this card to the Clerk of the Board or the Board Chairperson. This will allow the Chairperson to recognize you at the appropriate time in the meeting and to guarantee you the opportunity to address the Board. There are federal and state laws that must be followed when addressing the Board to protect the privacy of individuals and to conduct business in an orderly manner. Details can be found on the “Request to Speak” card.

**Again – thank you for participating in this democratic process – we
appreciate your presence!**

– The Great Falls Public Schools Trustees

GREAT FALLS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Great Falls, MT



BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Gordon Johnson	Chairperson
Kim Skornogoski	Vice Chairperson
Bill Bronson	Trustee
Mark Finnicum	Trustee
Marlee Sunchild	Trustee
Amie Thompson	Trustee
Paige Turoski	Trustee

SUPERINTENDENT'S CABINET

Heather Hoyer	Superintendent of Schools
Brian Patrick	Director of Business Operations
Lance Boyd	Executive Director for Student Achievement
Jackie Mainwaring	Executive Director for Student Achievement
Luke Diekhans	Director of Human Resources
Jeff Williams	Director of Information Technology
Stephanie Becker	Director of the GFPS Foundation



Great Falls Public Schools Board of Trustees Meeting

AGENDA

January 13, 2025

5:30 p.m.

Aspen Meeting Room – District Office Building
1100 4th Street South, Great Falls, Montana

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I.	CALL TO ORDER – PUBLIC DECLARATION OF RECORDED MEETING	Chairperson Johnson
II.	ROLL CALL	Brian Patrick
III.	PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE	Chairperson Johnson
IV.	ADOPT AGENDA	Chairperson Johnson
V.	APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA	Chairperson Johnson
	<i>The Consent Agenda consists of routine business items related to the operation of the District. Any trustee may remove an item from the Consent Agenda for discussion. Items so removed will be discussed and acted upon separately under ACTION: OTHER</i>	
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Chairperson
Johnson

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Chairperson
Johnson

Monday, January 27, 2025	5:30 p.m.	Regular Meeting	District Office Building
Monday, February 10, 2025	5:30 p.m.	Regular Meeting	District Office Building
Monday, February 24, 2025	5:30 p.m.	Regular Meeting	District Office Building
Wednesday, March 5, 2025	5:30 p.m.	Legislative Transmittal Update	District Office Building
Thursday, March 6, 2025	5:30 p.m.	Community Townhall Budget Meeting	District Office Building

ACTION TO ADJOURN

Chairperson
Johnson

 Great Falls Public Schools Great Falls, MT	Turoski	Thompson	Sunchild	Skornogowski	Johnson	Finicum	Bronson
Motion							
Second							
Ayes							
Nays							
Abstain							

GREAT FALLS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

MEETING DATE: January 13, 2025

CATEGORY: Consent

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: V. A.

CABINET MEMBER: Brian Patrick

TOPIC

Minutes of the December 16, 2024 Regular Board Meeting

STRATEGIC PLAN

Stewardship and Accountability

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

The Board is required to approve the minutes of each Board meeting. The minutes of the December 16, 2024 Regular Board Meeting are presented for approval.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

None

RECOMMENDATION

The District Board is requested to approve the minutes of the December 16, 2024 regular Board meeting as presented.

For more information about this item, please contact Superintendent Heather Hoyer at (406) 268-6001 or Director of Business Operations Brian Patrick at (406) 268-6050.

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1 **MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING**
2 **OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**
3 **HELD DECEMBER 16, 2024**
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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 16th day
7 of December 2024.

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

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11 **Trustees Present:** Gordon Johnson, Chairperson
12 Bill Bronson
13 Mark Finnicum
14 Marlee Sunchild
15 Amie Thompson
16 Paige Turoski
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18 **Trustees Absent:** Kim Skornogoski, Vice Chairperson - Excused
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20 **Others Present:** Heather Hoyer, Superintendent; Brian Patrick, Director of Business
21 Operations; Jackie Mainwaring and Lance Boyd, Executive Directors for Student
22 Achievement; Luke Diekhans, Director of Human Resources; Stephanie Becker, Great
23 Falls Public Schools Foundation Director, and Jeff Williams, Director of Information
24 Technology.
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26 Also present was Tom Cabbage, Great Falls Education Association President.
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28 At 5:30 pm, Chairperson Johnson called to order the Regular Meeting of the Board of
29 Trustees and informed the participants and audience the meeting was being recorded
30 per Board Policy 1420. Trustee Thompson was asked to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.
31 Upon completion, the Board and community sang "Happy Birthday" to honor her
32 upcoming birthday.
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35 **ADOPT AGENDA**
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37 Motion – Paige Turoski, Seconded – Bill Bronson, passed unanimously to adopt the
38 agenda as presented.
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41 **APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA**
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43 Motion – Bill Bronson, Seconded – Mark Finnicum, passed unanimously to approve the
44 Consent Agenda as presented.
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46 **A. Minutes of the November 25, 2024, Regular Board Meeting** – The Board
47 approved the minutes of the November 25, 2024, Regular Board Meeting as presented.
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49 **B. Personnel Actions** – The Board approved the Personnel Actions as presented.
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1 **C. Good Apple Awards** – The Board approved the nominations for Good Apple
2 Awards for: Adam Jerome, Resource I Teacher, C M Russell High School; Kathy
3 Wanner, Vocational Resource Teacher, Great Falls High School; Brittney Lampert,
4 Intervention Teacher, West Elementary School; Bobby Stillwell, 1st Engineer, Valley
5 View Elementary School; and Dana Freshly, Counselor, West Elementary School.

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7 **D. Montana School Bus Driver Certificate – OPI TR-35** – The Board approved the
8 Montana School Bus Driver Certificates – OPI TR-35s for the individuals listed in the
9 agenda.

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11 **E. Incoming Student Attendance Agreements for 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.

15 16 17 **COMMUNICATION**

18 19 **A. Report of the Student Representatives**

20 C.M. Russell (CMR) High School student representatives Lilli Skaer, Emerson Hamma,
21 and Lydia Comstock encouraged everyone to celebrate the holidays by bringing a new
22 toy to donate to *Toys for Tots* at the home basketball game December 17th. The
23 students highlighted popular lessons in AP English, Finance and Career, Spanish,
24 Biology, and Ceramics classes. Members of the Air Force also spent time in business
25 classes sharing a variety of business-related career opportunities in the military.
26 The students shared community service projects, including working in their food pantry,
27 raising funds for Special Olympics by participating in the Polar Plunge, and construction
28 continuing on the high school house.

29 The students recapped the start of all winter sports' competitions. They recognized All-
30 Conference and All-State selections for the fall as well as several students signing their
31 letters of intent to continue their athletic careers at college.

32 Student organizations were also active: BPA raised funds for the Great Falls Lions
33 Special Olympic team, Speech and Debate continues to improve at each meet, and
34 Student Government has been planning MORP. The "Pirates of Penzance" drama
35 performances and remaining Christmas concerts conclude this week.
36 Rustler Pride" highlighted teachers enjoying some Rustler fun.

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38 Paris Gibson Education Center (PGEC) student representative Conner Reisinger
39 reported on activities students have been participating in including both drum and
40 ornament making. Many students took their projects to sell at the annual Christmas
41 Stroll.

42 The students enjoyed the annual Bison Harvest and are excited to learn that more
43 schools are hoping to offer this cultural event to their students. Students also embraced
44 the opportunity to learn CPR techniques and participate in many activities during
45 Wellness Days.

46 Students and staff are looking forward to their holiday spirit week, especially the Secret
47 Santa Scavenger Hunt.

48 Conner concluded by reciting one of his original poems.
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1 Great Falls High School (GFHS) student representatives Brooklyn Griffin, Seth Royer,
2 and Kaitlynn Fulbright shared recent lessons they enjoyed in Culinary, AP Biology,
3 Finance, AP History, Money Management, and Biology classes.
4 The students reported on the success of the winter prom.
5 Community involvement projects included the National Honor Society Book and Toy
6 Drive, Student Council members ringing bells for the Salvation Army, and the Montana
7 State Bobcats vs the Montana Grizzlies Canned Food Drive.
8 Student organizations were active: Student Council leaders attended a conference in
9 Billings with other schools and raised over eleven thousand dollars for the Make-a-Wish
10 Foundation; through Bison Buddies, a young Sunnyside Elementary School student
11 received much-needed support; and Leadership High School and Student Council
12 members learned about services available in Great Falls for community members who
13 need help.
14 Winter sports teams had successful starts to their season competitions. The Speech
15 and Debate team also competed well at their first home tournament. Several Great
16 Falls High All-American cheerleaders earned a trip to Orlando Florida to participate in
17 the Disney Christmas Day parade.
18 Students encouraged the community to attend the upcoming student art exhibition in the
19 Dahl Gallery on December 19th and also to purchase alumni bricks as a Christmas gift.
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21 Chairperson Johnson thanked the students for their reports and excused them due to
22 other holiday commitments.
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24 **B. Malmstrom Air Force Base (MAFB) Communication**

25 MAFB School Liaison Lisa Sapp reported that three Montana schools were awarded
26 Purple Star recognition: Riverview Elementary School and Holy Spirit Catholic School
27 in Great Falls and Joliet Public Schools. Three Great Falls Public Schools (GFPS)
28 employees were recognized as Purple Star Champions: Mark Yaeger, GFPS Career
29 Technical Education Pathways Advisor; Tara Murillo, Chief Joseph Elementary School
30 Librarian; and Montana Johnson, Morningside CORE School Counselor.
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32 **C. Superintendent's Report**

33 Superintendent Hoyer presented a "Rules and Regulations" policy book (a gift from
34 Linda Hatch from the estate of her late husband Jerry Hatch) adopted in 1929 and
35 revised in 1935 that contained only 15 pages. Currently, 369 policies govern our District.
36 Jessa Youngers, Great Falls Public Schools (GFPS) Food Supervisor, will participate in
37 the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) National School Foods Study,
38 designed to better educate the government on the school food environment.
39 Community partners Flying S Title and Escrow and Kellergeist and the Schalper family
40 were recognized for the substantial food contributions to our food pantries and for
41 donating the space for the Pop-up Shop during the Christmas Stroll.
42 Superintendent Hoyer discussed student involvement in winter activities and special
43 nights designated for Military Appreciation. She also presented data on concert and
44 drama production attendance.
45 Superintendent Hoyer reviewed the schools visited by our local legislators and trustees
46 and informed the Board that a Legislative Transmittal Community Meeting was being
47 planned.
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49 **D. Audience Communication – None.**

1 **ACTION ITEMS**

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3 **A. 2023-2024 Financial Statements and Audit Report** – Director of Business
4 Operations Brian Patrick reported that prior to the Board meeting, a Board Work
5 Session was held to review the Audit Report. He introduced Brian Stavenger of Eide
6 Bailly, LLP who explained that he reviewed, in detail, the 2023-2024 Financial
7 Statements and Audit Report with the Board during a work session that took place prior
8 to the Board meeting. He reviewed the highlights of the Audit Report stating that Great
9 Falls Public Schools received a clean opinion Audit report for the fiscal year ending in
10 2024. He explained important components of the Audit that included a review of the
11 projected budget compared to actual figures and recommendations from the
12 Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) for Unrestricted and Committed fund
13 balances. Mr. Stavenger thanked the Business Office staff for their help during the
14 Audit.

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16 Motion – Paige Turoski, Seconded – Bill Bronson, passed unanimously to approve the
17 General-Purpose Financial Statements with Auditors Report for Fiscal Year ending June
18 30, 2024, as presented.

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20 **B. Unemployment Insurance Coverage – Multi-District Participation Agreement**

21 Director of Business Operations Brian Patrick explained that the Montana Schools
22 Unemployment Insurance Program (MSUIP) is a three-year agreement that provides
23 unemployment insurance to all schools who participate. The District benefits from the
24 program’s capped liability. Quarterly contribution costs provide financial predictability
25 and stability for the District.

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27 Motion – Mark Finnicum, Seconded – Amie Thompson, passed unanimously to approve
28 the Montana Schools Unemployment Insurance Program Multi-District Participation
29 Agreement as presented.

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31 **C. Location of Great Falls Education Association (GFEA) Collective Bargaining**

32 **Site** – Director of Human Resources Luke Diekhans explained that GFEA has
33 requested that upcoming bargaining meetings take place at the GFEA office building
34 rather than the GFPS District Offices.

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36 Motion – Paige Turoski, Seconded – Amie Thompson, passed unanimously to approve
37 the use of the GFEA’s building located at 511 13th Ave S, Great Falls, MT for the
38 purpose of meeting to bargain a successor agreement with the Great Falls Education
39 Association.

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41 **D. Non-Renew Temporary, Non-Tenured Teachers with Positions Expiring June 6,**

42 **2025** – Director of Human Resources Luke Diekhans presented information regarding
43 non-renewal of temporary and non-tenured teachers whose positions will expire on
44 June 6, 2025. These employees were hired on a temporary basis and may apply for
45 positions in which they qualify through the in-district transfer process.

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47 Motion – Mark Finnicum, Seconded – Marlee Sunchild, passed unanimously to non-
48 renew the teachers listed as they are in temporary positions that expire June 6, 2025.

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50 **E. Accept Low Bid for Sixteen-Foot Lawnmower** – Director of Business Operations
51 Brian Patrick stated there were two qualified bids received for a new sixteen-foot

1 lawnmower: Midland Implement and RMT Equipment. RMT Equipment submitted the
2 lowest bid of \$115,595.00.

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4 Motion – Paige Turoski, Seconded – Amie Thompson, passed unanimously to approve
5 the acceptance of the low bid from RMT Equipment for the purchase of a sixteen-foot
6 lawnmower.

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8 **F. Second Reading of Deleted, New and Revised Board Policies 1610 – Goals and**
9 **Objectives; 2162P (New) – Procedure for Education of Students with Disabilities Under**
10 **Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973; 2162R (Delete) – Section 504 of the**
11 **Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (“Section 504”); 2320 – Field Trips, Excursions and Outdoor**
12 **Education; 3630 – Cell Phones and Other Electronic Equipment; 5430 – Volunteers;**
13 **5430F – Volunteer Agreement Form; and 8132 – Activity Trips** – Superintendent Hoyer
14 stated the policies above were reviewed on first reading at the November 25, 2024
15 Board meeting. She stated that she has not received any questions or concerns
16 regarding the changes to the policies.

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18 Motion – Paige Turoski, Seconded – Bill Bronson, passed unanimously to approve new,
19 deleted, and revised Board Policies – **1610 – Goals and Objectives; 2162P (New) –**
20 **Procedure for Education of Students with Disabilities Under Section 504 of the**
21 **Rehabilitation Act of 1973; 2162R (Delete) – Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of**
22 **1973 (“Section 504”); 2320 – Field Trips, Excursions and Outdoor Education; 3630 –**
23 **Cell Phones and Other Electronic Equipment; 5430 – Volunteers; 5430F – Volunteer**
24 **Agreement Form; and 8132 – Activity Trips.**

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27 **ACTION: OTHER**

28 There were no items pulled from the Consent Agenda to discuss.

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31 **REPORTS, DISCUSSION, AND POLICIES**

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33 **A. Astronomy Pilot Proposal for Fall 2025** – Secondary Schools Curriculum Director
34 Beckie Frisbee discussed the addition of Astronomy as a full year, upper-level
35 science elective for students. The class has not been offered in the past and it
36 would provide a new and unique elective for a third-year science credit. C.M. Russell
37 High School staff have been identified to teach the class. The course would go into
38 effect at the start of the 2025-2026 school year and be reviewed in the spring of
39 2026.

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41 **B. 2023-2024 Advanced Placement (AP) and Dual Credit Report** – Secondary
42 Schools Curriculum Director Beckie Frisbee reviewed enrollment numbers for both
43 AP and Dual Credit courses. She discussed the enrollment trends during the past
44 five years and explained the differences between AP courses and Dual Credit
45 courses. Both courses offer different advantages for students.

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47 **C. Minimum Wage Increase to \$10.55 per hour Effective January 1, 2025** – Director
48 of Human Resources Luke Diekhans reported per federal law, the Minimum Wage
49 will increase to \$10.55 per hour on January 1, 2025. Approximately 90 employee
50 positions will be affected. The increased wages will result in approximately \$2,600
51 of additional fiscal responsibility to the District.

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2 **D. First Reading of New and Revised Board Policies 1111 – Elections; 2410P**
3 **(New) – Profile of a Learner; 2410P2 (New) – Profile of a Learner-Commitments**
4 **and Intentions; and 2510 – School Wellness** – Superintendent Hoyer reviewed
5 the recommended changes, in detail, for Board Policies 1111, 2410P, 2410P2, and
6 2510. She stated that one correction on Policy 1111, line nineteen (19) was missing
7 a number and had been corrected. She asked if anyone had any questions or
8 concerns about these policies to contact her before the next scheduled Board
9 meeting.

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11 **E. Discussion, Committee Reports, and Comments**

12 Trustee Finnicum expressed appreciation for the annual audit process, emphasizing
13 its role in maintaining transparency and alignment within the district. He also
14 commended Riverview Elementary School and three employees on being
15 recognized as a Purple Star School and Purple Star Champions. He shared his
16 enthusiasm for student representative reports.

17 Trustee Turoski highlighted positive feedback from a legislative walkthrough at
18 Morningside CORE School. She praised Dusty Molyneaux for exceptional
19 Christmas programs and remarked on the touching poem by Conner from PGEC.
20 Trustee Bronson discussed the District’s community outreach efforts, including
21 student engagement in activities like selling art and dog biscuits. He noted Mr.
22 Olson’s impactful community concert involving CMR students. He applauded the
23 great performances of classic musicals by both high schools and recounted
24 successful legislative visits to Paris Gibson Education Center and Great Falls High
25 School. He stated Conner represented student perspectives well during the
26 legislative visit to Paris Gibson Education Center.

27 Trustee Sunchild shared her appreciation for Superintendent Hoyer and Executive
28 Director Boyd for their active participation as popcorn and hot dog vendors at the
29 50’s-themed basketball game at Great Falls High School.

30 Trustee Thompson thanked her fellow trustees for organizing the legislative tours,
31 reflected on the emotional impact of Conner’s poem, and praised the tangible data
32 demonstrating student involvement in extracurricular activities.

33 Chairperson Johnson wished everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happy New
34 Year.

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37 **UPCOMING EVENTS**

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39 Chairperson Johnson stated the next Regular Board Meetings are scheduled for
40 Monday, January 13, 2025 and Monday, January 27, 2025.


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43 **ACTION TO ADJOURN**

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45 With no further comments or items to be discussed, Chairperson Johnson adjourned the
46 Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees at 7:06 p.m.

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Brian Patrick, Clerk

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	Turoski	Thompson	Sunchild	Skornogowski	Johnson	Finnicum	Bronson
Motion							
Second							
Ayes							
Nays							
Abstain							

GREAT FALLS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

MEETING DATE: January 13, 2025

CATEGORY: Consent

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: V. B.

CABINET MEMBER: Luke Diekhans

TOPIC

Personnel Actions

STRATEGIC PLAN

Stewardship and Accountability

BACKGROUND

As per [MCA 20-3-324](#) – *Powers and Duties* – the trustees of each district shall employ or dismiss...personnel considered necessary to carry out the various services of the district.

DISCUSSION

See attached Personnel Action Report to the Board of Trustees.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

Noted on report.

RECOMMENDATION

The District Board is requested to employ, dismiss, or accept the resignations, of those noted on the Personnel Action Report.

For more information about this item, please contact Superintendent Heather Hoyer at (406) 268-6001 or Director of Human Resources Luke Diekhans at (406) 268-6010.

