

Yellowstone School District No. 14
Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday, January 19th at 6 PM
Board Room – East Fairview Elementary School

Members present: Doug Gullikson, Blaine Watts, Harvey Asbeck, Britt Poulsen, Jessica Cayko

Others present: Derek Gackle, Alyson Schriver, Tawnie Hurley

- I. Call to Order – Doug Gullikson called the meeting to order at 6 pm.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Visitors – Doug Gullikson welcomed visitors.
- IV. Public Comment (for items not on the agenda)
 - *(The Board cannot enter into a discussion/decision during Public Comment)
 - a. No public comment
- V. Approval of minutes of December 15th board meeting
 - a. Harvey Asbeck made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 15th board meeting.
 - b. Britt Poulsen seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the December 15th board meeting.
 - c. All in favor.
 - d. Motion carried.
- VI. Correspondence
 - a. Thank you from Torrey Larson
 - b. Thank you from Chad & Wendy Sundheim
 - c. Thank you from Danielle Eustice
 - d. Thank you from Steph Haber
 - e. Thank you from Jenna Welnel
 - f. Thank you from Lisa Fox
 - g. Thank you from BrainTree
 - h. Thank you from Lynn Obermeyer
 - i. Christmas Card from Valuations Northwest
- VII. Approve Agenda
 - a. Blaine Watts made a motion to approve the agenda.
 - b. Harvey Asbeck seconded the motion to approve the agenda.
 - c. All in favor.
 - d. Motion carried.
- VIII. Approval of Bills
 - a. Britt Poulsen made a motion to approve the bills.
 - b. Jessica Cayko second the motion to approve the bills.
 - c. Discussion
 - d. All in favor.
 - e. Motion carried.
- IX. Old Business
 - a. Financial update – Alyson Schriver gave financial update.
 - b. Principal Evaluation question review
 1. Derek Gackle presented section E & F of the principal evaluation questions to the board.
- X. New Business
 - a. EFS 2026-27 Open enrollment application
 1. Jessica Cayko made a motion to approve the EFS 2026-27 open enrollment application.
 2. Britt Poulsen seconded the motion to approve the EFS 2026-27 open enrollment application.
 3. All in favor.
 4. Motion carried.
 - b. School Board Statement of Interest
 1. Derek Gackle presented the statement of interest to the Board in which the Board signed and gave to Alyson Schriver to file.
 - c. NDSBA 2026 Winter Summit

1. Derek Gackle presented the NDBA Winter Summit information to the board.
- d. Administrator Contract
 1. Jessica Cayko made a motion to go into executive session for contract discussion.
 2. Harvey Asbeck seconded the motion to go into executive session for contract discussion.
 3. All in favor.
 4. Motion carried.
 5. Recording b #851 – EFS Board, Derek Gackle and Alyson Schriver present.
 6. Jessica Cayko made a motion to come out of executive session.
 7. Britt Poulsen seconded the motion to come out of executive session.
 8. All in favor.
 9. Motion carried.
 10. Jessica Cayko made a motion to extend Derek Gackle's contract for 3 years at his current salary and agreed to renegotiate if YVA discontinues.
 11. Britt seconded the motion to extend Derek Gackle's contract for 3 years at his current salary and agreed to renegotiate if YVA discontinues.
 12. All in favor.
 13. Motion carried.

XI. Principal's Report

- a. Placebo pill – The board discussed a proposed parent consent letter.
- b. EFS Christmas Party is January 22nd at 5:30 at the Waterhole.
- c. EFS is the top 10% school in the state! – Anna Garcia, with KFYZ, interviewed teachers, Derek and students on this topic.
- d. Thank you to YSD school board. We appreciate you and your service to the district.
- e. Teacher work day on February 6th – Kaye Anderson will be here.
- f. Regional Science Fair – January 29th at Williston State College
- g. Mathcounts is on February 4th in Watford.
- h. Music Festival is on February 7th in Glendive.
- i. The Spelling Bee is held in Watford on February 18th.
- j. Supt. Levi Bachmeier was here on January 7th. He spoke to our students and enjoyed getting a tour of the school.
- k. Book Blast signups are going great. There are 62% of kids signed up.

XII. Adjournment – Doug Gullikson adjourned the meeting at 7:40 pm.

**** During Public Comment, the speaker should:**

1. Stand during the appropriate period and be recognized by the presiding officer.
2. State name and address for the minutes.
3. Limit comments to no more than five minutes, unless the presiding officer waives the time limit.