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New Employee

Position: TEACHER

Name: WENZEL, SUSAN	Pay: Salary	Rate: \$33.16	Hrs: 7.50	DAC:C M RUSSELL HIGH SCHOOL
Position: RESOURCE 3 TEACHER (OYO) (06/06/2025)		Amount: \$24,872.19		Effective Date: 01/13/2025

Position: SUPPLEMENTAL

Name: CRUMPLEY, KELLIE LEIGH	Pay: Hourly	Rate: \$105.00	Hrs: 0.00	DAC:DISTRICT WIDE
Position: SUB TEACHER		Amount: \$0.00		Effective Date: 12/18/2024
Name: CRUMPLEY, KELLIE LEIGH	Pay: Hourly	Rate: \$14.73	Hrs: 0.00	DAC:LINCOLN ELEMENTARY
Position: TEMP SECRETARY I		Amount: \$0.00		Effective Date: 12/16/2024
Name: WREN, LOGAN MICHAEL	Pay: Salary	Rate: \$19.50	Hrs: 2.70	DAC:EAST MIDDLE SCHOOL
Position: WRESTLING COACH (MS)		Amount: \$1,893.00		Effective Date: 01/13/2025
Name: WARNER, JAKOB ASHLEY	Pay: Salary	Rate: \$19.50	Hrs: 2.70	DAC:EAST MIDDLE SCHOOL
Position: WRESTLING COACH (MS)		Amount: \$1,893.00		Effective Date: 01/13/2025
Name: LINS, HALEY ANN	Pay: Salary	Rate: \$19.50	Hrs: 3.03	DAC:EAST MIDDLE SCHOOL
Position: VOLLEYBALL COACH (MS)		Amount: \$1,893.00		Effective Date: 01/06/2025
Name: SERVICE, MELISSA ANN	Pay: Hourly	Rate: \$14.73	Hrs: 0.00	DAC:LINCOLN ELEMENTARY
Position: TEMP SECRETARY I		Amount: \$0.00		Effective Date: 01/06/2025
Name: ISZLER, SHARON C	Pay: Hourly	Rate: \$15.28	Hrs: 0.00	DAC:DISTRICT WIDE
Position: SUB SECRETARY I		Amount: \$0.00		Effective Date: 12/17/2024
Name: PLUM, HAEDYNN	Pay: Salary	Rate: \$19.50	Hrs: 3.03	DAC:NORTH MIDDLE SCHOOL
Position: VOLLEYBALL COACH (MS)		Amount: \$1,893.00		Effective Date: 01/06/2025
Name: CARROLL-ODDEN, JORLYNN RAE	Pay: Hourly	Rate: \$105.00	Hrs: 0.00	DAC:DISTRICT WIDE
Position: SUB TEACHER		Amount: \$0.00		Effective Date: 01/06/2025
Name: LUOMA, CAELEY ANN	Pay: Hourly	Rate: \$105.00	Hrs: 0.00	DAC:DISTRICT WIDE
Position: SUB TEACHER		Amount: \$0.00		Effective Date: 01/06/2025
Name: BARNES, KAELE JACOB	Pay: Hourly	Rate: \$105.00	Hrs: 0.00	DAC:DISTRICT WIDE
Position: SUB TEACHER		Amount: \$0.00		Effective Date: 01/06/2025
Name: PEDERSON, SAVANA ROSE	Pay: Hourly	Rate: \$105.00	Hrs: 0.00	DAC:DISTRICT WIDE
Position: SUB TEACHER		Amount: \$0.00		Effective Date: 12/20/2024
Name: NOBLE, JEREMY ARTHUR	Pay: Salary	Rate: \$19.50	Hrs: 2.70	DAC:EAST MIDDLE SCHOOL
Position: WRESTLING COACH (MS)		Amount: \$1,893.00		Effective Date: 01/13/2025
Name: THOMSON, SARAH LYNN	Pay: Salary	Rate: \$19.50	Hrs: 3.03	DAC:EAST MIDDLE SCHOOL
Position: VOLLEYBALL COACH (MS)		Amount: \$1,893.00		Effective Date: 01/06/2025
Name: RHOTEN, JASON C	Pay: Salary	Rate: \$0.02	Hrs: 2.70	DAC:NORTH MIDDLE SCHOOL
Position: WRESTLING COACH (MS)		Amount: \$1.89		Effective Date: 01/13/2025
Name: ROHACS, TIFFANY MARIE	Pay: Hourly	Rate: \$105.00	Hrs: 0.00	DAC:DISTRICT WIDE
Position: SUB TEACHER		Amount: \$0.00		Effective Date: 12/18/2024
Name: VICK, AMILEE MARIE	Pay: Hourly	Rate: \$27.00	Hrs: 1.00	DAC:PARIS GIBSON EDUCATION CENT
Position: HOMEBOUND TEACHER (GS) (05/01/2025)		Amount: \$2,268.00		Effective Date: 01/06/2025
Name: LIETZ, DAVID	Pay: Salary	Rate: \$25.00	Hrs: 2.37	DAC:NORTH MIDDLE SCHOOL
Position: VOLLEYBALL COACH (MS)		Amount: \$1,893.00		Effective Date: 01/06/2025
Name: BAHMILLER, TARA LYNN MAYNARD	Pay: Salary	Rate: \$25.00	Hrs: 2.37	DAC:NORTH MIDDLE SCHOOL
Position: VOLLEYBALL COACH (MS)		Amount: \$1,893.00		Effective Date: 01/06/2025
Name: GRADY, MEGHAN JEAN	Pay: Salary	Rate: \$25.00	Hrs: 2.48	DAC:NORTH MIDDLE SCHOOL
Position: VOLLEYBALL COACH (MS)		Amount: \$1,988.00		Effective Date: 01/06/2025
Name: FRAHM, JAMES	Pay: Salary	Rate: \$25.00	Hrs: 2.48	DAC:NORTH MIDDLE SCHOOL
Position: VOLLEYBALL COACH (MS)		Amount: \$1,988.00		Effective Date: 01/06/2025
Name: CISLER, JULIE ANN	Pay: Salary	Rate: \$25.00	Hrs: 2.48	DAC:NORTH MIDDLE SCHOOL
Position: VOLLEYBALL COACH (MS)		Amount: \$1,988.00		Effective Date: 01/06/2025
Name: PRESTON, MICHELLE	Pay: Salary	Rate: \$25.00	Hrs: 2.84	DAC:NORTH MIDDLE SCHOOL
Position: VOLLEYBALL COACH (MS)		Amount: \$2,272.00		Effective Date: 01/06/2025
Name: DOUGLAS, COURTNEE JO	Pay: Salary	Rate: \$25.00	Hrs: 2.48	DAC:NORTH MIDDLE SCHOOL
Position: VOLLEYBALL COACH (MS)		Amount: \$1,988.00		Effective Date: 01/06/2025
Name: DEVAL, TAYLOR BRIANE	Pay: Salary	Rate: \$19.50	Hrs: 3.19	DAC:EAST MIDDLE SCHOOL
Position: VOLLEYBALL COACH (MS)		Amount: \$1,988.00		Effective Date: 01/06/2025
Name: FARRINGTON, JEFFREY WILLIAM	Pay: Salary	Rate: \$19.50	Hrs: 3.64	DAC:EAST MIDDLE SCHOOL
Position: VOLLEYBALL COACH (MS)		Amount: \$2,272.00		Effective Date: 01/06/2025

Name: CLINE, LINDSAY MARGARET Position: VOLLEYBALL COACH (MS)	Pay: Salary	Rate: \$25.00 Amount: \$1,893.00	Hrs: 2.37	DAC:EAST MIDDLE SCHOOL Effective Date: 01/06/2025
Name: HAYWORTH, ERYN ROSE Position: VOLLEYBALL COACH (MS)	Pay: Salary	Rate: \$25.00 Amount: \$1,893.00	Hrs: 2.37	DAC:NORTH MIDDLE SCHOOL Effective Date: 01/06/2025
Name: FRAHM, JADYN MARIE Position: VOLLEYBALL COACH (MS)	Pay: Salary	Rate: \$19.50 Amount: \$1,893.00	Hrs: 3.03	DAC:NORTH MIDDLE SCHOOL Effective Date: 01/06/2025
Name: GRUBB, NICOLE LYNN Position: VOLLEYBALL COACH (MS)	Pay: Salary	Rate: \$19.50 Amount: \$1,893.00	Hrs: 3.03	DAC:NORTH MIDDLE SCHOOL Effective Date: 01/06/2025
Name: STERLING, WILLIAM J Position: VOLLEYBALL COACH (MS)	Pay: Salary	Rate: \$19.50 Amount: \$1,893.00	Hrs: 3.03	DAC:NORTH MIDDLE SCHOOL Effective Date: 01/06/2025
Name: STOCKTON, MARIAH CHRISTINA Position: VOLLEYBALL COACH (MS)	Pay: Salary	Rate: \$19.50 Amount: \$2,083.00	Hrs: 3.34	DAC:NORTH MIDDLE SCHOOL Effective Date: 01/06/2025
Name: HARRISON, DENICA J Position: VOLLEYBALL COACH (MS)	Pay: Salary	Rate: \$19.50 Amount: \$1,893.00	Hrs: 3.03	DAC:NORTH MIDDLE SCHOOL Effective Date: 01/06/2025
Name: BARKER, SARA J Position: VOLLEYBALL COACH (MS)	Pay: Salary	Rate: \$25.00 Amount: \$1,893.00	Hrs: 2.37	DAC:NORTH MIDDLE SCHOOL Effective Date: 01/06/2025
Name: LEWIS, LACEE LYNN Position: VOLLEYBALL COACH (MS)	Pay: Salary	Rate: \$25.00 Amount: \$1,893.00	Hrs: 2.37	DAC:NORTH MIDDLE SCHOOL Effective Date: 01/06/2025
Name: HERFORD, PAIDYN RAINE Position: SUB TEACHER	Pay: Hourly	Rate: \$105.00 Amount: \$0.00	Hrs: 0.00	DAC:DISTRICT WIDE Effective Date: 12/18/2024
Name: GARZA, EMILIO H Position: DR ED TEACHER/DRIVING (12/19/2024)	Pay: Salary	Rate: \$30.25 Amount: \$1,452.00	Hrs: 1.50	DAC:C M RUSSELL HIGH SCHOOL Effective Date: 11/04/2024
Name: MILLER, NIKEA LEE Position: VOLLEYBALL COACH (MS)	Pay: Salary	Rate: \$25.00 Amount: \$1,893.00	Hrs: 2.37	DAC:EAST MIDDLE SCHOOL Effective Date: 01/06/2025
Name: HERRING, PATRICIA LOUANN Position: VOLLEYBALL COACH (MS)	Pay: Salary	Rate: \$25.00 Amount: \$1,893.00	Hrs: 2.37	DAC:EAST MIDDLE SCHOOL Effective Date: 01/06/2025
Name: DAVIDSON, ASHLEY FERN Position: VOLLEYBALL COACH (MS)	Pay: Salary	Rate: \$25.00 Amount: \$1,893.00	Hrs: 2.37	DAC:EAST MIDDLE SCHOOL Effective Date: 01/06/2025
Name: SCHOENEN, JACIE V Position: VOLLEYBALL COACH (MS)	Pay: Salary	Rate: \$25.00 Amount: \$1,893.00	Hrs: 2.37	DAC:EAST MIDDLE SCHOOL Effective Date: 01/06/2025
Name: ROULLIER, MELISSA M Position: VOLLEYBALL COACH (MS)	Pay: Salary	Rate: \$25.00 Amount: \$1,988.00	Hrs: 2.48	DAC:EAST MIDDLE SCHOOL Effective Date: 01/06/2025
Name: LINS, LEIA MARGARET Position: VOLLEYBALL COACH (MS)	Pay: Salary	Rate: \$25.00 Amount: \$1,893.00	Hrs: 2.37	DAC:EAST MIDDLE SCHOOL Effective Date: 01/06/2025
Name: KUNDEY, ARIANA JEAN Position: SUB SECRETARY I	Pay: Hourly	Rate: \$15.80 Amount: \$0.00	Hrs: 0.00	DAC:GREAT FALLS HIGH SCHOOL Effective Date: 12/23/2024
Name: ALLEN, MARY ELSIE Position: VOLLEYBALL COACH (MS)	Pay: Salary	Rate: \$19.50 Amount: \$1,893.00	Hrs: 3.03	DAC:NORTH MIDDLE SCHOOL Effective Date: 01/06/2025
Name: GOODELL, GABRIELLE LEIGH Position: VOLLEYBALL COACH (MS)	Pay: Salary	Rate: \$25.00 Amount: \$1,893.00	Hrs: 2.37	DAC:EAST MIDDLE SCHOOL Effective Date: 01/06/2025
Name: ARNOTT, CARLA Position: VOLLEYBALL COACH (MS)	Pay: Salary	Rate: \$25.00 Amount: \$2,272.00	Hrs: 2.84	DAC:EAST MIDDLE SCHOOL Effective Date: 01/06/2025
Position: LIBRARY/TEACHER AIDES				
Name: JONES, RICHARD B JR Position: CORE TEACHER AIDE	Pay: Hourly	Rate: \$12.35 Amount: \$9,633.00	Hrs: 7.50	DAC:LOY ELEMENTARY Effective Date: 01/06/2025
Name: AGIOTIS, JAMIE LEIGH Position: TEACHER ASSISTANT	Pay: Hourly	Rate: \$12.35 Amount: \$8,348.60	Hrs: 6.50	DAC:MORNINGSIDE ELEMENTARY Effective Date: 01/06/2025
Name: GRIFFIN, TANYA RAE Position: TEACHER ASSISTANT	Pay: Hourly	Rate: \$12.35 Amount: \$8,348.60	Hrs: 6.50	DAC:MORNINGSIDE ELEMENTARY Effective Date: 01/06/2025
Position: NURSE				
Name: SKAWINSKI, MADYSON Position: SCHOOL REGISTERED NURSE SUBSTITUTE	Pay: Hourly	Rate: \$41.54 Amount: \$0.00	Hrs: 0.00	DAC:DISTRICT WIDE Effective Date: 01/08/2025
Name: SANTY, TAYLOR NICOLE Position: SCHOOL REGISTERED NURSE SUBSTITUTE	Pay: Hourly	Rate: \$41.54 Amount: \$0.00	Hrs: 0.00	DAC:DISTRICT WIDE Effective Date: 01/08/2025
Position: OTHER HOURLY CLASSIFIED				
Name: MCORMOND, TONI ALANA Position: ISS TUTOR	Pay: Hourly	Rate: \$15.23 Amount: \$12,579.98	Hrs: 7.00	DAC:EAST MIDDLE SCHOOL Effective Date: 01/06/2025

Name: MARLETTE, MICHELLE CATHERINE Position: ISS TUTOR	Pay: Hourly	Rate: \$15.23 Amount: \$10,782.84	Hrs: 6.00	DAC:NORTH MIDDLE SCHOOL Effective Date: 01/06/2025
Position: PARA EDUCATOR (SP ED)				
Name: SHULTZ, SERENA MARIE Position: PARA EDUCATOR (SP ED)	Pay: Hourly	Rate: \$16.13 Amount: \$10,065.12	Hrs: 6.00	DAC:MORNINGSIDE ELEMENTARY Effective Date: 01/06/2025
Name: HAMMOND, MADYSEN RAINA Position: PARA EDUCATOR (SP ED)	Pay: Hourly	Rate: \$16.13 Amount: \$10,903.88	Hrs: 6.50	DAC:MORNINGSIDE ELEMENTARY Effective Date: 01/06/2025
Name: PULST, SHAYLA MARIE Position: PARA EDUCATOR (SP ED)	Pay: Hourly	Rate: \$16.13 Amount: \$10,903.88	Hrs: 6.50	DAC:MORNINGSIDE ELEMENTARY Effective Date: 01/06/2025
Name: ZEDIKER, KARA CHRISTINE Position: PARA EDUCATOR (SP ED)	Pay: Hourly	Rate: \$16.13 Amount: \$12,581.40	Hrs: 7.50	DAC:GIANT SPRINGS ELEMENTARY Effective Date: 01/06/2025

Resignation

Position: TEACHER

Name: MCGOWAN, JESSICA MURRAY Position: LIBRARIAN (01/24/2025)	Pay: Salary	Rate: \$50.81 Amount: \$36,962.71	Hrs: 7.50	DAC:SACAJAWEA ELEMENTARY Effective Date: 01/24/2025
Name: MATTFELD, MARIESA WALLIS Position: 1ST GRADE TEACHER (06/06/2025)	Pay: Salary	Rate: \$35.00 Amount: \$49,082.00	Hrs: 7.50	DAC:LINCOLN ELEMENTARY Effective Date: 06/06/2025

Position: SUPPLEMENTAL

Name: MCLAUGHLIN, MEGAN J Position: CHEERLEADER COORD (SPRING) (12/16/2024)	Pay: Salary	Rate: \$0.00 Amount: \$0.00	Hrs: 0.00	DAC:C M RUSSELL HIGH SCHOOL Effective Date: 12/16/2024
Name: CULBERSON, LESLEY ANN Position: SUB TEACHER (12/17/2024)	Pay: Hourly	Rate: \$105.00 Amount: \$0.00	Hrs: 0.00	DAC:DISTRICT WIDE Effective Date: 12/17/2024
Name: SMITH NOBLE, CAROL Position: SUB TEACHER (12/17/2024)	Pay: Hourly	Rate: \$105.00 Amount: \$0.00	Hrs: 0.00	DAC:DISTRICT WIDE Effective Date: 12/17/2024

Position: CLERICAL

Name: MCLAUGHLIN, MEGAN J Position: SCHEDULING TECHNICIAN (12/16/2024)	Pay: Hourly	Rate: \$16.98 Amount: \$8,965.44	Hrs: 8.00	DAC:C M RUSSELL HIGH SCHOOL Effective Date: 12/16/2024
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Position: CROSSING GUARD

Name: POWERS, SONDRAL LEE Position: CROSSING GUARD (01/06/2025)	Pay: Hourly	Rate: \$14.94 Amount: \$2,450.16	Hrs: 2.00	DAC:MEADOW LARK ELEMENTARY Effective Date: 01/06/2025
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Position: ENGINEERS

Name: GALLAGHER, MIA KATHLEEN Position: CUSTODIAN (01/08/2025)	Pay: Hourly	Rate: \$20.08 Amount: \$23,132.16	Hrs: 8.00	DAC:C M RUSSELL HIGH SCHOOL Effective Date: 01/08/2025
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Position: LIBRARY/TEACHER AIDES

Name: GRANT, JAMES AUBREY Position: CORE TEACHER AIDE (12/18/2024)	Pay: Hourly	Rate: \$12.46 Amount: \$35,511.00	Hrs: 7.50	DAC:GIANT SPRINGS ELEMENTARY Effective Date: 12/18/2025
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Retirement

Position: TEACHER

Name: MARLOWE BROWN, CHARLOTTE E Position: RESOURCE 1 TEACHER (06/30/2025)	Pay: Salary	Rate: \$48.37 Amount: \$67,841.00	Hrs: 7.50	DAC:CHIEF JOSEPH ELEMENTARY Effective Date: 06/30/2025
Name: MCGAUGH, RHONDA RENEE Position: RESOURCE 1 TEACHER (06/06/2025)	Pay: Salary	Rate: \$58.88 Amount: \$82,586.00	Hrs: 7.50	DAC:C M RUSSELL HIGH SCHOOL Effective Date: 06/06/2025
Name: TAYLOR, DALE ARTHUR Position: ADAPTIVE PE TEACHER (06/06/2025)	Pay: Salary	Rate: \$58.88 Amount: \$82,586.00	Hrs: 7.50	DAC:PARIS GIBSON EDUCATION CENT Effective Date: 06/06/2025

Position: ENGINEERS

Name: BROWN, DARREN Position: GENERAL LEAVE (12/13/2024)	Pay: Hourly	Rate: \$20.11 Amount: \$0.00	Hrs: 0.00	DAC:BUILDINGS & GROUNDS Effective Date: 12/13/2024
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Ayes							
Nays							
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GREAT FALLS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

MEETING DATE: January 13, 2025

CATEGORY: Consent

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: V. C.

CABINET MEMBER: Luke Diekhans

TOPIC

Good Apple Awards

STRATEGIC PLAN

Healthy, Safe, and Secure Schools

BACKGROUND

Individual letters of appreciation and our “Good Apple” pin have been forwarded to each of the individuals whose achievements are summarized in this notice. This award is an expression of appreciation and affection, and we ask all who have received it to wear the “Good Apple” with pride! If the person is a district employee, a copy of our letter has been placed in their personnel file. What follows are nominations for “Good Apple” awards.

Discussion

Christina Fries, Core Teacher Aide, Riverview Elementary School, was recommended for a Good Apple Award by Nicole Heintzelman, Principal, Riverview Elementary School, because of the following: Teacher aides certainly make a HUGE difference in the smooth running of a building, and Tina is definitely a key player in the overall success. At times, adjustments have to be made to the schedule to ensure that we are providing safe and appropriate supervision for students. Without hesitation Tina stepped up and stepped in to make the change in the schedule a seamless process. When there was hesitation of how it would look, Tina took the initiative to problem solve and provide opportunity for everyone to feel successful in the situation. I appreciate Tina's willingness to adapt to the situation and have a positive outlook.

Chad Euerle, First Engineer, Riverview Elementary School, was recommended for a Good Apple Award by Nicole Heintzelman, Principal, Riverview Elementary School, because of the following: As our First Engineer Chad fulfils all of the duties that are within his job description. He ensures that the heat is running properly, the building is clean, and the area is safe for students. However, Chad will often go above and beyond his usual daily duties to help staff out. He has zero hesitation to step in when a teacher makes a call for an issue within the classroom, helping our teacher aides out when a ball goes flying down the street, and most recently he really showed his true heart for helping people. Chad without hesitation was willing to take over items to West Elementary that were part of our Holiday gift baskets. This was completed on his own time, because he knew the time crunch and wanted to make sure the families were supported. I appreciate Chad's passion for our school, and I appreciate the work he does.

Kelci Eisenbarth, Resource I Teacher, Riverview Elementary School, was recommended for a Good Apple Award by Nicole Heintzelman, Principal, Riverview Elementary School, because of the following: Teachers in Special Education truly go above and beyond, and Kelci is no exception to this. The passion that Kelci has for her job, and the students is second to none. I have had the pleasure of watching Kelci continue to grow in her role as a Resource teacher and continue to foster meaningful relationships with the staff within the building. She is an asset to our building, and always willing to step in where help is needed.

Dolly (Eva) Lapierre, Paraprofessional, Early Learning Family Center, was recommended for a Good Apple Award by Colette Getten, Early Education Coordinator, Early Learning Family Center, because of the following: I nominate Dolly (Eva) Lapierre for the Good Apple Award. As an early learning paraeducator, Eva consistently goes above and beyond in her role, demonstrating exceptional dedication and generosity. Eva has written grants to secure valuable learning materials for all classrooms, ensuring that students have access to enriching resources. In addition to her grant-writing efforts, she frequently uses her own money and creative talents to craft center materials that enhance the learning experience. Beyond her professional contributions, Eva fosters a warm and supportive environment for our staff. Her thoughtful gestures, such as baking special treats and meals for staff, brighten our days and reflect her kind and giving spirit! Eva's commitment to her students and colleagues exemplifies the values of care and community that the Good Apple Award seeks to celebrate. She truly makes a positive impact on everyone around her. Miss Eva makes the Early Learning Family Center a great place to BEE!

Julie Cisler, Resource I Teacher, North Middle School, was recommended for a Good Apple Award by Amanda Haas, Resource I Teacher, North Middle School, because of the following: Ms. Cisler consistently goes the extra mile for her students. Her efforts have improved student outcomes and fostered a more inclusive school environment.

Laura Auvil, Core Teacher Aide, Chief Joseph Elementary School, was recommended for a Good Apple Award by Andrea Thares, Principal, Chief Joseph Elementary School, because of the following: Laura Auvil is one of Chief Joseph's core aides. She goes above and beyond each day to help out in any way that she can. Her holiday program backdrop design and efforts during the weeks leading up to Christmas to help out with all of the extra projects were unparalleled. I have had to do very little by way of teaching behavior intervention to her. She quite independently takes care of all of her duties with dedication and does so without complaint. I so appreciate her leadership as she has helped to shape an amazing teaching aide crew!

Lauryn Hart, Sub Teacher Aide, Chief Joseph Elementary School, was recommended for a Good Apple Award by Andrea Thares, Principal, Chief Joseph Elementary School, because of the following: Lauryn Hart is one of Chief Joseph's sub aides. She goes above and beyond each day to help out in any way that she can. She is working as a cosmetologist building her clientele and does this while still coming into Chief Joseph most Tuesdays-Thursdays. Her efforts during the weeks leading up to Christmas to help out with all of the extra projects were unparalleled. She quite independently takes care of all of her duties and does so without complaint. I so appreciate her steadfast commitment to Chief Jo and the consistency she continues to bring to the team.

Heaven Mullins, Core Teacher Aide, Chief Joseph Elementary School, was recommended for a Good Apple Award by Andrea Thares, Principal, Chief Joseph Elementary School, because of the following: Heaven Mullins is our only returning member to Chief Joseph's core aide team. She also serves as a HANDS teacher before and after school in our building. She helps out in any way that she can, and she does everything she can to plan engaging art and holiday activities to keep kids engaged and things fresh, avoiding just putting them in front of a Promethean board to watch a show. Her efforts during the weeks leading up to Christmas to help out with all of the extra projects were unparalleled. She takes care of all of her duties and does so without complaint. I appreciate her commitment to Chief Jo and the consistency she continues to bring to the team.

Bobbie Clum, Para Educator, Chief Joseph Elementary School, was recommended for a Good Apple Award by Andrea Thares, Principal, Chief Joseph Elementary School, because of the following: Bobbie Clum is one of our para educators who also serves as our student advocate. She does an amazing job of connecting with staff and kids. This is evidenced by the joy in her voice when she talks with kids and by her charismatic laugh. Bobbie supports our building in multiple settings whether it be in the office, lunchroom, playground, or in one of our Resource classrooms. She wears a slew of hats, and they all look good on her! We are lucky to have you, Bobbie!

Meaghan Rattlingtail, Attendance Secretary, Great Falls High School, was recommended for a Good Apple Award by Paul Culbertson, Associate Principal, Great Falls High School, and Mindy Kiser, parent, Great Falls High School, because of the following: I'd also like to pass along that your attendance person has been lovely. I am sorry that I did not catch her name through the multiple conversations both I and my husband have had with her. Please pass along my kudos to her. I don't know if you still do Good Apple Awards, but I'd love to nominate her for one if possible. I agree with Mindy that Meaghan is great and definitely deserves a good apple.

Lauren Trovatten, Health Enhancement Teacher, Lincoln Elementary School, was recommended for a Good Apple Award by Sheree and Jerry McKinley, grandparents at Lincoln Elementary School, because of the following: We went to the gym and introduced ourselves to Mrs. Lauren Trovatten and we got to watch a very talented gym teacher. I was so impressed with her lesson. She incorporated counting skills with fun music, warmup and exercises, during the game time she incorporated soccer skills (kicking, passing, and scoring) for this age level, (which can sometimes be very difficult for this age level), but they handled it very well. Mrs. Trovatten also incorporated "Colors" for the students to know where to stand in their lines. She would call their name and say go to Red, Blue, Green, etc... Trust me when I say this, there are not many gym teachers that can do that as well as she did. She concluded her lesson with a "slow" down and a calming affect, so they were ready to get back in line quietly to leave the gym. When Jerry and I walked out the doors of Lincoln Elementary we had such a "sense" of pride and excitement in being grandparents, because we both knew it was a great school, from the Principal, the Secretary, to the staff, to the Health Enhance Teacher, and the Kindergarten teacher. WOW!!! Thank you everyone!

Steve Yates, Principal, Lincoln Elementary School, was recommended for a Good Apple Award by Sheree and Jerry McKinley, grandparents at Lincoln Elementary School, because of the following: Jerry and I had a chance to go to Lincoln Elementary to visit and observe my grandson in a Health Enhancement Kindergarten Class. From the minute we walked into the school we were welcomed by Mr. Yates and Mrs. Clark, with a smile and nice welcome and visit. Did you know that Mr. Yates even hustled out to the playground for a recess with a coat and hat in hand, to help out on the playground. Often times that doesn't happen. Thanks, Mr. Yates, I bet your playground aides really appreciated that as well. When Jerry and I walked out the doors of Lincoln Elementary we had such a "sense" of pride and excitement in being grandparents, because we both knew it was a great school, from the Principal, the Secretary, to the staff, to the Health Enhance Teacher, and the Kindergarten teacher. WOW!!! Thank you everyone!

Ashlie Clark, Administrative Assistant, Lincoln Elementary School, was recommended for a Good Apple Award by Sheree and Jerry McKinley, grandparents at Lincoln Elementary School, because of the following: Jerry and I had a chance to go to Lincoln Elementary to visit and observe my grandson in a Health Enhancement Kindergarten Class. From the minute we walked into the school we were welcomed by Mr. Yates and Mrs. Clark, with a smile and nice welcome and visit. When Jerry and I walked out the doors of Lincoln Elementary we had such a "sense" of pride and excitement in being grandparents, because we both knew it was a great school, from the Principal, the Secretary, to the staff, to the Health Enhance Teacher, and the Kindergarten teacher. WOW!!! Thank you everyone!

Jill Christensen, Kindergarten Teacher, Lincoln Elementary School, was recommended for a Good Apple Award by Sheree and Jerry McKinley, grandparents at Lincoln Elementary School, because of the following: We had the pleasure of meeting Mrs. Jill Christensen (our grandson's kindergarten teacher). We got to walk down the hall to see her room. The room was so nicely decorated, with lots of fun, exciting posters and learning projects on the walls, I could tell she has great organizational skills, a gift for teaching, and is a very "special" person. Jerry and I were very impressed with Mrs. Christensen. I could tell she was just perfect for our Grandson, and I know he is going to learn a lot this year. When Jerry and I walked out the doors of Lincoln Elementary we had such a "sense" of pride and excitement in being grandparents, because we both knew it was a great school, from the Principal, the Secretary, to the staff, to the Health Enhance Teacher, and the Kindergarten teacher. WOW!!! Thank you everyone!

Tara Hageman, PTA Treasurer, North Middle School, was recommended for a Good Apple Award by April Wavra, Academic Intervention Teacher, North Middle School, because of the following:
I am honored to write this letter in support of Tara Hageman as a candidate for a Good Apple Award. Tara is an integral member of the North Middle School community, serving as the secretary of the PTA board and going above and beyond her responsibilities. In addition to her role as secretary, Tara dedicates countless hours to supporting our school's food pantry. Between Thanksgiving and Christmas, she has been at North Middle School two to three times a week, tirelessly working to ensure that our families have the resources they need. Her efforts include stocking and organizing the food pantry, wrapping presents, and preparing food boxes. Tara's dedication and hard work embody the qualities of service and commitment that make her a vital part of our school community. Her contributions have made a difference in the lives of many families, and her kindness inspires everyone around her. North Middle School is incredibly fortunate to have someone like Tara.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS


N/A

RECOMMENDATION

The District Board is requested to accept the recommendations of the above individuals for the Great Falls Public Schools Good Apple Award.

For more information about this item, please contact Superintendent Heather Hoyer at (406) 268-6001 or Director of Human Resources, Luke Diekhans at 268-6010.

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Motion							
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Ayes							
Nays							
Abstain							

GREAT FALLS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

MEETING DATE: January 13, 2025

CATEGORY: Consent

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: V. D.

CABINET MEMBER: Brian Patrick

TOPIC

Montana School Bus Driver Certificates – OPI TR-35

STRATEGIC PLAN

Stewardship and Accountability

BACKGROUND

School bus drivers are required to comply with qualifications set forth in Section [20-10-103, MCA](#), and [10.7.111 ARM](#), and file a certificate of compliance with the County Superintendent of Schools.

DISCUSSION

The following individuals meet the qualifications as school bus drivers: Nicholas Guidotto, Michelle Erickson, Randy Remsen, Gualter Cordeiro, and William Isbell.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS


None

RECOMMENDATION

The District Board is requested to approve the Montana School Bus Driver Certificates TR-35s for the individuals listed above.

For more information about this item, please contact Superintendent Heather Hoyer at (406) 268-6001 or Director of Business Operations Brian Patrick at (406) 268-6050.

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GREAT FALLS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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CABINET MEMBER: Brian Patrick

TOPIC

Incoming Student Attendance Agreements for the 2024-2025 School Year

STRATEGIC PLAN

Stewardship and Accountability

BACKGROUND

Under the provisions of [MCA 20-5-320](#) – *Attendance with Discretionary Approval* and [MCA 20-5-321](#) – *Attendance with Mandatory Approval – Tuition and Transportation*, and [Board Policy 3141](#) – *Nonresident Student Enrollment*, students from outside of the Great Falls District are requesting to attend school in Great Falls for the 2024-2025 school year.

DISCUSSION

The following students are requesting to attend school in Great Falls for the 2024-2025 school year:

STUDENT IDENTIFIER	DISTRICT OF RESIDENCE	GRADE
1227101543	BELT	7
121832753	BELT	10
122010309	CENTERVILLE	9

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS


Tuition fees to be paid for by the District of Residence.

RECOMMENDATION

The District Board is requested to approve the Incoming Student Attendance Agreements for the students listed above, with tuition to be paid for by the District of Residence.

For more information about this item, please contact Superintendent Hoyer at (406) 268-6001 or Director of Business Operations Brian Patrick at (406) 268-6050.

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	Nays						
	Abstain						

GREAT FALLS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

MEETING DATE: January 13, 2025

CATEGORY: Consent

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: V. F.

CABINET MEMBER: Brian Patrick

TOPIC

Student Activity Accounts for November 2024

STRATEGIC PLAN

Stewardship and Accountability

BACKGROUND

The authority to establish an extracurricular fund is found in [MCA 20-9-504](#) *Extracurricular Fund for Pupil Functions*. The Board of Trustees is responsible for the establishment and management of student extracurricular funds. The purpose of student extracurricular funds shall be to account for revenues and disbursements of those funds raised by students through recognized student body organizations and activities. Students shall be involved in the decision-making process related to the use of the funds.

DISCUSSION

In this section, you will find the student activity accounts for the District. The Student Activity Fund Report will be submitted to the Board on a monthly basis for review and approval.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no immediate fiscal implications.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The District Board is requested to accept the Student Activity Monthly Report for November 2024.

For more information about this item, please contact Superintendent Heather Hoyer at (406) 268-6001 or Director of Business Operations Brian Patrick at (406) 268-6050.

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<u>Account</u>	<u>Beginning</u>	<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Expense</u>	<u>Ending</u>
CHIEF JOSEPH SCHOOL				
Total for CHIEF JOSEPH SCHOOL	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
GIANT SPRINGS SCHOOL				
ACTIVITY MISC	\$2,639.88	\$1.06	(\$598.08)	\$2,042.86
Total for GIANT SPRINGS SCHOOL	\$2,639.88	\$1.06	(\$598.08)	\$2,042.86
LINCOLN SCHOOL				
ACTIVITY MISC	\$370.18	\$0.19	\$0.00	\$370.37
Total for LINCOLN SCHOOL	\$370.18	\$0.19	\$0.00	\$370.37
LONGFELLOW SCHOOL				
ACTIVITY MISC	\$60.85	\$0.03	\$0.00	\$60.88
Total for LONGFELLOW SCHOOL	\$60.85	\$0.03	\$0.00	\$60.88
LOY SCHOOL				
ACTIVITY MISC	\$2,227.32	\$1.15	\$0.00	\$2,228.47
Total for LOY SCHOOL	\$2,227.32	\$1.15	\$0.00	\$2,228.47
MEADOW LARK SCHOOL				
ACTIVITY MISC	\$4,355.64	\$2.25	\$0.00	\$4,357.89
Total for MEADOW LARK SCHOOL	\$4,355.64	\$2.25	\$0.00	\$4,357.89
MORNINGSIDE SCHOOL				
ACTIVITY MISC	\$2,730.59	\$1.41	\$0.00	\$2,732.00
Total for MORNINGSIDE SCHOOL	\$2,730.59	\$1.41	\$0.00	\$2,732.00
SUNNYSIDE SCHOOL				
ACTIVITY MISC	\$493.33	\$0.25	\$0.00	\$493.58
Total for SUNNYSIDE SCHOOL	\$493.33	\$0.25	\$0.00	\$493.58
VALLEY VIEW SCHOOL				
ACTIVITY MISC	\$3,071.27	\$1.59	\$0.00	\$3,072.86
Total for VALLEY VIEW SCHOOL	\$3,071.27	\$1.59	\$0.00	\$3,072.86
WHITTIER SCHOOL				
ACTIVITY MISC	\$586.74	\$0.30	\$0.00	\$587.04
Total for WHITTIER SCHOOL	\$586.74	\$0.30	\$0.00	\$587.04
ELEMENTARY TOTAL	\$16,535.80	\$8.23	(\$598.08)	\$15,945.95

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EAST MIDDLE SCHOOL				
8TH GRADE CLASS	\$205.26	\$0.11	\$0.00	\$205.37
ART DEPARTMENT	\$22.95	\$250.14	\$0.00	\$273.09
ATHLETIC SCHOLARSHIPS	\$572.26	\$0.30	\$0.00	\$572.56
DYNAMOS	\$5.88	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5.88
EMMA STRONG	\$3,590.01	\$1.86	\$0.00	\$3,591.87
FISHING CLUB	\$16.37	\$0.01	\$0.00	\$16.38
IMPACT	\$56.12	\$289.69	\$0.00	\$345.81
INSTRUMENTAL ACTIVITIES	\$1,105.95	\$0.57	\$0.00	\$1,106.52
KIDS FIRST	\$111.55	\$0.06	\$0.00	\$111.61
MT ADVANCED OPPORTUNITIES ACT	\$20,274.07	\$10.02	(\$878.37)	\$19,405.72
RAM SPIRIT	\$40.29	\$0.02	\$0.00	\$40.31
ROBOTICS	\$135.12	\$0.07	\$0.00	\$135.19
STUDENT COUNCIL/GOVERNMENT	\$110.73	\$0.06	\$0.00	\$110.79
STUDENT STORE	\$785.90	\$0.41	\$0.00	\$786.31
SUPERSONICS	\$212.71	\$0.11	\$0.00	\$212.82
VIP MATH-SCIENCE	\$736.22	\$0.38	\$0.00	\$736.60
XTREME TEAM	\$1,768.75	\$0.91	\$0.00	\$1,769.66
YOUTH ALIVE	\$5.26	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5.26
Total for EAST MIDDLE SCHOOL	\$29,755.40	\$554.72	(\$878.37)	\$29,431.75
NORTH MIDDLE SCHOOL				
ARCHERY CLUB	\$759.56	\$1,000.91	\$0.00	\$1,760.47
EMMA STRONG	\$3,589.57	\$1.86	\$0.00	\$3,591.43
EXTREME TEAM	\$429.34	\$0.22	\$0.00	\$429.56
FISHING CLUB	\$71.58	\$0.04	\$0.00	\$71.62
GRIZ SPIRIT	\$470.19	\$575.51	(\$62.00)	\$983.70
HOSA	\$0.10	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.10
MT ADVANCED OPPORTUNITIES ACT	\$16,814.09	\$8.69	\$0.00	\$16,822.78
NATIONAL JR HONOR SOCIETY	\$454.65	\$0.23	\$0.00	\$454.88
PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB	\$12.54	\$0.01	\$0.00	\$12.55
SCIENCE OLYMPIAD	\$367.68	\$0.19	\$0.00	\$367.87
SENSATIONAL SEVEN'S	\$294.94	\$0.15	\$0.00	\$295.09
SHOP	\$136.61	\$0.07	\$0.00	\$136.68
STUDENT COUNCIL/GOVERNMENT	\$3,956.06	\$2.02	(\$39.00)	\$3,919.08
STUDENT POP	\$162.08	\$57.24	\$0.00	\$219.32
TAG TEAM	\$3,076.24	\$401.80	\$0.00	\$3,478.04
THE BUSINESS	\$1,362.93	\$0.70	\$0.00	\$1,363.63
TNT TEAM	\$834.49	\$320.60	\$0.00	\$1,155.09
URSIDAE TEAM	\$391.05	\$0.13	(\$144.00)	\$247.18
VIKINGS/GLADI8ORS TEAM	\$199.63	\$0.10	\$0.00	\$199.73
YEARBOOK	\$2,521.42	\$1.30	\$0.00	\$2,522.72
YOUTH ALIVE	\$448.30	\$0.23	\$0.00	\$448.53
Total for NORTH MIDDLE SCHOOL	\$36,353.05	\$2,372.00	(\$245.00)	\$38,480.05
MIDDLE SCHOOLS TOTAL	\$66,108.45	\$2,926.72	(\$1,123.37)	\$67,911.80

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GREAT FALLS HIGH SCHOOL				
FOOTBALL	\$13,708.69	\$0.00	(\$2,536.86)	\$11,171.83
BOYS BASKETBALL	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$11,545.00)	(\$11,545.00)
SOCCER B&G	(\$3,318.55)	\$0.00	(\$170.72)	(\$3,489.27)
X COUNTRY B&G	(\$1,466.00)	(\$564.00)	(\$454.63)	(\$2,484.63)
GOLF B&G	(\$6,604.97)	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$6,604.97)
TENNIS B&G	\$72.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$72.00
VOLLEYBALL	(\$3,115.87)	\$1,188.00	(\$3,964.42)	(\$5,892.29)
1:1 TECHNOLOGY FINES	\$814.00	\$37.43	\$0.00	\$851.43
AP HISTORY BOOKS	\$1,864.23	\$0.96	\$0.00	\$1,865.19
B AND G TRACK FUND	\$9,476.25	\$4.90	\$0.00	\$9,481.15
BAND ACTIVITY	\$24,410.20	\$46,477.16	(\$890.76)	\$69,996.60
BISON BARISTAS	\$3,458.75	\$501.54	(\$969.78)	\$2,990.51
BISON BUSINESS	\$3,089.43	\$1,330.02	(\$2,452.91)	\$1,966.54
BISON DANCE TEAM	\$8,117.29	\$9,123.98	(\$1,797.80)	\$15,443.47
BISON DIGITAL VIDEO	\$228.26	\$0.12	\$0.00	\$228.38
BISON LIFE SKILLS	\$81.38	\$27.06	\$0.00	\$108.44
BISON WEAR	\$20,243.76	\$23.51	(\$3,795.19)	\$16,472.08
BOYS & GIRLS P.E. POP FUND	\$442.38	\$0.23	\$0.00	\$442.61
BOYS BASKETBALL	\$3,201.76	\$251.36	(\$821.40)	\$2,631.72
BOYS SOCCER	\$7,949.06	\$1,696.57	(\$789.75)	\$8,855.88
BUSINESS PROFESSIONALS OF AMER	\$10,793.16	\$5.33	(\$480.00)	\$10,318.49
CHEERLEADERS	\$8,131.04	\$4,787.59	(\$1,324.98)	\$11,593.65
CHOIR/DELPHIAN	\$24,501.11	\$27,924.47	(\$1,175.20)	\$51,250.38
CLASS OF 2024	\$6.74	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6.74
CLASS OF 2025	\$6,491.18	\$3.35	\$0.00	\$6,494.53
CLASS OF 2026	\$1,910.09	\$0.99	\$0.00	\$1,911.08
CLASS OF 2027	\$905.84	\$0.47	\$0.00	\$906.31
CROCHET CLUB	\$120.11	\$0.06	\$0.00	\$120.17
CROSS COUNTRY	\$6,156.59	\$1.04	(\$4,152.18)	\$2,005.45
DECA CLUB	\$14,538.59	\$7.51	\$0.00	\$14,546.10
ELECTRICAL IT CLASSES	\$3,857.62	\$1.99	\$0.00	\$3,859.61
EMMA STRONG	\$3,590.02	\$1.86	\$0.00	\$3,591.88
ENGLISH NOVELS	\$3,795.80	\$1.96	\$0.00	\$3,797.76
FCCLA	\$1,921.75	\$0.99	\$0.00	\$1,922.74
FLY FISHING CLUB	\$206.11	\$0.11	\$0.00	\$206.22
FOOTBALL FUND	\$69,777.96	\$7,607.40	(\$6,928.00)	\$70,457.36
FOREIGN LANGUAGE CLUB	\$228.50	\$0.12	\$0.00	\$228.62
FRENCH CLUB	\$8.72	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8.72
GEOLOGY CLUB	\$1,449.35	\$0.72	(\$51.95)	\$1,398.12
GERMAN CLUB	(\$1,328.20)	\$747.42	\$0.00	(\$580.78)
GFHS CLOTHING CLOSET	\$1,148.31	\$0.59	\$0.00	\$1,148.90
GFHS ROBOTICS CLUB	\$4,577.09	\$2.37	\$0.00	\$4,579.46
GIRLS BASKETBALL	\$15,073.59	\$32.59	(\$420.00)	\$14,686.18
GIRLS SOCCER	\$11,577.72	\$3,621.44	(\$789.20)	\$14,409.96
GOLF TEAM	\$1,383.68	\$3,326.25	(\$363.00)	\$4,346.93
GREAT FALLS MUSICALS	\$761.98	\$8,876.98	\$0.00	\$9,638.96
GREEN CLUB	\$137.85	\$0.07	\$0.00	\$137.92
HOSA	\$5,221.41	\$616.35	(\$323.69)	\$5,514.07
ICE RAGE	\$4,340.25	\$2.24	\$0.00	\$4,342.49
INCLUSION AND DIVERSITY CLUB	\$1,767.95	\$0.91	\$0.00	\$1,768.86
INIWA NEWSPAPER	\$809.24	\$0.42	\$0.00	\$809.66
JROTC	\$8,456.95	\$1,479.83	(\$2,516.38)	\$7,420.40
KEY CLUB	\$2,277.40	\$0.68	(\$970.00)	\$1,308.08
LIFE SKILLS STUDENTS 110	\$123.44	\$0.04	(\$39.85)	\$83.63
MathXL Dual Fees	\$4,895.23	\$2.53	\$0.00	\$4,897.76
MOTOR SPORTS CLUB	\$1,155.27	\$40.62	\$0.00	\$1,195.89
MT ADVANCED OPPORTUNITIES ACT	\$36,722.55	\$18.98	\$0.00	\$36,741.53
MUSIC FRUIT	\$0.02	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.02
NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY	\$1,169.33	\$16.61	(\$13.97)	\$1,171.97
ORCHESTRA	\$1,526.61	\$21,506.13	(\$513.20)	\$22,519.54
PHOTOGRAPHY ART	\$560.38	\$35.31	\$0.00	\$595.69

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POP FUND	\$9,583.88	\$418.69	\$0.00	\$10,002.57
POWDER PUFF FOOTBALL	\$592.23	\$0.31	\$0.00	\$592.54
ROCKETRY CLUB	\$1,231.29	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,231.29
ROUNDUP ANNUAL	\$34,696.18	\$597.72	(\$1,000.00)	\$34,293.90
SELECT	\$770.69	\$0.33	(\$126.00)	\$645.02
SOFTBALL	\$19,603.37	\$10.13	\$0.00	\$19,613.50
SPANISH CLUB	\$1,368.49	\$0.71	\$0.00	\$1,369.20
SPIRIT SHIRTS	\$3,538.17	\$1.27	(\$1,073.50)	\$2,465.94
STUDENT COUNCIL/GOVERNMENT	\$25,208.36	\$12,047.34	(\$5,109.93)	\$32,145.77
STUDENT LANDSCAPE PROJECT FUND	\$27,129.00	\$14.02	\$0.00	\$27,143.02
SWIM TEAM	\$7,484.97	\$2,763.89	(\$2,719.74)	\$7,529.12
TENNIS	\$4,942.78	\$1,923.55	\$0.00	\$6,866.33
VICA	\$128.21	\$0.07	\$0.00	\$128.28
VIDEO PRODUCTIONS	\$3,290.41	\$1.70	\$0.00	\$3,292.11
VOLLEYBALL	\$35,026.64	\$2,268.94	(\$6,441.62)	\$30,853.96
WRESTLING	\$11,521.83	\$1.20	(\$9,208.30)	\$2,314.73
YELLOWSTONE FIELD TRIP	\$1,972.02	\$1.02	\$0.00	\$1,973.04
Total for GREAT FALLS HIGH SCHOOL	\$531,488.90	\$160,824.05	(\$75,929.91)	\$616,383.04
ATLERNATIVE EDUCATION				
COFFEE SHOP	\$21,717.05	\$10.74	(\$937.71)	\$20,790.08
LYNX GRAFIX	\$26,688.46	\$373.68	(\$577.52)	\$26,484.62
PARIS GIBSON AUTOMOTIVE CLUB	\$2,318.50	\$1.14	(\$114.55)	\$2,205.09
PARIS GIBSON DESIGNS	\$10,834.96	\$5.60	\$0.00	\$10,840.56
PARIS SCIENCE CLUB	\$1,803.18	\$0.91	(\$44.00)	\$1,760.09
STUDENT COUNCIL/GOVERNMENT	\$9,301.09	\$4.81	\$0.00	\$9,305.90
YEAR BOOK	\$14,508.77	\$132.56	\$0.00	\$14,641.33
Total for ATLERNATIVE EDUCATION	\$87,172.01	\$529.44	(\$1,673.78)	\$86,027.67
CM RUSSELL HIGH SCHOOL				
FOOTBALL	\$23,088.96	\$1,967.00	(\$278.10)	\$24,777.86
BOYS BASKETBALL	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$11,545.00)	(\$11,545.00)
GIRLS BASKETBALL	\$19.90	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$19.90
WRESTLING	(\$2,466.84)	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$2,466.84)
TRACK B&G	(\$652.81)	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$652.81)
SOCCER B&G	(\$3,888.37)	\$82.17	\$0.00	(\$3,806.20)
X COUNTRY B&G	(\$984.08)	\$504.00	(\$818.55)	(\$1,298.63)
GOLF B&G	(\$6,546.98)	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$6,546.98)
SOFTBALL	(\$1,660.68)	\$0.00	(\$146.78)	(\$1,807.46)
VOLLEYBALL	(\$2,871.82)	\$12.00	\$1,257.15	(\$1,602.67)
ACADEMIC BOWL	\$504.82	\$0.26	\$0.00	\$505.08
ANNUAL	\$92,627.18	\$4,473.99	(\$4,485.68)	\$92,615.49
AP CHEMISTRY	\$1,283.01	\$0.66	\$0.00	\$1,283.67
ART CLUB	\$2,848.20	\$201.11	(\$897.55)	\$2,151.76
BAND	\$76,285.60	\$32,854.11	(\$37,304.38)	\$71,835.33
BIOLOGY 3-4	\$1,834.26	\$20.96	\$0.00	\$1,855.22
BOYS SOCCER	\$14,695.98	\$2,076.40	(\$4,062.54)	\$12,709.84
BOYS TRACK	\$9,626.14	\$4.98	\$0.00	\$9,631.12
BUSINESS PROFESSIONALS OF AMER	\$19,761.38	\$170.30	\$0.00	\$19,931.68
CHEERLEADERS	\$1,941.97	\$2,640.66	(\$2,331.84)	\$2,250.79
CLASS OF 2024	\$7,475.04	\$0.00	(\$7,468.05)	\$6.99
CLASS OF 2025	\$4,945.02	\$402.76	\$0.00	\$5,347.78
CLASS OF 2026	\$4,059.88	\$2.03	(\$123.19)	\$3,938.72
CLASS OF 2027	\$136.32	\$0.07	\$0.00	\$136.39
CLASS OF 2028	\$463.45	\$0.24	\$0.00	\$463.69
CMR COFFEE CART	\$5,774.29	\$2,746.36	(\$1,921.93)	\$6,598.72
CMR DRAFTING	\$449.32	\$340.41	\$0.00	\$789.73
CMR ELECTRONICS	\$9,283.24	\$3,266.48	\$0.00	\$12,549.72
CROSS COUNTRY	\$9,303.35	\$2,969.60	(\$1,432.07)	\$10,840.88
DECA CLUB	\$3,585.52	\$1.82	(\$68.00)	\$3,519.34
DRAMATICS CLUB	\$8,683.78	\$17,987.11	(\$1,221.47)	\$25,449.42
EMMA STRONG	\$635.03	(\$496.64)	(\$137.50)	\$0.89
ENGLISH NOVELS	\$1,390.45	\$0.72	\$0.00	\$1,391.17
FAMILY CONSUMER SCIENCE	\$53,602.89	\$15,259.29	(\$2,483.89)	\$66,378.29

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FOOTBALL PROGRAMS	\$23,243.79	\$23,588.94	(\$2,186.41)	\$44,646.32
FRENCH CLUB	\$1,570.46	\$0.81	\$0.00	\$1,571.27
GIRLS BASKETBALL	\$13,487.14	\$504.33	(\$5,611.32)	\$8,380.15
GIRLS SOCCER	\$25,416.95	\$4,656.67	(\$903.82)	\$29,169.80
GOLF TEAM	\$13,588.61	\$427.24	\$0.00	\$14,015.85
HOSA	\$30,703.04	\$1,350.19	(\$341.77)	\$31,711.46
KEY CLUB	\$5,220.60	\$22.34	(\$709.02)	\$4,533.92
MT ADVANCED OPPORTUNITIES ACT	\$43,799.76	(\$37,817.45)	(\$1,037.60)	\$4,944.71
NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY	\$346.22	\$0.18	\$0.00	\$346.40
NATIVE AMERICAN CLUB	\$112.64	\$0.06	\$0.00	\$112.70
NEWSPAPER	\$2,259.52	\$1.17	\$0.00	\$2,260.69
ORCHESTRA	\$19,960.22	\$18,997.59	(\$551.94)	\$38,405.87
PHYSICS FIELD TRIP	\$1,339.32	\$0.69	\$0.00	\$1,340.01
ROBOTICS	\$910.86	\$0.47	\$0.00	\$911.33
RUSTLER GEAR	\$3,695.53	\$1.91	\$0.00	\$3,697.44
RUSTLER PRIDE	\$14,405.79	\$1,580.17	(\$388.95)	\$15,597.01
RUSTLERS INC	\$2,358.74	\$1.22	\$0.00	\$2,359.96
SCHOOL STORE	\$40,015.60	\$5,452.30	(\$6,428.35)	\$39,039.55
SCIENCE RESEARCH CLUB	\$299.82	\$0.15	\$0.00	\$299.97
SOFTBALL	\$6,730.47	\$228.59	\$0.00	\$6,959.06
SPANISH CLUB	\$1,124.62	\$0.58	\$0.00	\$1,125.20
SPEECH & DEBATE	\$5,767.13	\$2,561.66	(\$4.45)	\$8,324.34
STUDENT COUNCIL/GOVERNMENT	\$2,545.09	\$0.32	(\$1,925.28)	\$620.13
SWIMMING CLUB	\$2,673.16	\$2,931.49	(\$2,719.74)	\$2,884.91
T.A.P.E. CLUB	\$2,047.06	\$2,252.22	\$0.00	\$4,299.28
TENNIS	\$5,692.12	\$2.49	(\$875.12)	\$4,819.49
TRIPLE-R-CLUB	\$0.67	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.67
VICA	(\$80.96)	\$0.06	\$200.00	\$119.10
VIDEO PRODUCTIONS	\$152.11	\$0.08	\$0.00	\$152.19
VOCAL MUSIC	\$29,170.54	\$33,174.47	(\$1,415.29)	\$60,929.72
VOCATIONAL RESOURCE	\$5,530.80	\$243.96	(\$53.60)	\$5,721.16
VOLLEYBALL	\$32,739.07	\$309.96	(\$4,080.71)	\$28,968.32
WRANGLERS	\$6,440.78	\$3.28	(\$85.00)	\$6,359.06
WRESTLING	\$13,743.25	\$1,965.68	(\$4,704.10)	\$11,004.83
Total for CM RUSSELL HIGH SCHOOL	\$692,243.92	\$149,932.67	(\$109,291.84)	\$732,884.75
HIGH SCHOOLS TOTAL	\$1,310,904.83	\$311,286.16	(\$186,895.53)	\$1,435,295.46

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INDIAN EDUCATION				
INDIAN EDUCATION DRUM GROUP	\$464.04	\$0.24	\$0.00	\$464.28
POW WOW'S	\$2,622.49	\$1.36	\$0.00	\$2,623.85
Total for INDIAN EDUCATION	\$3,086.53	\$1.60	\$0.00	\$3,088.13
INDEPENDENT PROGRAMS TOTAL	\$3,086.53	\$1.60	\$0.00	\$3,088.13
DISTRICT TOTAL	\$1,396,635.61	\$314,222.71	(\$188,616.98)	\$1,522,241.34

 Great Falls Public Schools Great Falls, MT	Turoski	Thompson	Sunchild	Skornogowski	Johnson	Finnicum	Bronson
Motion							
Second							
Ayes							
Nays							
Abstain							

GREAT FALLS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

MEETING DATE: January 13, 2025

CATEGORY: Consent

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: V. E.

CABINET MEMBER: Lance Boyd

TOPIC

Electric City Track Club Travel Request to Spokane, Washington February 20 through February 24, 2025.

STRATEGIC PLAN

Stewardship and Accountability

BACKGROUND

As part of extended opportunities to cross-country athletes, Coach Bob Stingley coaches and supervises a group of runners from Great Falls High School (GFHS) and Charles M. Russell (CMR) High School who have qualified for the West Coast Indoor Championship Meet. The meet is held in Spokane, WA February 21-23, 2025.

Discussion

Students may miss two days of instruction for this out-of-state trip. Coach Stingley will utilize one of his coaching days to supervise this trip. Assistant coaches and parents/approved chaperones will provide supervision on the trip. Some of the students will ride Amtrak from Shelby to Spokane. A letter further explaining the trip, naming the runners and providing an itinerary are attached.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

Substitute costs for the coach are covered by the athletic department. Student travel costs are a balance of personal funding and fundraising. No additional District costs are associated.

RECOMMENDATION

The District Board is requested to approve the travel of the Electric City Track Club to Spokane, WA on February 20-24, 2025.

For more information about this item, please contact Superintendent Heather Hoyer at (406) 268-6001, or Executive Director Lance Boyd at (406) 268-6008.

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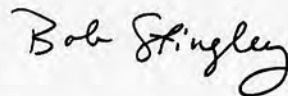
Lance Boyd, Geoff Habel,
Board of Trustees

This letter is to inform you of our intention to take a group of our Great Falls High and CMR student athletes to several indoor track meets over the winter. The first being on February 2nd in Bozeman. Our athletes will be competing under the banner of the Electric City Track Club. Our students are paying for these trips on their own, and with a portion of their fundraised foundation money. For this meet the group of approximately ten athletes will be traveling via personal vehicles with parents. The group will travel on either Saturday, February 1st or February 2nd depending on the weather. Students will miss no school for this event. I will send a roster of athletes when we have it finalized.

Additionally, we plan attending the West Coast Indoor Championship Meet on February 22nd and 23rd in Spokane. Student athletes will travel by personal vehicles with parents or via Amtrak out of Shelby. Depending on travel arrangements the athletes may miss school on Friday, February 21st and Monday, February 24th. I will send you a team roster and a travel and meet itinerary for this meet as we get closer to the event. Traveling along with us as chaperones would probably be several of the athletes' parents as well as one of our other track coaches. I will be requesting to use one of our allotted coaching days as an alternative assignment to cover Friday, February 21st, and a personal day on Monday, February 24th.

A tentative copy of our Spokane trip itinerary based on last years' time line follows this letter. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

Thank you,



Bob Stingley



Geoff Habel
GFHS



SPOKANE TRACK WEEKEND ITINERARY

Thursday, February 20

4:15 - PM Leave from Sting's house, 221 4th Avenue North, and drive to Shelby or directly to Spokane for those driving.
5:45 - Arrive Shelby
6:21 - Train #7 Leaves Shelby

Friday, February 21

2:49 AM - Arrive in Spokane and Taxi to the Holiday Inn Express Downtown, North 801 Division Street, 1-509-328-8505, to check in and sleep.
9:00-10:00 Wake up and a eat good breakfast, dress for practice at the Podium at Noon
4:00 – Head back to the Holiday in shower and go to dinner, and Nike store.
10:00 – Meeting, bed check and off to sleep.

Saturday, February 22

7:00 AM-10:00 Wake up and a eat good breakfast according to your race time.
9:00- West Coast Championship begins with field events, long jump -Aisalyn
10:00- Track events begin with MS Girls 800 – 10:20 -Mylah and Aisalyn, followed by Boys –10:35 Ashtyn and Brayden
2:25 – 400 - Aizalyn
3:35 – Girls 3000, followed by the Boys @ 3:50 – Ryan, John, Conrad, Ryland, Brayden
5:00 – Saturday session concludes, back to the hotel clean up and dinner
8:00 - Back to the hotel
9:00 – Meeting, bed check @10 and off to sleep.

Sunday, February 23

8:00 - AM Wake up and a good breakfast
9:30 – 4:30 Spokane HS Invitational (Sunday Session)
9:00 - Head to the Podium
10:20 – Girls Open Mile, followed by the Boys @ 10:45 – John, Ashtyn, Conrad, Brayden
1:00 – Girls Open 200 - Aizalyn
2:50 PM - Boys Invite Mile - Ryan
3:50 - Boys 4 x 400 Relay – Distance Crew
5:00 - Leave Podium and get dinner, clean up and whatever. We will keep one room and go back and crash there until it is time to head to the train station. Those driving head back to Great Falls after dinner.
12:00 AM - Midnight Head to train station if the train is on time


Monday, February 24

1:15 AM - Train #8 leaves Spokane, sleep until we hit Shelby.
11:20 AM - Train arrives in Shelby grab some lunch at Subway and head for home.
1:30-2:00 PM - Arrive home and get ready for school on Tuesday. Track season begins in one week.

Cost Estimates

Train	89
Room est.	128
Entry Fee	50

Approx. Total **267** + Food (4 Lunches, 3 Dinners), any souvenir purchases from meet or Nike store.

 Great Falls Public Schools Great Falls, MF	Turoski	Thompson	Sunchild	Skornogowski	Johnson	Finnicum	Bronson
Motion							
Second							
Ayes							
Nays							
Abstain							

GREAT FALLS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

MEETING DATE: January 13, 2025

CATEGORY: Action

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: VII. A.

CABINET MEMBER: Brian Patrick

TOPIC

Financial Report and Check Register for November 2024

STRATEGIC PLAN

Stewardship and Accountability

BACKGROUND

The check register and bank reconciliation are available in the Business Office. Trustees Bronson, Finnicum and Turoski act as the Board's liaisons and review the financial data.

DISCUSSION

This monthly update on the fiscal business of the District is designed to provide Trustees and the public with up-to-date and timely information on revenue and expenditures, fiscal operations, and the overall financial position of the Great Falls Public Schools.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

See attached reports.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The District Board is requested to accept the monthly financial report and approve the register of payments for November 2024.

For more information about this item, please contact Superintendent Heather Hoyer at (406) 268-6001 or Director of Business Operations Brian Patrick at (406) 268-6050.

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Great Falls Public Schools
Fund Budget Report
November 2024

<u>Account</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>MTD</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Balance</u>	<u>% Budget Remaining</u>
101	ELEMENTARY GENERAL				
REVENUE					
1XXX Local	(\$14,368,566.11)	(\$404,444.44)	(\$1,225,352.28)	(\$13,143,213.83)	91.47
3XXX State	(\$40,013,935.95)	(\$2,659,695.41)	(\$10,638,265.64)	(\$29,375,670.31)	73.41
5XXX Other	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00
6XXX Adjustments	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00
7XXX CARES	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00
9XXX Transfers	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00
Subtotal:	(\$54,382,502.06)	(\$3,064,139.85)	(\$11,863,617.92)	(\$42,518,884.14)	78.18
EXPENDITURE					
1XX Salaries	\$41,823,696.58	\$3,566,875.63	\$11,684,904.61	\$30,138,791.97	72.06
2XX Benefits	\$4,620,780.50	\$391,875.77	\$1,309,639.06	\$3,311,141.44	71.66
3XX Contracted	\$831,968.07	\$66,578.30	\$213,912.45	\$618,055.62	74.29
4XX Utilities/Repair	\$2,049,250.00	\$140,988.86	\$863,064.11	\$1,186,185.89	57.88
5XX Other Services	\$1,303,964.51	\$35,788.30	\$133,073.95	\$1,170,890.56	89.79
61X Supplies	\$1,385,306.40	\$66,632.76	\$393,834.32	\$991,472.08	71.57
62X Energy Supplies	\$56,750.00	\$4,099.06	\$16,803.44	\$39,946.56	70.39
64X Books	\$326,668.40	\$2,236.61	\$27,533.59	\$299,134.81	91.57
66X Minor Equipment	\$229,539.00	\$4,857.22	\$7,444.99	\$222,094.01	96.76
68X Software	\$543,169.60	\$46,954.84	\$145,373.31	\$397,796.29	73.24
7XX Capital Outlay	\$222,500.00	\$3,640.28	\$72,992.92	\$149,507.08	67.19
8XX Misc	\$882,375.00	\$234.53	\$620.83	\$881,754.17	99.93
9XX Transfers	\$106,534.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$106,534.00	100.00
Others					
Subtotal:	\$54,382,502.06	\$4,330,762.16	\$14,869,197.58	\$39,513,304.48	72.66
201	HIGH SCHOOL GENERAL				
REVENUE					
1XXX Local	(\$6,900,191.79)	(\$193,807.47)	(\$606,441.51)	(\$6,293,750.28)	91.21
3XXX State	(\$19,812,585.78)	(\$1,313,104.48)	(\$5,252,417.92)	(\$14,560,167.86)	73.49
5XXX Other	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00
6XXX Adjustments	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00
7XXX CARES	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00
9XXX Transfers	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00
Subtotal:	(\$26,712,777.57)	(\$1,506,911.95)	(\$5,858,859.43)	(\$20,853,918.14)	78.07
EXPENDITURE					
1XX Salaries	\$19,200,416.17	\$1,638,799.80	\$5,450,301.38	\$13,750,114.79	71.61
2XX Benefits	\$2,567,558.70	\$200,870.00	\$675,736.41	\$1,891,822.29	73.68
3XX Contracted	\$605,116.18	\$47,862.08	\$162,485.61	\$442,630.57	73.15
4XX Utilities/Repair	\$1,277,750.00	\$21,450.87	\$424,351.75	\$853,398.25	66.79
5XX Other Services	\$1,149,349.89	\$93,901.48	\$250,513.91	\$898,835.98	78.20
61X Supplies	\$812,414.00	\$43,317.16	\$280,553.63	\$531,860.37	65.47
62X Energy Supplies	\$30,500.00	\$2,513.01	\$9,001.03	\$21,498.97	70.49
64X Books	\$212,557.00	\$9,603.71	\$51,189.17	\$161,367.83	75.92
66X Minor Equipment	\$138,724.00	\$2,497.50	\$13,836.22	\$124,887.78	90.03
68X Software	\$284,243.04	\$23,317.82	\$69,334.27	\$214,908.77	75.61
7XX Capital Outlay	\$153,720.59	\$0.00	\$17,009.78	\$136,710.81	88.93
8XX Misc	\$280,428.00	\$38.14	\$419.06	\$280,008.94	99.85
9XX Transfers	\$0.00	\$810.53	\$3,242.12	(\$3,242.12)	0.00
Subtotal:	\$26,712,777.57	\$2,084,982.10	\$7,407,974.34	\$19,304,803.23	72.27
110	ELEMENTARY TRANSPORTATION				
REVENUE					
Subtotal:	(\$3,945,075.00)	(\$66,311.63)	(\$304,663.25)	(\$3,640,411.75)	92.28
EXPENDITURE					
Subtotal:	\$3,945,075.00	\$288,289.15	\$655,833.79	\$3,289,241.21	83.38

Great Falls Public Schools
Fund Budget Report
November 2024

<u>Account</u>		<u>Budget</u>	<u>MTD</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Balance</u>	<u>% Budget Remaining</u>
210	HIGH SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION					
REVENUE						
	Subtotal:	(\$1,868,682.10)	(\$36,793.47)	(\$161,955.61)	(\$1,706,726.49)	91.33
EXPENDITURE						
	Subtotal:	\$1,868,682.10	\$151,456.60	\$339,812.20	\$1,528,869.90	81.82
112	ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FOOD SERVICE					
REVENUE						
	Subtotal:	(\$5,195,815.00)	(\$598,363.92)	(\$1,509,648.23)	(\$3,686,166.77)	70.94
EXPENDITURE						
	Subtotal:	\$5,195,815.00	\$457,462.28	\$1,630,611.62	\$3,565,203.38	68.62
114	ELEMENTARY RETIREMENT					
REVENUE						
	Subtotal:	(\$8,000,000.00)	(\$74,700.62)	(\$169,640.58)	(\$7,830,359.42)	97.88
EXPENDITURE						
	Subtotal:	\$8,000,000.00	\$681,051.00	\$2,310,249.11	\$5,689,750.89	71.12
214	HIGH SCHOOL RETIREMENT					
REVENUE						
	Subtotal:	(\$4,500,000.00)	(\$666.24)	(\$6,461.77)	(\$4,493,538.23)	99.86
EXPENDITURE						
Others						
	Subtotal:	\$4,500,000.00	\$301,583.40	\$1,013,377.95	\$3,486,622.05	77.48
117	ELEMENTARY ADULT EDUCATION					
REVENUE						
	Subtotal:	(\$551,272.00)	(\$12,545.91)	(\$32,568.25)	(\$518,703.75)	94.09
EXPENDITURE						
	Subtotal:	\$551,272.00	\$30,375.41	\$129,726.20	\$421,545.80	76.47
217	HIGH SCHOOL ADULT EDUCATION					
REVENUE						
	Subtotal:	(\$558,874.00)	(\$11,003.17)	(\$27,156.47)	(\$531,717.53)	95.14
EXPENDITURE						
	Subtotal:	\$558,874.00	\$23,755.24	\$82,811.61	\$476,062.39	85.18
128	ELEMENTARY TECHNOLOGY					
REVENUE						
	Subtotal:	(\$521,648.87)	(\$4,367.72)	(\$53,804.31)	(\$467,844.56)	89.69
EXPENDITURE						
	Subtotal:	\$521,648.87	\$4,284.48	\$44,686.60	\$476,962.27	91.43
228	HIGH SCHOOL TECHNOLOGY					
REVENUE						
	Subtotal:	(\$127,896.43)	(\$2,102.73)	(\$26,506.74)	(\$101,389.69)	79.27
EXPENDITURE						
	Subtotal:	\$127,896.43	\$222.75	\$21,668.57	\$106,227.86	83.06
129	ELEMENTARY FLEX					
REVENUE						
	Subtotal:	(\$864,081.58)	(\$6,108.15)	(\$101,604.11)	(\$762,477.47)	88.24
EXPENDITURE						
	Subtotal:	\$864,081.58	\$0.00	(\$286.33)	\$864,367.91	100.03

**Great Falls Public Schools
Fund Budget Report
November 2024**

<u>Account</u>		<u>Budget</u>	<u>MTD</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Balance</u>	<u>% Budget Remaining</u>
229	HIGH SCHOOL FLEX					
REVENUE						
	Subtotal:	(\$466,383.58)	(\$159.05)	(\$249,361.22)	(\$217,022.36)	46.53
EXPENDITURE						
	Subtotal:	\$466,383.58	\$7,566.30	\$55,623.80	\$410,759.78	88.07
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160	ELEMENTARY BUILDING					
REVENUE						
	Subtotal:	(\$752,129.27)	(\$9,000.57)	(\$38,605.91)	(\$713,523.36)	94.87
EXPENDITURE						
	Subtotal:	\$752,129.27	\$0.00	\$97,770.98	\$654,358.29	87.00
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260	HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING					
REVENUE						
	Subtotal:	(\$123,334.59)	(\$48.85)	(\$468.90)	(\$122,865.69)	99.62
EXPENDITURE						
	Subtotal:	\$123,334.59	\$0.00	\$270,284.50	(\$146,949.91)	-119.15
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161	ELEMENTARY BUILDING RESERVE					
REVENUE						
	Subtotal:	(\$3,494,884.14)	(\$10,810.95)	(\$39,350.58)	(\$3,455,533.56)	98.87
EXPENDITURE						
	Subtotal:	\$3,494,884.14	\$2,974.31	\$365,766.40	\$3,129,117.74	89.53
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261	HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING RESERVE					
REVENUE						
	Subtotal:	(\$1,451,466.52)	(\$5,629.21)	(\$19,005.54)	(\$1,432,460.98)	98.69
EXPENDITURE						
	Subtotal:	\$1,451,466.52	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,451,466.52	100.00

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12/30/2024

Great Falls Public Schools
Check Register
November 2024
Action Item

Accounts Payable

Starting Check No: 136704
Ending Check No: 137096

Total: \$1,606,755.92

Payroll

Starting Check No: 82535
Ending Check No: 82802


Total: \$657,873.14

Direct Deposit

Total: \$4,144,405.55

Payroll ACH Payments

Total: \$4,335,740.44

 Great Falls Public Schools Great Falls, MT	Turoski	Thompson	Sunchild	Skornogowski	Johnson	Finnicum	Bronson
Motion							
Second							
Ayes							
Nays							
Abstain							

GREAT FALLS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

MEETING DATE: January 13, 2025

CATEGORY: Action

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: VII. B.

CABINET MEMBER: Brian Patrick

TOPIC

Trustee Resolution Calling for an Election on May 6, 2025

STRATEGIC PLAN

Stewardship and Accountability

BACKGROUND

The last date for the District to file a resolution calling for the Annual Regular School Election is Tuesday, February 25, 2025, which is at least 70 days before the election ([MCA 13-19-202](#)).

DISCUSSION

The Trustees must pass a resolution stating: 1) the date of the election; 2) the purpose of the election; 3) whether the election will be by mail or poll; 4) voting locations; and 5) the time the polls will open, if before noon. Trustees do NOT have to set levy amounts at this time; however, they must be set in time for the Clerk to certify the ballot (not less than 30 days before the election or April 4, 2025). There are three (3) Trustee positions up for re-election for three-year terms. The deadline for a person to file for a trustee position with the Elections Office is March 27, 2025, [MCA 20-3-305](#). The resolution also states that if it is later determined that any portion of the election is not required, the Trustees authorize Brian Patrick, Election Administrator, to cancel that portion of the election in accordance with [MCA 13-1-304](#) and [MCA 20-3-313](#).

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The cost of an all-mail ballot Trustee Election is expected to be approximately \$65,000.00.

RECOMMENDATION

The District Board is requested to adopt a Resolution Calling for an Election on May 6, 2025, per the attached document that sets forth the date, purpose, ballot deposit sites, and the times the ballot deposit sites will be open.

For more information about this matter, please contact Superintendent Heather Hoyer at (406) 268-6001 or Director of Business Operations, Brian Patrick at (406) 268-6050.

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School Board Election Information

Nominating petitions and candidacy forms are now available for three seats on the Great Falls Public Schools Board of Trustees whose positions are reaching the end of their term. The election will be held on Tuesday, May 6, 2025.

Forms may be obtained from Brian Patrick, Director of Business Operations, at the District Office Building 1100 4th St. South or at the Great Falls County Elections Office located at 325 2nd Ave. North # 100.

Forms must be filed with the Great Falls County Elections Office at 325 2nd Ave. North # 100, prior to 5 p.m. Thursday, March 27, 2025.

The following seats are up for election:

- Three seats that represent both elementary and secondary districts on the Board for three years, until May 2028. Anyone interested in these positions must live within the Great Falls Public School District boundary. The positions are currently held by Gordon Johnson, Mark Finnicum and Paige Turoski.

Great Falls Public School trustees are unpaid volunteer positions. Trustees are requested to attend an average of three to four monthly meetings that focus on curricula, policy, budget, administrative issues and other topics.

There are seven trustees on the school board. The seven seats represent both the elementary and high school districts.

For more information, call Brian Patrick at 406-268-6050.

**GREAT FALLS PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT #1 & A
ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual School Election for Great Falls School District #1, and High School District A, Cascade County, Montana will be held on Tuesday, May 6, 2025. Electors will consider the following issues at the election: three (3) trustee positions for the term of three (3) years and a possible Elementary and or High School General Fund Levy for the operation and maintenance of the educational programs for the school year 2025-2026. The Board of Trustees must approve the exact levy amounts for the annual election at a meeting before April 4, 2025.

This election will be conducted solely by mail ballot. Ballots will be mailed to all eligible registered voters in the District between April 16, 2025 and April 21, 2025, and must be returned by each voter; by mail to the Cascade County Election Administrator's Office, P.O. Box 2305, Great Falls, Montana 59403-2305; or in person to the Cascade County Election Administrator's Office, 325 2nd Ave North, Great Falls, Montana, during regular business hours (8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. weekdays), April 16, 2025 through May 6, 2025.

On Election Day, May 6, 2025, voted ballots can be deposited at the following sites: Cascade County Election Administrator's Office, 325 2nd Ave North, Great Falls, Montana; and Exhibition Hall at the Montana Expo Park, 400 3rd St. NW, Great Falls, Montana. All deposit sites will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., and all ballots must be delivered to one of these locations by 8:00 P.M. to be counted. All ballots will be tallied at the Exhibition Hall at the Montana Expo Park, 400 3rd St NW, Great Falls, Montana, after 8:00 p.m. on May 6, 2025.

A qualified voter who will be absent from this area during the time the election is being conducted may:

- (a) vote in person in the Cascade County Election Administrator's Office as soon as the ballots are available and until noon the day before the ballots are scheduled to be mailed; or
- (b) make a written request, signed by the applicant, and addressed to the election administrator that the ballot be mailed to an address other than that which appears on the registration card. Written requests will be accepted until noon the day before the ballots are scheduled to be mailed.

If a voter misses the regular registration deadline of April 7, the voter may complete late registration beginning April 8 through noon on May 5 (the day before the election) by appearing in person at the Cascade County Elections Office. On election day, the voter will be able to change addresses within the boundaries of the district and an inactive voter can reactivate to become an active voter and receive a ballot. Newly registered voters will be eligible to vote in said election.

Dated and posted
This 31st day of March 2025

Terry Thompson, Cascade County
Cascade County Election Administrator

**Publish on Wednesday, April 2, April 9,
and April 16**

Fax proof by 5:00 p.m. Monday, March 31, 2025
406-454-6725

Submit bill to:
Cascade County Elections Department
PO Box 2305
Great Falls, MT 59403-2305

TRUSTEE RESOLUTION CALLING FOR AN ELECTION
(Regular School Election)

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees for School District No. 1 & A, Cascade County, State of Montana, will hold the Annual Regular School Election on Tuesday, the 6th day of May, 2025, which date is not less than seventy (70) days after the passage of this resolution.

The election will be conducted by: Mail Ballot (the polls will be open from 7:00 am until 8:00 p.m.)

The purpose of the election is to elect three (3) trustees for a three-year term. Approval of an additional levy to operate and maintain the General Fund for FY 2026 may also be requested. If it is later determined that any portion of the election is not required, the Board of Trustees authorizes Brian Patrick, election administrator, to cancel that portion of the election in accordance with **13-1-304, MCA** and **20-3-313, MCA**.

The following polling locations will be used on Election Day to drop off ballots and the electors of this district who are qualified to vote at such election are hereby appointed to act as judges on the Election Day at each voting place as follows:

Voting Location and Address: Elections Office, Courthouse Annex, 325 2nd Ave N, Monday through Friday 8:00 am – 5:00 pm before Election Day and 7:00 am – 8:00 pm on Election Day; Exhibition Hall, Montana Expo Park 400 3rd St NW, 7:00 am-8:00 pm on Election Day.

Election Judge	Address
Bernard Christiaens	600 36 th Street S, Great Falls 59405
Carl Donovan	1509 13 th Ave S, Great Falls 59405
Carol Halvorson	191 Wilson Dr. Great Falls 59404
Ron Halvorson	191 Wilson Dr. Great Falls 59404
Terry Miller	1917 Colorado Ave, Black Eagle 59414
Daniel Nelson	417 21 st Ave S, Great Falls 59405
Sonja Nelson	2010 5th Ave SW, Great Falls
Raymond Quigley	1540 Meadowlark Dr. Apt 44, Great Falls 59404
Terri Rowley	26 Hawk Dr, Great Falls 59404
Josephine Shepherd	120 12th St. S, Unit 8 Great Falls 59405
Robert D. Smith	2501 Larkspur Ln. Great Falls 59404
Judith Spilde	1908 5th St NW, Great Falls 59404
Ron Staley	801 3rd Ave SW Great Falls 59404
Bill Tacke	1024 3rd Ave N, Great Falls 59401
Sylvia Tuss	1928 Colorado Ave N, Black Eagle 59414
Richard Wolke	610 Copper CT, Great Falls 59405
Dean Zook	2718 Carmel Dr. Great Falls 59404

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the clerk of this school district and/or Cascade County Elections Office is hereby directed to notify the above named election judges of their appointment and to notify the county election administrator of the date of holding said election, and request the Cascade County Elections Office to close regular registration and to prepare and furnish election materials as required by law. If any of these judges should not be able to serve, the election administrator will choose a replacement from certified judges.

No further proceedings were conducted relating to the election.


Gordon Johnson
Print Name of Board Chair

Signature of Board Chair

Brian Patrick
Print Name of District Clerk

Signature of District Clerk

DATED this 13th day of January, 2025.

 Great Falls Public Schools Great Falls, MT	Turoski	Thompson	Sunchild	Skornogowski	Johnson	Finnicum	Bronson
Motion							
Second							
Ayes							
Nays							
Abstain							

GREAT FALLS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

MEETING DATE: January 13, 2025

CATEGORY: Action

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: VII. C.

CABINET MEMBER: Brian Patrick

TOPIC

Conduct the 2025 School Election by Mail Ballot

STRATEGIC PLAN

Stewardship and Accountability

BACKGROUND

A request must be sent from Trustees to the election administrator, the Election Department of Cascade County, requesting the school election be held by a mail ballot.

DISCUSSION

Under [MCA 13-19-202, Initiation by Governing Body](#), the School Board Trustees must request to conduct an election by mail ballot at least 70 days before an election. The school election will be held on Tuesday, May 6, 2025.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS


The approximate cost to run a school election is \$65,000.00.

RECOMMENDATION

The District Board is requested to approve the request to the Election Department of Cascade County that the 2025 school election be conducted by mail ballot.

For more information about this item, please contact Superintendent Heather Hoyer at (406) 268-6001 or Director of Business Operations, Brian Patrick at (406) 268-6050.

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	Turoski	Thompson	Sunchild	Skornogowski	Johnson	Finnicum	Bronson
	Motion						
	Second						
	Ayes						
	Nays						
	Abstain						

GREAT FALLS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

MEETING DATE: January 13, 2025

CATEGORY: Action

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: VII. D.

CABINET MEMBER: Brian Patrick

TOPIC

Cascade County Elections Department to Conduct 2025-2026 School Elections

STRATEGIC PLAN

Stewardship and Accountability

BACKGROUND

The school district is required by law to officially request that the Cascade County Elections Department run the elections for the school district.

DISCUSSION

In accordance with MCA [20-20-417](#), the county will perform the duties imposed on the trustees and the clerk of the district for school elections in MCA [20-20-203](#), MCA [20-20-313](#), and MCA [20-20-401](#) and deliver to the trustees, for the purpose of canvassing the vote, the certified tally sheets and other items as provided in MCA [13-15-301](#). Other election duties not specified will be conducted by mutual agreement between the District Clerk and the County Election Administrator. A contract that outlines the responsibilities of Cascade County Elections Office as well as school district is included as a part of this agenda item.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The approximate cost to run a school election is \$65,000.

RECOMMENDATION

The District Board is requested to officially ask the Cascade County Elections Department to run the elections for Great Falls Public School Districts 1 & A during the 2025-2026 school year.

For more information about this matter, please contact Superintendent Heather Hoyer at (406) 268-6001 or Director of Business Operations, Brian Patrick at (406) 268-6050.

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BE IT HEREBY AGREED BETWEEN GREAT FALLS PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT AND CASCADE COUNTY, MONTANA

1. The Cascade County Election Administration, hereinafter called "County," on behalf of the Great Falls Public School District, hereinafter call "District" and upon their request (20-20-417, MCA) shall conduct and be responsible for all aspects of all elections that come under the responsibility of said Schools in accordance with this agreement, subject to the terms of this agreement.
2. The County shall have complete responsibility for the number of polling places or ballot drop off locations and the designation of said places/locations for each election.
3. Subject to verification of costs reasonably and appropriately incurred, the District shall reimburse the County for actual costs of all elections conducted for said District, including but not limited to the cost of:
 - Judges of Elections - Prevailing wage paid by County
 - Postage
 - Ballot Printing Expenses
 - Advertising
 - The use of a voter interface device
 - All other "standard" election expenses necessary to conduct the election
4. The county shall provide an estimate to the District, which shall reflect the County's expected cost. District agrees to reimburse County for District's proportionate share of the cost of elections when held in conjunction with other political subdivisions.
5. District shall be responsible for completing all necessary legal procedures in a timely manner to meet the time requirements of Montana Code Annotated.
6. If it is determined that administratively a mail ballot election is the most efficient method of conducting an election, the County maintains absolute right to conduct election in said manner.
7. District shall be responsible for the cost of opening and closing the polling/drop off locations required for each election.
8. District shall supply storage space for on-site storage of equipment required to conduct elections at each polling place located within the boundaries of the school district. Maintenance personnel at each polling place will be responsible for setting up and taking down booths for all elections held at said polling place. This service will be supplied at no cost to the County.

9. County will, upon request, provide District with lists of registered voters at no charge for each District election.

10. District will notify county in writing of proposed date of a special election 75 days in advance. County must notify school within 5 days of notice; whether or not, county can conduct election for date selected.

11. The District reserves the right to cancel and void this contract with up to 75 written days' notice.

12. District will provide a multipurpose area or gymnasium with adequate room and lighting at each polling place/ballot drop off location to accommodate the election process. The designated area shall be available for inspection by the County at least 2 weeks prior to each election and, if the designated area is not sufficient to accommodate the election process, the County reserves the right to designate an area within the polling place that will better accommodate the election process.

13. Notice of Election by Acclamation shall be provided as follows at the expense of the District:

- Newspaper County District
- Public Posting County District
- District Website County District

14. Notice of School Election shall be provided as follows at the expense of the District:

- Newspaper County District
- Public Posting County District
- District Website County District

15. Notice of Absentee Ballot Counting shall be provided as follows at the expense of the District:

- Newspaper County District
- Public Posting County District
- District Website County District

16. Notice of Polling Place Accessibility shall be provided as follows at the expense of the District:

- Newspaper County District
- Public Posting County District
- District Website County District

17. Notice of Information Concerning Voting Systems shall be provided as follows at the expense of the District:

- Newspaper County District
- Public Posting County District
- District Website County District


IN WITNESS THEREOF, the aforementioned parties have hereunto entered into this agreement on this 13th day of January, 2025. Said agreement will be in effect until June 30, 2026.

Board Chair: Gordon Johnson

Board Chair Signature: _____

County Election Administrator: Terry Thompson

County Election Administrator Signature: _____

	Turoski	Thompson	Sunchild	Skomogosi	Johnson	Finnicum	Bronson
	Motion						
	Second						
	Ayes						
	Nays						
	Abstain						

GREAT FALLS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

MEETING DATE: January 13, 2025

CATEGORY: Action

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: VII. E.

CABINET MEMBER: Brian Patrick

TOPIC

Request to Advertise for Warehouse Freezer Replacement

STRATEGIC PLAN

Stewardship and Accountability

BACKGROUND

The District warehouse is critical for storing essential food commodities that require refrigeration or freezing, supporting our bulk purchasing strategy and ensuring food supplies for our schools. Among the freezers in use, one has been in operation since the warehouse was built and has significantly deteriorated. Severe rust and wear have rendered it no longer reliable, necessitating immediate replacement.

In accordance with Montana Law and [Board Policy 7320](#), any project estimated to exceed \$80,000 must go through a competitive bidding process. The replacement of this freezer meets that threshold and will proceed accordingly.

DISCUSSION

Nelson Architects, LLC, the District's approved Indefinite Demand Indefinite Quantity (IDIQ) Consultant, will oversee the design and construction administration for the freezer replacement at the District Office Complex warehouse. The design is expected to be completed by February 2025, with the project going out to bid shortly after. If equipment delivery schedules align, construction is anticipated to begin after the end of the 2024-2025 school year.

Upon board approval, the project will be advertised in the *Great Falls Tribune* in accordance with bidding requirements. Nelson Architects, LLC has already reviewed the project site and prepared the necessary bid specifications.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS


The estimated cost for the freezer replacement is approximately \$500,000. The project will be funded through the Food Service fund.

RECOMMENDATION

The District Board is requested to approve the design and advertisement of the Warehouse Freezer Replacement project, with the understanding that the project will be awarded to the lowest qualified bidder.

For more information about this item, please contact Superintendent Heather Hoyer at (406) 268-6001 or Director of Business Operations Brian Patrick at (406) 268-6050.

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Motion							
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Ayes							
Nays							
Abstain							

GREAT FALLS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

MEETING DATE: January 13, 2025

CATEGORY: Action

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: VII. F.

CABINET MEMBER: Brian Patrick

TOPIC

Great Falls High School Partial Roof Replacement Project

STRATEGIC PLAN

Stewardship and Accountability

BACKGROUND

In 2022, Cushing Terrell conducted a comprehensive roof assessment for all District buildings. The assessment revealed that the elementary schools collectively have 1,039,305 square feet of roofing, while the high schools have 512,350 square feet of roofing.

The study highlighted sections of the Great Falls High School roof in poor condition requiring immediate attention. Specifically, the Fieldhouse roof has been experiencing persistent leaks that pose a risk of further damage to the building's internal structure if not addressed promptly.

In August, a detailed walkthrough of the Great Falls High School roof was conducted to pinpoint the source of these leaks. The inspection revealed that many of the issues originated from exposed Concrete Masonry Unit (CMU) walls, allowing water infiltration.

This project focuses on a partial roof replacement for Great Falls High School to address these critical issues and prevent further structural damage.

Discussion

The project is estimated to exceed \$80,000. It will be bid by the District according to Montana Law and [Board Policy 7320](#). The project will be advertised in the Great Falls Tribune on March 9, 2025 and March 16, 2025. The bids specifications have been created by Cushing Terrell Architects. A pre-bid walkthrough will be scheduled on March 11, 2025. The bid opening will be scheduled for March 18, 2025. This allows for a recommendation to be made at the March 24, 2025 School Board meeting. The total project has been estimated to cost \$1,111,376. It will be bid with add alternate bids which will allow the District to complete part of the project if the bids come in too high.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

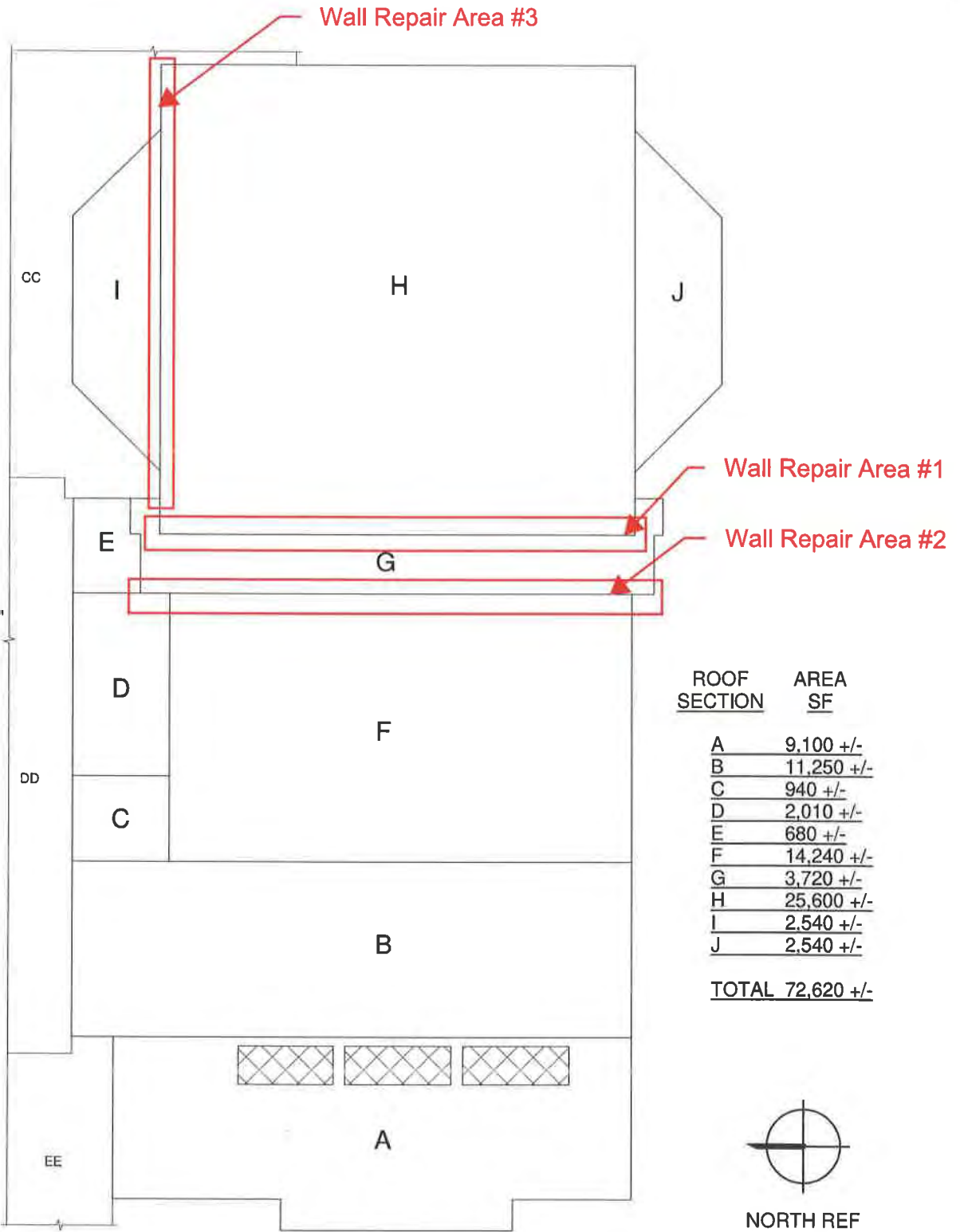
The eventual project will be paid from the High School General Fund (201), Interlocal Fund (182), and Building Reserve Fund (260), or any combination of the listed funds.

RECOMMENDATION

The District Board is requested to approve advertising for bids on the Great Falls High School Partial Roof Replacement Project.

For more information about this item, please contact Superintendent Heather Hoyer at (406) 268-6001, or Director of Business Operations Brian Patrick at (406) 268-6050.

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SEE "ADDITION" A120

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A121

GFHS - R.W. "BILL" SWARTHOUT FIELDHOUSE

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**Cushing
Terrell.**

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A121

GFPS FieldHouse - Roof Replacements Wall Repair Budget Summary

Roof Section	SF	Cost/SF	Budget	
Section A	9100	\$ 37.64	\$ 342,519.00	
Section B	11250	\$ 35.84	\$ 403,226.00	
Section C	940	\$ 40.79	\$ 38,345.00	
Section D	2010	\$ 36.10	\$ 72,563.00	
Section E	680	\$ 45.85	\$ 31,175.00	
Section F	14240	\$ 28.02	\$ 399,066.93	
Section G	3720	\$ 34.21	\$ 127,275.00	
Section H	25600	\$ 27.27	\$ 698,062.00	
Section I	2540	\$ 34.53	\$ 87,709.00	
Section J	2540	\$ 34.76	\$ 88,278.00	
 Total:	 72620	 \$ 31.51	 \$ 2,288,218.93	
 Wall Repair				
Wall Repair Area 1	1525	\$ 22.29	\$ 33,993.00	
Wall Repair Area 2	1520	\$ 64.42	\$ 97,922.00	Area 2 Includes window storefront replacement
Wall Repair Area 3	1625	\$ 21.69	\$ 35,240.00	
 Total:	 4670	 \$ 35.79	 \$ 167,155.00	

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Motion							
Second							
Ayes							
Nays							
Abstain							

GREAT FALLS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

MEETING DATE: January 13, 2025

CATEGORY: Action

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: VII. G.

CABINET MEMBER: Jeff Williams

TOPIC

Purchase of Chromebooks for the Schools and Technology Warehouse

STRATEGIC PLAN

Stewardship and Accountability

BACKGROUND

The District's schools face an impending need to refresh existing Chromebooks used in daily instruction. The cost associated with this effort is so significant that no school can fully accomplish this at the current prices of devices. Added to this fact is the naturally increasing costs of technology in this new year that will further impact the schools' abilities toward this effort.

DISCUSSION

The District purchased many of the Dell Model #3110 Chromebooks with ESSER Funding to provide the District's 1:1 initiative. The Technology Warehouse currently has ninety (90) units left at a cost for the schools to purchase for \$302.76 each.

The purchase amount for the newer model Chromebooks, Dell Model #3120, that has replaced the current model, Dell Model #3110, was quoted at a cost of \$418.13 per device in September 2024.

- This cost includes the cost of the Chromebook, the mandatory Google license (\$32.08) and an additional three-year manufacturer's warranty which has been standard practice.

Beginning last month, the Information Technology (IT) Department began inquiring on any cost savings from our current computer vendor that may be available in the 4th Quarter. This conversation gave light to the District's ability to purchase the Dell Model #3110 devices that are currently in use in the District at a substantial savings.

After discussion with Cabinet and Technology Department members, the following pricing quote for Model #3110 Chromebooks was requested and received:

- \$190.82 / Chromebook – with a one-year manufacturer's warranty
- \$32.08 / Chromebook for Google Licensing
- Total cost per device: \$222.90 each

- Savings from the current prices quoted reflect a 53% reduction in the cost of each device.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

Upon approval of the Board, the Technology Department will purchase from its budget 750 devices at the quoted discounted price with an additional 350 units to be purchased from Title funds. These devices will be in addition to the purchases each school has requested at the quoted price and configuration using an already designated amount of their current 2024-2025 Technology Budget.

The total amount of the proposed purchase of 1,877 Chromebooks:

- \$418,383.30

This purchase would account for:


- 697 devices from the combined 2024-2025 School Technology Budgets
 - Amount of \$155,361.30
- 750 devices from the Technology Department Budget
 - Amount of \$167,175.00
- 350 devices from Title Funds
 - Amount of \$78,015.00
- 80 devices from the Special Education Department
 - Amount of \$17,832.00

RECOMMENDATION

The District Board is requested to approve the purchase of 1,877 Chromebooks, without the additional three-year warranty, including a reserve warehouse inventory using the Technology Department budget and Title Funding to supply the District with devices for the schools to purchase using their 2025 – 2026 Technology budgets at \$222.90 per device.

For more information about this item, please contact Superintendent Heather Hoyer at (406) 268-6001, Director of Business Operations Brian Patrick at (406) 268-6050, or Director of Information Technology Jeff Williams at (406) 268-6068.

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Motion							
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Ayes							
Nays							
Abstain							

GREAT FALLS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

MEETING DATE: January 13, 2025

CATEGORY: Action

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: VII. H.

CABINET MEMBER: Jeff Williams

TOPIC

Public Notice of Bids Being Accepted for E-Rate Category 1 (Network Access / Wide Area Network (WAN) Connectivity) and Category 2 (Network Infrastructure – Firewall)

STRATEGIC PLAN

Stewardship and Accountability

BACKGROUND

The Schools and Libraries Universal Service Support Program, commonly known as the E-rate program, helps ensure that schools and libraries can obtain telecommunications and internet access at affordable rates. The Federal Communication Commission (FCC) adopted the E-rate Modernization Order in 2014 which focuses on expanding funding for wired and Wi-Fi networks in elementary and secondary schools and libraries so that broadband needs can be met in today's world of interactive, individualized digital learning. In 2020, the FCC revised the rules and secured funding for the next five years. Currently, the District qualifies for an 80% discount on eligible equipment and services purchased upon application approval and availability of funding. The discount is calculated each year and is dependent on the number of students eligible for free or reduced lunch through the National School Lunch Program (NSLP). The E-rate program requires applicants to follow a formal process that creates open and fair competitive bidding.

DISCUSSION

In 2025, the District will request bids and secure funding for the replacement of the Firewall and the renegotiation of Network Access Services for all District locations.

A **firewall** is a critical security device that monitors and controls incoming and outgoing network traffic, serving as a barrier to protect the District's network from unauthorized access, cyberattacks, and data breaches. Our current firewall has been classified as End of Life (EOL) by the manufacturer, meaning it will no longer receive updates or support, and must be replaced with a compatible and modern device to ensure ongoing network security.

The **Dark Fiber** network is the infrastructure that connects District buildings to a high-speed internet network through fiber-optic cables. This network supports reliable, high-capacity internet access essential for day-to-day operations, online learning, and administrative needs. While the current Dark Fiber network is functioning, our E-Rate Management contractor has advised renegotiating the existing contract to secure improved terms and ensure compliance with E-Rate funding requirements.

The District will select the most cost-effective bid that meets the needs of our growing reliance on digital learning environments. The total investment will depend on the pricing of proposed equipment and services, with E-Rate support offsetting a portion of the cost.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS


The District, upon application approval and availability of E-rate funding, would purchase the equipment and services necessary to upgrade the continuity of operation needs of the schools. The District's portion of the cost of these purchases would come from the Technology Fund (28).

RECOMMENDATIONS

The District Board is requested to approve the submittal of E-Rate bids for Category 1 (Network Access and Wide Area Network Connectivity) and Category 2 (Network Infrastructure). These items include the replacement of Firewall services and the renegotiating of our current Fiber services.

For more information about this item, please contact Superintendent Heather Hoyer at (406) 268-6001, Director of Business Operations Brian Patrick at (406) 268-6050, or Director of Information Technology Jeff Williams at (406) 268-6068.

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	Motion						
	Second						
	Ayes						
	Nays						
	Abstain						

GREAT FALLS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

MEETING DATE: January 13, 2025

CATEGORY: Action

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: VII. I.

CABINET MEMBER: Heather Hoyer

TOPIC

Second Reading of New and Revised Board Policies 1111 – *Elections*; 2410P (New) – *Profile of a Learner*; 2410P2 (New) – *Profile of a Learner-Commitments and Intentions*; and 2510 – *School Wellness*

STRATEGIC PLAN

Stewardship and Accountability

BACKGROUND

A committee consisting of Superintendent Heather Hoyer, Director of Business Operations Brian Patrick, Director of Human Resources Luke Diekhans, Executive Directors of Student Achievement Lance Boyd and Jackie Mainwaring, Business Office Lead Aly Konecny, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent Sherri Clark, Administrative Assistant Jerri Rollins, and Trustees Bill Bronson and Paige Turoski, have been meeting to discuss and make changes where necessary on the policies mentioned above.

Discussion

- Policy 1111 Language Changes as recommended by MTSBA and the Committee
- Policy 2410P New Policy as recommended by MTSBA and the Committee
- Policy 2410P2 New Policy as recommended by MTSBA and the Committee
- Policy 2510 Language Changes as recommended by MTSBA and the Committee

The first reading of the above Board policies was at the December 16, 2024 Board meeting.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

None

RECOMMENDATION

The District Board is requested to approve new and revised Board Policies 1111 – *Elections*; 2410P (New) – *Profile of a Learner*; 2410P2 (New) – *Profile of a Learner-Commitments and Intentions*; and 2510 – *School Wellness*.

For more information about this item, please contact Superintendent Hoyer at (406) 268-6001.

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3 **1111 THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

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5 Elections

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7 Elections conducted by the District are nonpartisan ~~elections and are~~ governed by ~~the general~~
8 *applicable* election laws as found in Titles 13 & 20 of the Montana Code Annotated. The ballot
9 at such elections may include candidates for Trustee positions, various public policy
10 propositions, and advisory questions.

11
12 Board elections shall be held *take place* on the first (1st) Tuesday after the first (1st) Monday in
13 May of each year. Any person who is a qualified voter of the District is legally qualified to
14 become a Trustee. A Declaration of Intent to be a candidate must be submitted to the ~~Cascade~~
15 ~~County Elections Office~~ *District Clerk* at least forty (40) days before the regular school Election
16 Day ~~at which the person is to be a candidate~~. If ~~there are~~ different terms *are* to be filled, the term
17 for *the position* for which each candidate is ~~nominated~~ *filing shall* ~~must be~~ also be indicated. Any
18 person seeking to become a write-in candidate *for a Trustee position* must file a Declaration of
19 Intent no later than 5:00 p.m. on the day before the ballot certification deadline in §20-20-401,
20 MCA. *Candidates are responsible for meeting all of the requirements of state law.*

21
22 If the number of candidates filing for vacant positions or filing a Declaration of Intent to be a
23 write-in candidate is equal to or less than the number of positions to be elected, the Trustees may
24 give notice no later than thirty (30) days before the election that a Trustee election will not take
25 place. If the Trustee election is not held, the Trustees shall declare the candidates elected by
26 acclamation and issue a "Certificate of Election" to each candidate.

27
28 A candidate intending to withdraw from the election shall send a Statement of Withdrawal to the
29 ~~Cascade County Elections Administrator (Clerk & Recorder)~~ *District Clerk* containing all
30 information necessary to identify the candidate and the office for which the candidate has filed.
31 The Statement of Withdrawal must be acknowledged by the ~~Cascade County Election~~
32 ~~Administrator~~ *District Clerk*. A candidate may not withdraw after 5:00 p.m. the day before the
33 ballot certification deadline in §20-20-401, MCA.

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35 The ballot certification deadline in 20-20-401, MCA is not less than 30 days before an election.

36
37 In the event of an unforeseen emergency occurring on the date scheduled for the funding
38 election, the District will be allowed to reschedule the election for a different day of the calendar
39 year.

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41 In years when the Legislature meets in regular session or in a special session that affects school
42 funding, the Trustees may order the election on a date other than the regular school election day
43 in order for the electors to consider a proposition requesting additional funding under §20-9-353,
44 MCA.

1	<u>Legal Reference:</u>	
2	§ 13-10-211, MCA	Declaration of Intent for Write-In Candidates
3	§ 20-3-304, MCA	Annual Election
4	§ 20-3-305, MCA	Candidate Qualification, <i>Filing Deadline and Withdrawal</i> and nomination
5	§ 20-3-313, MCA	Election by Acclamation – Notice
6	§ 20-3-322, MCA	Meetings and Quorum
7	§ 20-3-322(5), MCA	Meetings and Quorum (Unforeseen Emergency Definition)
8	§ 20-3-324(4), MCA	Powers and Duties
9	§ 20-3-344, MCA	Nomination of Candidates by Petition in First-Class Elementary Districts
10	§ 20-9-353, MCA	Additional Financing for General Fund – Election for Authorization to
11		Impose
12	§ 20-20-105, MCA	Regular School Election Day and Special School Elections – Limitation –
13		Exception
14	§ 20-20-108, MCA	Rescheduling of School Election
15	§ 20-20-204, MCA	Election Office-Notice
16	§ 20-20-301, MCA	Qualifications of Elector

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19 Policy History:

20	Adopted on:	November 12, 2001
21	Revised on:	November 25, 2013
22	Revised on:	January 11, 2015
23	<i>Revised on:</i>	

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3 **INSTRUCTION**

2410P

4
5 Profile of a Learner

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7 *It is the Board's goal for the District to develop the full educational potential of each person*
8 *consistent with Article X, section 1 of the Montana Constitution. The Board authorizes District*
9 *staff to meet this goal through constitutionally protected personalized learning in accordance*
10 *with §20-7-1601, MCA, 10.55.906 ARM, Policy 1005FE, Policy 1015FE, and Policy 2050.*

11
12 *The Board has established the expectations for graduation in Policy 2410 and Policy 2410P*
13 *consistent with Montana law and Accreditation Standards. In addition to these academic*
14 *standards, the Board has also adopted this learner profile for placement in the District's*
15 *Integrated Strategic Action Plan consistent with the requirements of Policy 1610 and ARM*
16 *10.55.601.*

17
18 *A learner profile is a student-centered model based on a shared vision of learner attributes that*
19 *students should have when they graduate or complete the required coursework to leave the*
20 *schools in the District. Through its Integrated Strategic Action Plan, allocation of resources,*
21 *implementation of policy, empowerment of students, staff, and families, the Board has created an*
22 *atmosphere where a graduate of the District will hold the following attributes upon departure*
23 *from the District.*

24
25 Strong Communication Skills

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27 *Learners with strong communication skills can share ideas and information with others*
28 *clearly and respectfully. Learners work together with all people so that everyone has a*
29 *chance to join in and do well.*

30
31 Critical Thinker

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33 *Learners who are critical thinkers can think clearly, rationally, and with some suspicion*
34 *about what to do, think, and believe.*

35
36 Work Ethic

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38 *A learner with a strong work ethic naturally works to the best of their ability. They*
39 *employ soft and academic skills and are proud of their products.*

40
41 Problem Solver

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43 *Learners who are problem solvers have a mindset of looking at different angles and*
44 *considering all solutions.*

45
46 Integrity

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2 *Learners who display integrity do the right thing even when no one is watching. They are*
3 *trustworthy, honest, and respectful.*

4
5 *Development Process*

6
7 *The School District shall utilize the community engagement strategies described in Policy 2158*
8 *to develop the Profile of a Learner for placement in the Integrated Strategic Action Plan. The*
9 *Board of Trustees authorizes the District administrative staff to initiate development through a*
10 *community working group to complete a draft profile. The working group is authorized to*
11 *engage with District stakeholder groups representative of the community to solicit feedback on*
12 *the draft profile. Where appropriate, the working group will integrate received feedback into a*
13 *final draft for presentation to the Board of Trustees. The Board of Trustees will adopt a final*
14 *version of the profile, to include a visual and developmental rubric, which is consistent with*
15 *applicable law.*

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17 *Cross References:*

18 *Policy 1005FE Proficiency Based ANB*
19 *Policy 1015FE Personalized Learning Opportunities*
20 *Policy 1610 Goals and Objectives*
21 *Policy 2050 Student Instruction*
22 *Policy 2158 Family Engagement Policy*
23 *Policy 2410 High School Graduation Requirements*
24 *Policy 2410R Publication of Graduation Requirements*
25 *Policy 2410P2 Profile of a Learner – Commitments and Intentions*

26
27 *Legal References:*

28 *Article X, section 1, Montana Constitution*
29 *§20-7-1601, MCA Transformational Learning*
30 *10.55.906, ARM High School Credit*
31 *10.55.601, ARM Accreditation Standards: Procedures*
32 *10.55.602(17), ARM Graduate Profile*

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34 *Policy History:*

35 *Adopted on:*
36 *Reviewed on:*
37 *Revised on:*
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3 **INSTRUCTION**

4
5 Profile of a Learner – Commitments and Intentions

6
7 *At Great Falls Public Schools, we believe every student has the potential for greatness. As a*
8 *District, we are committed to working collaboratively with students and their families to help*
9 *each child discover and achieve their unique goals. Together, we create a learning experience*
10 *that is tailored to students’ interests and aspirations, culminating in a diploma that matters, and*
11 *which opens doors to future opportunities.*

12 *Our mission is to empower students to successfully navigate their future. We do this by fostering*
13 *positive character values and equipping students with the skills they need for college, careers,*
14 *and life.*

15
16 Opportunities for Every Student

17
18 *A graduate of Great Falls Public Schools District will, through the process of learning and*
19 *attainment of a diploma, have enjoyed access to and opportunities for participation in extensive*
20 *and valuable educational opportunities throughout the student’s educational experience, which*
21 *may include:*

- 22
- 23 • **Special Education** – Personalized support for students with exceptional needs.
- 24 • **Early Literacy Interventions** – Targeted programs to help young learners build strong
- 25 reading skills.
- 26 • **Gifted and Talented Programs** – Enrichment opportunities for high-achieving students.
- 27 • **Transformational Learning Opportunities** – A focus on mastering skills and knowledge
- 28 at an individual pace.
- 29 • **Cultural Awareness** – Programs celebrating the unique heritage of Montana’s American
- 30 Indigenous Peoples and Tribes.
- 31 • **Digital Learning Options** – Flexible instruction through platforms like the Great Falls
- 32 Public School Virtual Academy and/or the Montana Digital Academy.
- 33 • **Part-Time Enrollment** – Customizable schedules for students with diverse needs.
- 34 • **Career and Technical Education** – Hands-on learning and certifications for high-
- 35 demand careers.
- 36 • **Fine Arts Education** – Programs designed to teach excellence, perseverance, and
- 37 humanity through the mediums of Art and Music.
- 38 • **College and Career Preparation** – Dual enrollment and advanced placement courses to
- 39 save on future education costs.
- 40 • **Extracurricular Activities** – A range of sports, arts, and clubs to enrich the student
- 41 experience.
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43 Preparing Students for a Bright Future

1 *These opportunities ensure every student graduates as a confident, creative problem solver,*
2 *ready to lead and succeed in their next steps. At Great Falls Public Schools, we are proud to*
3 *nurture lifelong learners who contribute positively to their communities and the world.*
4 *Together, we're building a foundation for success—for today, tomorrow, and beyond.*

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6 *Cross References:*

7 <i>Policy 1005FE</i>	<i>Proficiency Based ANB</i>
8 <i>Policy 1015FE</i>	<i>Personalized Learning Opportunities</i>
9 <i>Policy 1610</i>	<i>Goals and Objectives</i>
10 <i>Policy 2050</i>	<i>Student Instruction</i>
11 <i>Policy 2158</i>	<i>Family Engagement Policy</i>
12 <i>Policy 2169</i>	<i>Proficiency Based Transformational Learning</i>
13 <i>Policy 2410</i>	<i>High School Requirements</i>
14 <i>Policy 2410R</i>	<i>Publication of Graduation Requirements</i>
15 <i>Policy 2410P</i>	<i>Profile of a Learner</i>

16
17 *Legal References:*

18 <i>Article X, section 1, Montana Constitution.</i>	
19 <i>§20-7-1601, MCA</i>	<i>Transformational Learning</i>
20 <i>10.55.906, ARM</i>	<i>High School Credit</i>
21 <i>10.55.602(17), ARM</i>	<i>Graduate Profile</i>

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23 *Policy History:*

24 *Adopted on:*
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3 **2510 INSTRUCTION**

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5 School Wellness

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7 The ~~Great Falls School~~ District is committed to providing a school environment that promotes
8 and protects students' health, well-being, and ability to learn. The District fosters healthy eating,
9 physical activity, *and mental health*. Therefore, it is the policy of the District that:

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11 Nutrition Education

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13 The District shall offer nutrition education that teaches the knowledge and skills needed to adopt
14 healthy eating behaviors and that take into consideration Montana's Health Enhancement
15 Content Standards and Benchmarks. Nutrition education shall be integrated into the curriculum.
16 Nutrition information and education shall be offered throughout the school campus and based on
17 the U.S. Dietary Guidelines for Americans. Staff who provide nutrition education shall have the
18 appropriate training, such as in health enhancement or family and consumer sciences.

19
20 Health Enhancement and Physical Activity Opportunities

21
22 The District shall offer health enhancement opportunities that include the components of a
23 quality health enhancement program taught by certified health enhancement specialists. Health
24 enhancement shall equip students with the knowledge, skills, and habits necessary for lifelong
25 physical activity. Health enhancement instruction is based on the Montana's Health Enhancement
26 Content Standards and Benchmarks.

27
28 All K-12 students of the District shall have the opportunity to participate regularly in physical
29 activities, to maintain physical fitness, and to understand the benefits of a physically active and
30 healthy lifestyle.

31
32 Nutrition Standards in School Meals

33
34 The District shall ensure that reimbursable school meals meet the program requirements and
35 nutrition standards found in federal regulations. The District shall encourage students to make
36 nutritious food choices through accessibility and marketing efforts of healthful foods.

37
38 Competitive Foods and Beverages in Schools

39
40 The District shall ensure all foods and beverages available on each school campus under the
41 local education agency during the school day meet the USDA Smart Snacks in School nutrition
42 standards. "School Day" is defined as the time between midnight the night before to thirty (30)
43 minutes after the end of the official school day. "School Campus" is defined as all areas of the
44 property under the jurisdiction of the school that are accessible to students during the school day.
45 The District shall monitor all food and beverages sold or served to schools, including those
46 available outside the federally regulated child nutrition programs (i.e., ala carte, vending, student

1 stores, classroom rewards, fundraising efforts). The District shall consider nutrient density and
2 portion size before permitting food and beverages to be sold or served to students. The
3 Superintendent or designee shall evaluate vending policies and contracts. Vending contracts that
4 do not meet the intent and purpose of this policy shall be modified accordingly or not renewed.
5 Community partners will comply with the District’s school wellness policy when providing
6 services to students during school hours. ~~“School Campus” is defined as all areas of the property~~
7 ~~under the jurisdiction of the school that are accessible to students during the school day.~~

8
9 Other School-Based Activities Designed to Promote Student-Wellness

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11 The District may implement other appropriate programs that help create a school environment
12 that conveys consistent wellness messages and are conducive to health, ~~and~~ physical activity, *and*
13 *mental health*, such as *student* and staff wellness programs, non-food reward systems and
14 fundraising efforts. The District will foster relationships with community partners in support of
15 this wellness policy’s implementation.

16
17 Policy, Monitoring and Implementation

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19 The District will convene a District wellness committee that meets to establish goals for and
20 oversee school health and wellness policies, procedures, and programs, including development,
21 implementation, and periodic review and updates. The wellness committee membership will
22 represent all school levels and include but not be limited to: parents, guardians, students, school
23 foodservice, health enhancement teachers, school health professionals, the public, school board,
24 and school administrators. The wellness policy, committee roster, meeting minutes, and triennial
25 assessments and reports can be found on the District website.

26
27 The appointed District Wellness Coordinator(s) will ensure that the District retains records to
28 demonstrate compliance with this Policy. The requirements of the applicable federal regulations,
29 including the Fundraising Food and Beverages Approval forms documentation of promotional
30 activities, must be accessible and located at each school building and with the District Wellness
31 Coordinator(s) for the Administrative Review by the Office of Public Instruction.

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33 Before any changes are made to approve vending machine products, the proposed new items
34 must go through the appointed District Wellness Coordinator(s). The Wellness Coordinator(s)
35 will keep a list of approved items on file.

36
37 Each school’s Principal or designee is charged with the operational responsibility for ensuring
38 that each school fulfills the District’s local wellness policy for measuring implementation of the
39 local wellness policy.

40
41 As necessary, the Superintendent shall develop and implement administrative regulations
42 consistent with this policy. Input from teachers, school staff, parents, and the public shall be
43 solicited before implementing such rules. The Superintendent shall monitor how well this policy
44 is being implemented, managed, and enforced. The Superintendent shall report to the Board, as
45 requested, on the District’s programs and efforts to meet the purpose and intent of this policy.

1 Responsibility for Implementation

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3 The Superintendent is responsible for the implementation of this policy.

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5 Legal References:

6 PL 108-265 The Child Nutrition and WIC Reauthorization Act of 2004

7 PL 111-296 The Healthy Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010


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9 Policy History:

10 Adopted on: June 12, 2006

11 Revised on: March 27, 2017

12 *Revised on:*

 Great Falls Public Schools Great Falls, MT	Turoski	Thompson	Sunchild	Skornogowski	Johnson	Finnicum	Bronson
Motion							
Second							
Ayes							
Nays							
Abstain							

GREAT FALLS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

MEETING DATE: January 13, 2025

CATEGORY: Report

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: IX. A.

CABINET MEMBER: Lance Boyd

TOPIC

Baseball Program Update 2026

STRATEGIC PLAN

Stewardship and Accountability

Discussion

Executive Director Lance Boyd will give the Board an update on the process of adding Baseball in the Great Falls School District in 2026. He will provide updates on facilities, budget, transportation and Title IX Implications.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS


No district funds will be used for this project. This will be a community funded initiative for the first three years.

RECOMMENDATION

The District Board is requested to approve the Baseball Committee to continue with the plan to implement Baseball as a sanctioned sport beginning in 2026.

For more information about this item, please contact Superintendent Heather Hoyer at (406) 268-6001, or Executive Director Lance Boyd at (406) 268-6008.

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GREAT FALLS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

MEETING DATE: January 13, 2025

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CABINET MEMBER: Lance Boyd

TOPIC

Review of the 2025 Montana High School Association (MHSA) Proposals to be Voted on at the MHSA Annual Meeting

STRATEGIC PLAN

Stewardship and Accountability

BACKGROUND

Great Falls High School (GFHS) and Charles M. Russell (CMR) High School are members of the Montana High School Association. The association provides governance over all classes of extra/co-curricular activities. Principals Geff Habel and Jamie Mcgraw are voting members of the MHSA representing their high schools respectively. Great Falls Public Schools (GFPS) Athletic Director Mike Henneberg supervises and directs all MHSA sanctioned activities for GFPS. The annual meeting for MHSA will take place on January 20, 2025 in Billings, MT.

Discussion

There are six (6) proposals this year for consideration. See attached.

Athletic Director Mike Henneberg will report to the Board of Trustees the recommendations as to how they intend to vote on the proposals. Input was gathered from building level administration, district level administration and coaches for the various sports. It is recommended that the GFPS delegates vote as follows:

1. No
2. No
3. No
4. No
5. Yes
6. Yes

Upon conclusion of the MHSA Annual Meeting, the Athletic Department will provide an update to Board members, in writing, on how proposals fared when presented to membership.

If you have any questions or comments on any of these proposed changes prior to the MHSA Conference on January 20, 2025, please contact Mr. Mike Henneberg.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

None

RECOMMENDATION

This report is for information only. No action is requested.

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MONTANA HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATION
2025 ANNUAL MEETING

Monday, January 20, 2025
Billings Motel & Convention Center
Billings, Montana

PROPOSALS

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Presented by: MHSAA Executive Board

1. Proposal to Amend Requirements for Eligibility for Participation in an Association Contest By-Law – Students Below Ninth Grade

The following amendment is proposed to By-Law, Article II, Section 5.1f on page 12 of the current MHSA Handbook:

Section (5) STUDENTS BELOW NINTH GRADE

5.1 A student who is enrolled in the eighth grade shall be eligible to participate in an Association contest, but must meet the following requirements and parameters:

- a. The eighth-grade student is participating in a contest other than football.
- b. There is no restriction in place for participation of this 8th grade student at his/her middle school and/or high school of which he/she will be participating.
- c. Any eighth-grade student allowed to participate will have eight semesters of high school eligibility remaining.
- d. All eighth-grade students participating must meet the academic requirements.
- e. All eighth-grade students participating must meet the transfer requirements. The official MHSA transfer form must be used.
- f. All eighth-grade students participating in a high school contest must adhere to all other MHSA rules and guidelines. ~~Committed to a contest at the high school level, the eighth grade student may not also participate in that same sport at a level under high school concurrently.~~

Delete:

"Committed to a contest at the high school level, the eighth grade student may not also participate in that same sport at a level under high school concurrently"

Rationale

It is illogical that eighth graders are permitted to engage in different sports concurrently (ex. junior high basketball and high school volleyball), yet are prohibited from participating in the same sport at the same time (ex. high school volleyball and junior high volleyball).

Fiscal Note: (if any)

N/A

2. Proposal to Amend Requirements for Eligibility for Participation in an Association Contest By-Law – Transfer Rule

The following amendment is proposed to By-Law, Article II, Section 10.1a on page 13 of the current MHSA Handbook:

Section (10)

10.1a A student who moves into a new district or school attendance area upon a corresponding change of residence by the parent(s) or legal guardian(s) with whom the student was living during his/her previous school enrollment. ***"However, if the move is within a 50 mile radius, then the MHSA Transfer Rule applies."*** The legal guardianship must have been established at least one calendar year before the transfer. If the parent(s) or legal guardian(s) move to a new location, a student

must follow within a calendar year of the move to be eligible for varsity competition after proper certification by his/her principal.

Adding "unless the move is within a 50 mile radius, then the MHSA Transfer Rule applies."

Rationale

Rationale for Amendment to Article II Section 10.1.a

The addition of the language, "unless the move is within a 50-mile radius, then the MHSA Transfer Rule applies," seeks to address a growing concern regarding the interpretation and application of the current residency guidelines. This clarification is intended to:

1. **Reduce Ambiguity:** The current language may inadvertently allow for scenarios where claims of residency changes are used to circumvent the intent of the eligibility rules. By defining a 50-mile radius threshold, the amendment provides a clear and consistent guideline for determining whether the MHSA Transfer Rule applies.
2. **Enhance Fairness:** High school athletics aim to promote equitable competition. This amendment prevents potential misuse of the residency clause, ensuring that students and schools adhere to fair practices and maintain the integrity of the eligibility process.
3. **Streamline Oversight:** The amendment simplifies the certification process for principals and the MHSA by establishing a measurable standard (the 50-mile radius), reducing the subjective interpretation of "residency changes" and minimizing disputes.
4. **Uphold Competitive Balance:** By applying the Transfer Rule in cases where a move occurs within the 50-mile radius, the amendment deters strategic relocations aimed at gaining athletic advantage, preserving the competitive balance across member schools.

This language adjustment strengthens the MHSA's commitment to transparency, equity, and the foundational principles of high school athletics.

Fiscal Note: (if any)

3 Proposal to Amend Requirements for Eligibility for Participation in an Association Contest By-Law – MHSA Awards Rule

The following amendments are proposed to By-Law, Article II, Section 15 on page 15 of the current MHSA Handbook:

Section (15) AWARD RULE

~~15.1 No award exceeding one hundred dollars (\$100.00) in value shall be given per event in any MHSA sanctioned sport or in any MHSA sanctioned interscholastic activity by a member school, by any person or by an organization to a student in recognition of that student's achievement or participation in any interscholastic activity. An event is defined as a sports camp, an invitational tournament/meet, a post season recognition function (i.e. sports banquet), or a fund raiser or similar function. Special awareness functions (i.e. pink week) are included as defined events with the following limitation: merchandise retained by students in conjunction with awareness events is restricted to disposable items such as basic t-shirts, socks, headbands/wristbands and similar items. Cash cannot be awarded. A single Association Contest is not considered an "event" for the purpose of this rule.~~

~~INTERPRETATIONS~~

- ~~1. Schools may provide training apparel for practice and/or workouts that will be fully depreciated and have no intrinsic value at the end of the season. These items may be provided by the school and/or its boosters, including general or team fundraisers, provided that the items are school approved~~

and are supplied on a gender equitable basis. Allowable items are limited to one of each of the following: practice shirt, practice shorts, spandex, tights and a pair of socks.

2. Schools may provide warm-up shirts (e.g. shooting shirts) to be worn on the court/field before a contest. They can be provided by the school and/or boosters provided the items are school approved and supplied on a gender neutral basis.

3. The acceptance of awards and/or prizes in non-sanctioned sports or activities shall not endanger member schools' students' eligibility.

15.2 Awards of \$5.00 or less in value may be provided to individuals based on sportsmanship exhibited in any single Association contest. Awards of \$3.00 or less in value may be provided to individuals based on satisfactory completion of tasks set forth for fundraising activities such as pop hoop shoots, passing accuracy contests etc.

15.3 When a student is selected by chance or random drawing, to participate in a halftime or pregame contest involving a sport skill (e.g. throwing, kicking, or shooting a basketball), he or she may receive cash or merchandise prize from the contest, without affecting eligibility under MHSAA Awards and Amateur rules. Random drawing of names or lucky numbers in a program determining the participant would not be a violation. Examples include, but are not limited to, booster club fund-raisers, drawings to shoot a half-court or three point shot, or passing a football to win a prize. During the season of activity, a player from a school team is permitted to participate in such contests, provided the selection occurs randomly.

15.4 Individual miniature trophies for first and second place MHSAA state championship events may be purchased from the Association's awards provider.

15.5 Penalties shall apply when:

a. The student accepts any award exceeding one hundred dollars (\$100.00) in value from a commercial club or other civic organization.

b. Any type of cash is accepted.

Penalties shall not apply when:

c. The award is purchased and presented by the student's parents.

d. The award is purchased by the student with money earned or secured through his/her own individual efforts.

15.6 Violation of the award rule will render the student ineligible in the MHSAA-sponsored sport or activity for which the student received the award. The Executive Board will follow the same procedure for restoring the eligibility status as provided in the last paragraph of the Amateur Rule, Article II, Section (19) of the By-Laws.

15.1 A student participant may not accept monetary compensation (cash) in recognition of activities performance, participation and/or achievement. A student may accept non-monetary compensation or items of value solely in recognition of activities ability, participation and/or achievement if the total value of such non-monetary compensation or items of value, including the actual value of any gift certificates (so long as they are not convertible to cash), discounts, coupons, etc., does not exceed \$500 retail value annually (July 1 – June 30).

NOTE: For the purposes of this rule, "non-monetary compensation or items of value" does not include customary awards of a symbolic nature without resale value such as:

a. The school's athletic letter, medals, ribbons, certificates, plaques, trophies, and other emblems.

b. The award is purchased and presented by the student's parents or when the award is purchased by the student with money earned or secured through his/her own individual efforts.

c. MHSAA Sportsmanship Awards

NOTE: For the purposes of this rule, these items which have been a part of the previous awards rule would be included in the "non-monetary compensation or items of value":

a. Training apparel for practice and/or workouts provided by the school. These items include but are not limited to the following: practice shirt, practice shorts, spandex, tights and a pair of socks.

- b. Schools may provide warm-up shirts (e.g. shooting shirts) to be worn on the court/field before a contest.**
- c. Fundraising activities such as pop hoop shoots, passing accuracy contests etc.**
- d. Individual miniature trophies for first and second place MHSAs state championship events purchased from the Association's awards provider.**

15.2 This rule does not regulate or prohibit compensation received by a student for ability, participation and/or achievement in a non-MHSA sport or activity, nor does this rule prohibit the acceptance of college scholarships by students.

15.3 A coach or director is responsible for reporting to the school's athletic/activities director all compensation or items of value received by the students on that coach/director's team within one month of the receipt of the compensation or items of value. Principals are responsible for verifying to the association, if requested, that the total sum of compensation or items of value received by each student participant at that school does not exceed \$500 retail value for each participant.

15.4 A student participating without compensation as a contestant, coach, or similar participant in athletic or other activities may accept the use of necessary equipment and incidental services customarily furnished amateur participants in such activities, may accept reimbursement for direct and necessary expenses for participation (including mileage where the student must drive), and where participation requires absence from home, may accept necessary meals and lodging.

15.5 When a student is selected by chance or random drawing, to participate in a halftime or pregame contest involving a sport skill (e.g. throwing, kicking, or shooting a basketball), he or she may receive cash or merchandise prize from the contest, without affecting eligibility under MHSAs Awards and Amateur rules.

Random drawing of names or lucky numbers in a program determining the participant would not be a violation. Examples include, but are not limited to, booster club fund-raisers, drawings to shoot a half-court or three point shot, or passing a football to win a prize. During the season of activity, a player from a school team is permitted to participate in such contests, provided the selection occurs randomly.

15.6 A student becomes ineligible from the date of the report of the violation to the MHSAs office. Penalties for the awards rule apply when:

- a. Any type of cash is accepted.**
- b. A student is awarded non-monetary compensation or items of value over \$500 annually (July 1 – June 30).**
- c. The MHSAs Ridgeway Settlement Agreement is not followed by schools.**

Rationale

The MHSAs Executive Board is proposing a change to the current awards rule to mirror policies that have been adopted in surrounding states. The current MHSAs Awards rule allows students to accept awards in value up to \$100 and the award can only be given for 4 defined events: Camp, Tournament, Post season banquet, or a fundraiser. The defined events are often misunderstood.

The new proposal is that a student may accept non-monetary compensation or items of value solely in recognition of activities ability, participation and/or achievement if the total value of such non-monetary compensation or items of value, including gift certificates (no cash), discounts, coupons, apparel, shoes, etc., does not exceed \$500 retail value annually. The MHSAs Ridgeway Settlement in this decision must be followed

Fiscal Note: (if any)

None

4. Proposal to Amend Requirements for Eligibility for Participation in an Association Contest By-Law – Amateur Rule

The MHSA Executive Board proposes a revision to the Eligibility section (pg. 15-16, Section 16, to amend the amateur rule to allow the opportunity for MHSA student athletes to capitalize on their Name, Image and Likeness (NIL).

Section (16) — AMATEUR RULE

16.1 — All contestants in the Montana High School Association must be amateurs. An amateur is one who engages in athletics for the educational, physical, mental and social benefits he/she derives therefrom, and to whom athletics are nothing more than an avocation. To remain an amateur, the student may not:

- a. — Accept remuneration directly or indirectly for playing on athletic teams.
- b. — Play or manage under an assumed name.
- c. — Receive donations or gifts for participation outside the MHSA award rule.
- d. — Knowingly accept payment for excessive expense allowances. It is not permissible for an athlete to receive money from coaches for unidentified or unspecified expenses.
- e. — Sell a prize won in competition.
- f. — Bet on a contest in which he/she is to participate.

16.2 — A student who becomes a professional in an MHSA sponsored sport is considered a professional in that sport only and is ineligible for further high school athletic competition in that sport only until such time as returned to amateur status in that sport.

16.3 — A student may be reinstated as an amateur by the Executive Board after not less than one calendar year has elapsed since the date he/she was declared a professional, provided his/her high school principal requests in writing the reinstatement as an amateur and certifies that the student has not, during that one year period, violated the rules of amateurism, and that the student is not now under contract to, or owned by, any professional athletic organization.

INTERPRETATION

A student athlete may:

1. — A student athlete may work in camps where he/she is not participating as a “camper”, fulfilling duties that include some officiating, coaching and instructing.
2. — Be employed in the intramural sports program of his/her school in which duties include officiating intramural contests for the going rate for such employment.
3. — Participate as an individual or as a member of a team against professional athletes, but the student athlete may not participate on a professional team.
4. — Participate and/or work in summer athletic camps but any awards accepted must not be in conflict with the awards rule.
5. — Participate in sports during the summer or during a season when the player is not a member of a regular high school team, providing monetary compensation is not received for services.

NEW RULE

Section (16) AMATEUR RULE

16.1 All contestants in the Montana High School Association must be amateurs. An amateur is one who engages in athletics for the educational, physical, mental and social benefits he/she derives therefrom, and to whom athletics are nothing more than an avocation. An athlete forfeits amateur status in a sport by:

- a. Competing for or accepting money or other monetary compensation (it is permissible for a student to accept necessary meals, lodging, and transportation in connection with playing a contest).**
- b. Play or manage under an assumed name.**
- c. Receiving any award or prize of monetary value which exceeds the amount that has been approved by the MHSA.**

- d. *Except as provided under By-Law 16.2, permitting the use of name, image, and/or likeness (NIL) as an athlete, in the promotion of a commercial or profit-making event, item, plan, or service*
- e. *A student who becomes a professional in an MHSА-sponsored sport is considered a professional in that sport only and is ineligible for further high school athletic competition in that sport only until such time as returned to amateur status in that sport.*
- f. *Sell a prize won in a competition.*
- g. *Bet on a contest in which he/she is to participate.*

16.2 Under By-law 16.1d, the term “commercial or profit-making event, item, plan, or service” means any situation in which the person or entity will receive or hopes to receive anything of value, monetary or non-monetary, but does not include student participation in fundraising activities for non-profit organizations. This also does not prohibit a student from participating in any such event, item, plan, or services sponsored by or benefiting the student’s MHSА member school or its activities.

Under By-law 16.1d, the term “as an athlete” shall not include use of the name, image, or likeness of a student of a MHSА member school participating in MHSА-sponsored activities, unless otherwise explicitly permitted or prohibited by state or federal law or the MHSА member school’s policies or rules, within the following limitations:

- a. *Students may engage in name, image and/or likeness (NIL) activities subject to the following:*
 - 1. *The student’s NIL activities may NOT include an image or likeness of the student in uniform or other clothing or gear provided by the MHSА or the member school the student is attending or has attended.*
 - 2. *The student shall not use any MHSА or the member school’s facilities, proprietary patents, products, copyrights, and/or equipment for the purpose of any NIL activities*
 - 3. *The student shall not use any MHSА or the member school’s practice and/or game film for the purpose of any NIL activities*
 - 4. *The student shall not promote any person or entity, or their services and/or products, during the MHSА member school’s scheduled school day or during any team activities.*
 - 5. *When required to follow the MHSА or MHSА member school’s uniform or dress requirements, the student may not wear any person’s or entity’s logo, mark, or insignia, or in any other way represent the person or entity with which the student has agreed to an NIL activity.*
 - 6. *No compensation (or prospective compensation) for the NIL activity may be provided by the MHSА member school; an agent of the member school (e.g., school booster club, foundation, employee, etc.); or anyone affiliated with the member school in any way attempting to induce the student to attend or participate in any activity of a MHSА member school.*
 - 7. *The student shall not promote activities, services, or products, directly or in any way associated with, but not limited to:*
 - i. *Alcohol, tobacco, nicotine, or vaping.*
 - ii. *Controlled substances, including illegal drugs (such as cannabis) or any paraphernalia*
 - iii. *Any item, activity, or conduct which is prohibited or unlawful for any school-aged student under state or federal law or the policies of the MHSА or the MHSА member school.*
 - iv. *Gambling of any kind, including sports betting, lottery, or other, even if the entity for whom the student has agreed to engage in NIL activities has the appropriate permits or licenses as required by law.*

- b. *Violation of by-law 16.2 may result in a determination by the member school and the MHSA of the student’s ineligibility for activity participation. Compliance with these rules does not guarantee the student’s NIL activity or activities comply with other laws or rules which may affect the student, such as rules established by the NCAA, NAIA, or NJCAA. Students and their parents or guardians are strongly encouraged to contact any such organization which may have separate rules and to consult with their own legal counsel regarding any compliance questions or concerns, including review of any contracts or agreements related to NIL activities of any kind. The MHSA and its staff will consult with MHSA member schools, parents/guardians, and/or students who have questions about the MHSA-specific NIL rules but will not offer advisory opinions that are binding on the MHSA, its staff, or its Board of Directors, and will not review contracts or agreements relating to NIL activities.*

16.3 *Accepting a nominal standards fee or salary for instructing, supervising or officiating in an organized youth sports program or recreation or playground activities shall not jeopardize amateur standards.*

16.4 *A student may be reinstated as an amateur by the Executive Board after not less than one calendar year has elapsed since the date he/she was declared a professional, provided his/her high school principal requests in writing the reinstatement as an amateur and certifies that the student has not, during that one year period, violated the rules of amateurism, and that the student is not now under contract to, or owned by, any professional athletic organization.*

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A student athlete may:

- 1. *Work in camps where he/she is not participating as a “camper”, fulfilling duties that include some officiating, coaching and instructing.***
- 2. *Be employed in the intramural sports program of his/her school in which duties include officiating intramural contests for the going rate for such employment.***
- 3. *Participate as an individual or as a member of a team against professional athletes, but the student athlete may not participate on a professional team.***
- 4. *Participate and/or work in summer athletic camps, but any awards accepted must not be in conflict with the awards rule.***
- 5. *Participate in sports during the summer or during a season when the player is not a member of a regular high school team, providing monetary compensation is not received for services.***

Rationale:

The MHSA Executive Board is proposing the addition of NIL in high school in Montana. This rule is pending approval from the 2025 Montana Legislative session for our state law to allow. Currently 38 of 50 states allow NIL for high school athletes and this proposal is consistent with other surrounding state policies that have been implemented. This rule allows for a student athlete to profit on his/her NIL, but in no way can it be tied to his/her school.

Fiscal Note:

None

5. Proposal to Amend Penalties By-Law, Add General Penalties, Section 2.8.2

The following amendment is proposed to By-Laws, Article VIII, Section (2) on page 19 and 20 of the current MHSA Handbook:

Section 2 - General Penalties, Section 2.8.2 (added at the end):

Any attendee ejected by mutual agreement of the Official and Administration from a regular season or MHSAA tournament contest will incur a minimum three (3) game/event suspension from that team's games/events and all other MHSAA games/events in the interim at any level of competition.

If the ejection occurs with fewer than three (3) games/events remaining in the team's season, the suspension will carry over to the school's sports season which immediately follows.

An attendee ejected for a second time during a school year shall be suspended for a minimum of one (1) calendar year from all MHSAA regular and postseason events. MHSAA member schools may increase these minimum penalties at their discretion.

Rationale:

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Montana needs a consistent policy for fan ejections across the state. This will serve as a deterrent for fans and will promote better sportsmanship for MHSAA spectators.

Fiscal Note:

N/A.

6. Proposal to Amend Requirements for Eligibility for Participation in an Association Contest By-Law – Physical Exam

The following amendment is proposed to By-Laws, Article II, Section (3) on page 12 of the current MHSAA Handbook:

Article II, Section 3:

Section (3) PHYSICAL EXAM

3.1 A physical examination is required for each student in order to be considered eligible and to be approved for participation in an Association contest. Physical examinations must be completed prior to the first day of practice. This examination must be certified by a licensed medical professional acting within the scope and limitations of his/her practice. ~~This certification is valid for a period of one school year. A physical examination conducted before May 1st is not valid for participation the following school year.~~ **Physical examinations conducted May 1 and thereafter are valid for the following two school years; Physical examinations conducted prior to May 1 are valid only for the remainder of that school year and the following school year.** The physical examination form developed by the MHSAA Sports Medicine Advisory Committee and approved by the MHSAA Executive Board must be used. A current form may be obtained from the Montana High School Association. **An interim history form is required during the off years when no physical examination is conducted and must be submitted to the school prior to the first practice.**


NOTE: Whenever the Association's Rules and Regulations specify that physical examinations shall be required or that doctors shall be present at certain events or that reports or physical examinations or certificates of physical fitness shall be furnished to an official of the Association, the rules and regulations shall be deemed complied with if the services are performed within the scope and limitations of his/her practice. This complies with Section 33-22-111 of the Laws of Montana which provide for freedom of choice of practitioners.

Rationale

1. The timing of a comprehensive physical exam occurring between 1-3 years is supported by the AAP, AAFP and sports medicine organizations such as the ACSM, AMSSM, AOSSM and AOASM.
2. A two-year physical exam would help alleviate the strain on medical providers, particularly in rural areas, that typically need to perform a high volume of pre-participation physical exams (PPEs) in a short amount of time.
3. The SMAC believes the PPE is best used in conjunction with an athlete's medical home/primary care provider incorporated into routine health-care supervision. The goal of this change is to encourage families to have the PPE performed as part of routine well-child checks.
4. The SMAC also believes the two-year PPE would facilitate a move away from mass physicals which are strongly discouraged by the NFHS and to the medical home/ primary care provider's office where the provider is familiar with the athlete's medical history. (NFHS article on PPEs)
5. Following NFHS recommendations, encouraging the PPE to occur at the medical home/primary care provider's office increases the effectiveness, safety and completeness of the examination and is considered best practice. Athletes are more willing to discuss sensitive subjects, including mental health, with a familiar physician ensuring an accurate evaluation. (NFHS article on value, timing of PPEs)

Fiscal Note (if any)

1. PPEs are covered by insurance when performed as part of routine medical care.
2. There would be no cost to the schools.

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Ayes							
Nays							
Abstain							

GREAT FALLS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

MEETING DATE: January 13, 2025

CATEGORY: Report

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: IX. C.

CABINET MEMBER: Heather Hoyer

TOPIC

First Reading of Deleted and Revised Board Policies 1113P – *Vacancies*; 1310 – *District Policy and Procedures*; 1312 (Delete) – *Administrative Regulations*; and 1332 – *Authorization of Signatures*.

STRATEGIC PLAN

Stewardship and Accountability

BACKGROUND

A committee consisting of Superintendent Heather Hoyer, Director of Business Operations Brian Patrick, Director of Human Resources Luke Diekhans, Executive Directors of Student Achievement Jackie Mainwaring and Lance Boyd, Business Office Lead Aly Konecny, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent Sherri Clark, Administrative Assistant Jerri Rollins and Trustees Bill Bronson and Paige Turoski, have been meeting to discuss and make changes where necessary on the policies mentioned above.

Discussion

- Policy 1113P Language Changes as recommended by MTSBA and the Committee
- Policy 1310 Language Changes as recommended by MTSBA and the Committee
- Policy 1312 Delete Policy as recommended by MTSBA and the Committee
- Policy 1332 Language Changes as recommended by MTSBA and the Committee

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

None

RECOMMENDATION

This report is for information. No action is required at this time. The request will be brought before the Board for action at a future Board meeting.

For more information about this item, please contact Superintendent Hoyer at (406) 268-6001.

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5 Vacancies

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7 When a vacancy occurs on the Board, it is in the best interest of the District to encourage as
8 many able citizens as possible to consider becoming a Trustee.

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10 To that end, the following procedures shall be used to identify and appoint citizens to fill Board
11 vacancies:

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- 13 • Announcement of the vacancy and the procedure for filling it shall be made in the general
- 14 news media, *electronic postings*, as well as District publications to patrons.
- 15 • ~~All citizens shall be invited to nominate candidates for the position, and citizens may~~
- 16 ~~nominate themselves. All nominees shall be residents of the District. A letter of~~
- 17 ~~application will be required of interested candidates. The slate of interested candidates~~
- 18 ~~will be provided to the general news media.~~
- 19 • *All citizens shall be invited to nominate candidates for the position, provided that they*
- 20 *nominees shall be residents of the District. A letter of application will be required of*
- 21 *interested candidates.*
- 22 • ~~An ad hoc committee approved by the Board shall screen applications, select finalists for~~
- 23 ~~interviews, interview the finalists in a special meeting noticed and open to the public, and~~
- 24 ~~make a recommendation to the Board. The Board, at its next regular meeting, shall~~
- 25 ~~appoint the candidate who, in the judgment of the Board, is most likely to contribute to~~
- 26 ~~the growth and development of the District's education programs and operations.~~
- 27 • *The Board shall individually interview the finalists in a regular or special meeting and*
- 28 *appoint the candidate who, in the judgment of the Board, is most likely to contribute to*
- 29 *the growth and development of the District's education programs and operations. All*
- 30 *Trustees shall vote on the candidate of their choice.*
- 31 • If no one (1) candidate receives a majority of the votes, the Board may:
- 32 ○ Discuss all candidates and vote again;
- 33 ○ Discuss all candidates and vote only on those candidates with the most votes; or
- 34 ○ Continue voting until one (1) candidate receives a majority vote.
- 35 • The Board Clerk shall prepare, for the signatures of all trustees, a letter thanking all
- 36 candidates for *applying for* the position and commending them for their interest in the
- 37 District.

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39 Procedure History:

40 Adopted on: November 25, 2013

41 ~~Reviewed on:~~

42 Revised on:

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5 District Policy and Procedures

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7 The policies contained in this manual are adopted, implemented, and enforced in accordance
8 with the supervisory authority vested with the Board of Trustees in accordance with Article X,
9 Section 8 of the Montana Constitution and related statues, regulations and court decisions.

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11 Adoption and Amendment of Policies

12 Proposed new policies and proposed changes to existing policies shall be presented in writing for
13 reading and discussion at a regular or special Board meeting. Interested parties may submit
14 views, present data or arguments, orally or in writing, in support of or in opposition to proposed
15 policy. Any written statement by a person, relative to a proposed policy or amendment, should be
16 directed to the District Clerk prior to the final reading. The final vote for adoption shall take
17 place not earlier than at the second (2nd) reading of the particular policy. New or revised policies
18 that are required, or have required language changes based on State or Federal law, or are
19 required changed by administrative rule, may be adopted after the first (1st) reading if sufficient
20 notice has been given through the board agenda.

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22 All new or amended policies shall become effective on adoption; unless a specific effective date
23 is stated in the motion for adoption.

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25 Policies, as adopted or amended, shall be made a part of the minutes of the meeting at which
26 action was taken and also shall be included in the District's policy manual. Policies of the
27 District shall be reviewed on a regular basis.

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29 Policy Manual

30 The Superintendent or designee, shall develop and maintain a current policy manual which
31 includes all policies of the District. Every administrator, as well as staff, students, and other
32 residents, shall have ready access to District policies.

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34 Suspension of Policies

35 Under circumstances that require waiver of a policy, the policy may be suspended by a majority
36 vote of the Trustees present. To suspend a policy, however, all Trustees must have received
37 written notice of the meeting, which includes the proposal to suspend a policy and an explanation
38 of the purpose of such proposed suspension.

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40 Administrative Procedures

41 The Superintendent or designee, shall develop such administrative procedures as necessary to
42 ensure consistent implementation of policies adopted by the Board.

1 When written procedure is developed, the Superintendent or designee will make it available to
2 the Board as information item. *Such regulations need not be approved by the Board, though they*
3 *may be revised when it appears that they are not consistent with the Board's intentions as*
4 *expressed in its policies. On controversial topics, the Superintendent may request prior Board*
5 *approval.*

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7 Legal Reference:

8 Article X, Section 8 Montana Constitution
9 §20-3-323, MCA District policy and record of acts
10 10.55.701, ARM Board of Trustees

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12 Policy History

13 Adopted on: July 1, 2000
14 Revised on: November 25, 2013
15 Revised on: November 11, 2019
16 Revised on: May 24, 2021
17 *Revised on:*

1 ~~1312 THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES~~

2 ~~Administrative Regulations~~

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4 ~~implementation of policies adopted by the Board.~~

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7 ~~that they are not consistent with the Board's intentions as expressed in its policies. On controversial~~
8 ~~topics, the Superintendent may request prior Board approval.~~

9 ~~Policy History:~~

10 ~~Adopted on: July 1, 2000~~

11 ~~Revised on:~~

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5 Authorization of Signatures

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7 For the conduct of the business of the District, the Board may grant authority to specific staff to
8 sign certain documents on behalf of the District. The Chairperson and Clerk are authorized to use
9 a facsimile signature plate or stamp in accordance with 20-9-221(2), MCA.

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11 **Checks Warrants:** The Chairperson and Clerk are authorized to sign all District ~~checks warrants~~
12 by facsimile signature on behalf of the Board.

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14 **Claim Forms:** Staff employed by the District in the following designated positions are
15 authorized to certify voucher or invoice claims against or for the District:

- 16 • Superintendent
- 17 • ~~Assistant Superintendent~~ *Executive Directors of Student Achievement*
- 18 • Director of Business Operations
- 19 • Payroll ~~Clerk~~ *Technicians*

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22 **Checks:** The school principal is designated as the custodian of each school building
23 extracurricular fund account. The ~~Director of Business Operations~~ *Superintendent or designee* is
24 designated as the custodian of all District petty cash accounts. Staff members employed by the
25 District in the following designated positions are authorized to sign, on behalf of the Board,
26 checks drawn on any specific petty cash account:

- 27 • *Building Principal and/or* ~~Assistant~~ *Associate Principal*
- 28 • Building ~~Secretary~~ *Administrative Assistant*
- 29 • ~~Administrative Assistant~~, *Lead Business Technician and/or Payroll Clerk Technicians*

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32 **Contracts for Goods and Services and Leases:** The Superintendent *or designee* is authorized
33 to sign, on behalf of the Board, contracts, leases, and/or contracts for goods and services for
34 amounts under \$80,000 without prior approval of the Board. The types of goods and services
35 contracted for must be preapproved by the Board.

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37 **Personnel Contracts:** The Board Chairperson and Clerk are authorized to sign personnel
38 contracts and agreements of employment on behalf of the Board, by facsimile signature.

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40 **Negotiated Agreements:** Negotiated agreements shall be signed for the District by the Board
41 Chairperson, ~~and the Clerk,~~ *and the Director of Human Resources.*

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43 Legal References:

- 44 §20-9-221(2), MCA Procedure for Issuance of Warrants
- 45 §20-9-204, MCA Contract Bid Amount

- 1 Policy History:
- 2 Adopted on: November 25, 2013
- 3 ~~Reviewed on:~~
- 4 Revised on: