

**CULBERTSON SCHOOL DISTRICT #17 J/R/C**  
**RICHLAND/ROOSEVELT COUNTIES**  
**CULBERTSON, MONTANA**

**NOTICE OF REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING**

**Tuesday—March 17, 2026, 6:30 PM**

PREVIEW BILLS.....6:20 PM

CALL TO ORDER.....6:30 PM

**ROLL CALL**

- 01. Action, establish quorum

**RECOGNITION OF VISITORS**

- 02.

**APPROVE AGENDA**

- 03. Action, approve agenda

**PUBLIC COMMENT FOR AGENDA ITEMS**

- 04.

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

- 05. Action, approve minutes from the following meeting(s)
  - a. February 17, 2026 (Regular Board Meeting)
  - b. March 5, 2026 (Special Board Meeting)

**FINANCE REPORT**

- 06. Action, pay bills, approve investments, and note cash & extra-curricular balances

**REPORTS**

- 07. Information, Student Representative Report—Freshmen
- 08. Information, Teacher Report
- 09. Information, Activities Director Report
- 10. Information, Technology Systems Administrator Report
- 11. Information, JH/HS Principal Report
- 12. Information, Elementary Principal Report
- 13. Information, District Clerk Report
- 14. Information, Superintendent Report

\* Items listed on the agenda do not necessarily indicate the order in which they will be addressed.

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## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

15. Action, Approve 2024 Audit

## **NEW BUSINESS**

16. Action, Open K-12 Art Position
17. Action, Guest Teacher Addition
18. Action, Calendar – Use of Flex Day #1
19. Action, Open Birch Bus Route
20. Action, Summer 2026 Drivers' Education Class
21. Action, 2026-2027 High School District Permissive Levies
  - Transportation
  - Adult Education
  - Tuition
22. Action, 2026-2027 Elementary District Permissive Levies
  - Transportation
  - Adult Education
  - Tuition
23. Action, 3 Year Multi-District Agreement

## **PUBLIC COMMENT FOR NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

- 24.

## **REPORTS (Continued)**

25. Information, Trustees Reports/Requests

## **DATE/TIME FOR NEXT MEETING**

26. Date: Tuesday, April 21, 2026  
Time: 6:20 Preview Bills, 6:30 mtg.  
Potential Conflicts:  
Suggested Changes:

## **ADJOURNMENT**

27. Time of adjournment: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Totals Report for February 2026**  
2025-2026

03/06/2026  
9:19:41 AM

Checking  
Savings  
Investments

| Account                         | Beginning +  | Receipts -  | Expenditures + | Transfers = | Ending     |
|---------------------------------|--------------|-------------|----------------|-------------|------------|
| 1 - ANNUAL                      | 3,761.53     | 80.00       | 0.00           | 0.00        | 3,841.53   |
| 2 - ATHLETICS                   | 1,458.54     | 4,108.25    | 3,532.68       | -50.00      | 1,984.11   |
| 3 - FRESHMAN CLASS 2029         | 5,351.61     | 1,855.00    | 0.00           | 0.00        | 7,206.61   |
| 4 - 6TH GRADE CLASS 2032        | 1,614.25     | 156.00      | 0.00           | 0.00        | 1,770.25   |
| 5 - GRADUATED SENIOR CLASS 2025 | 0.00         | 0.00        | 0.00           | 0.00        | 0.00       |
| 6 - SENIOR CLASS 2026           | 4,639.23     | 0.00        | 0.00           | 0.00        | 4,639.23   |
| 7 - SOPHOMORE CLASS 2028        | 3,913.47     | 0.00        | 0.00           | 0.00        | 3,913.47   |
| 8 - CHEERLEADER                 | 730.01       | 1,095.00    | 577.50         | 0.00        | 1,247.51   |
| 9 - FFA                         | 12,802.21    | 8,600.22    | 2,547.84       | 50.00       | 18,904.59  |
| 10 - BAND/CHOIR                 | 5,751.14     | 0.00        | 285.62         | 0.00        | 5,465.52   |
| 11 - STUDENT COUNCIL            | 5,433.43     | 75.78       | 92.89          | 0.00        | 5,416.32   |
| 12 - SPEECH AND DRAMA           | 1,313.14     | 0.00        | 0.00           | 0.00        | 1,313.14   |
| 13 - VO-AG REVOLVING            | 1,895.49     | 0.00        | 0.00           | 0.00        | 1,895.49   |
| 14 - JUNIOR CLASS 2027          | 12,040.84    | 4,165.00    | 4,098.05       | 0.00        | 12,107.79  |
| 15 - PLAY                       | 3,766.76     | 0.00        | 0.00           | 0.00        | 3,766.76   |
| 16 - Golf                       | 2,100.00     | 0.00        | 0.00           | 0.00        | 2,100.00   |
| 17 - BPA                        | 4,115.94     | 0.00        | 1,670.61       | 0.00        | 2,445.33   |
| 18 - EXPLORE AMERICA            | 30,252.48    | 2,163.79    | 976.66         | 0.00        | 31,439.61  |
| 19 - MUSIC PARENTS              | 2,430.02     | 250.00      | 0.00           | 0.00        | 2,680.02   |
| 20 - ART                        | 2,933.68     | 0.00        | 0.00           | 0.00        | 2,933.68   |
| 21 - LIBRARY                    | 1,353.36     | 0.00        | 0.00           | 0.00        | 1,353.36   |
| 22 - 7TH GRADE CLASS 2031       | 557.83       | 318.00      | 0.00           | 0.00        | 875.83     |
| 23 - 8TH GRADE CLASS 2030       | 2,454.75     | 151.00      | 0.00           | 0.00        | 2,605.75   |
| 24 - SCIENCE OLYMPIAD           | 5,487.56     | 0.00        | 0.00           | 0.00        | 5,487.56   |
|                                 | 116,157.27 + | 23,018.04 - | 13,781.85 +    | 0.00 =      | 125,393.46 |



Dear Culbertson Board of Trustees,

This year our class elected the following people for class officers:

President = Sander Williams

Vice President = Cord Snyder

Secretary/Treasurer = Noah Fox

#### Fundraisers:

We have done multiple fundraisers this year: meals during volleyball and basketball; gym cleaning for all of high school and elementary basketball season. Our account is at \$7,206.61, so we should not have to do very many fundraisers our sophomore, junior, or senior year.

Other important news from the freshmen class includes:

-This year we have 21 kids in our class. This year we had 3 classmates leave, 1 new student, and 2 returning students. Lots of us are active in sports and extracurricular activities:

-FFA = 8

-BPA = 3

-GBB = 4 & BBB = 4

-VB = 3 & FB = 4 Cheer = 2

-Student Council = 2

-Speech and Drama = 1

-Band = 15

-Choir = 3

#### Student Rep. Report Submitted by,

-Freshmen Class President, Sander Williams

-Freshmen Class Vice President, Cord Snyder

-Freshmen Class Secretary/Treasurer, Noah Fox

AD

| Sport                                 | year purchased | # of seasons used | Present Plans/Condition |
|---------------------------------------|----------------|-------------------|-------------------------|
| HS Football:                          | 2023 Fall      | 2                 | Good Condition          |
| HS XC/Track                           | 2021 Fall      | 5                 | Need replacement        |
| HS Volleyball                         | 2023 Fall      | 4                 | Good Condition          |
| HS varsity basketball: Boys and Girls | 2022 Fall      | 4                 | Good Condition          |
| HS JV boys basketball                 | 2022 Fall      | 4                 | Good Condition          |
| JH Football                           | 2003 Fall      | 23                | Wearing Out             |
| JH Volleyball                         | 2022 Fall      | 4                 | Good condition          |
| JH Track                              | 2023 Spring    | 3                 | Good Condition          |
| ELE Track                             | 2023 Spring    | 3                 | Good Condition          |
| ELE/JH Basketball                     | 2022 Fall      | 4                 | Good Condition          |

\* Uniform rotation. This is information only at this point. We may review in May or June if we have funds to purchase the uniforms that need to be replaced.

Mr. Olson  
Technology Report  
School Board Meeting  
March 17, 2026

The school will be moving to a Google SSO and away from our current domain-based logins. This will continue throughout the year.

Schoolhouse IT will be here March 24 They will assist me with Google SSO, Win 11, and helping with updating computers

I sent out technology requests and will begin building next year's tech budget.

I reached out the ATS as we are having issues with the Compass Software that runs Andy heating and cooling. I got the program working but they will investigate it.

Mr. Olson  
 6-12 Principal Report  
 School Board Meeting  
 March 17, 2026

Parent/teacher Conferences were held on March 10<sup>th</sup>. It was well attended. We also had the Hidden in Plain Sight Room sponsored by Eastern Montana Health and Phillips County Prevention.

Culbertson School hosted the Montana Children's Theatre March 9-13. I would like to thank the Ag students for helping step up tarps and chairs for the event.

Mrs. Morris and Mrs. Mogga had JH/HS students compete at the MCTM math competition in Sidney on March 10. I will share the results when I get them.

Culbertson Prom will be held on March 21 at the Old Armory.

Our HS students will compete at the Academic Olympics on March 25 in Glasgow

As of March 11, 2026

|              | K  | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | 5th | 6th | 7th | 8th | 9th | 10th | 11th | 12th | Total      |
|--------------|----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|------|------|------------|
| <b>Aug</b>   | 17 | 20  | 21  | 19  | 20  | 27  | 26  | 22  | 24  | 25  | 14   | 16   | 27   | <b>278</b> |
| <b>Sept</b>  | 22 | 19  | 20  | 19  | 20  | 26  | 24  | 21  | 23  | 26  | 11   | 16   | 26   | <b>273</b> |
| <b>Oct</b>   | 22 | 19  | 20  | 19  | 20  | 26  | 24  | 21  | 23  | 26  | 11   | 16   | 27   | <b>274</b> |
| <b>Nov</b>   | 24 | 21  | 20  | 21  | 20  | 26  | 24  | 21  | 23  | 26  | 11   | 16   | 27   | <b>280</b> |
| <b>Dec</b>   | 24 | 21  | 20  | 21  | 20  | 26  | 24  | 20  | 23  | 23  | 11   | 16   | 27   | <b>276</b> |
| <b>Jan</b>   | 24 | 21  | 20  | 21  | 20  | 26  | 24  | 19  | 23  | 23  | 11   | 16   | 27   | <b>275</b> |
| <b>Feb</b>   | 24 | 21  | 20  | 21  | 20  | 26  | 23  | 19  | 23  | 23  | 11   | 15   | 27   | <b>273</b> |
| <b>March</b> | 24 | 22  | 20  | 21  | 21  | 26  | 23  | 19  | 22  | 23  | 11   | 15   | 27   | <b>274</b> |
| <b>April</b> |    |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |      |      |      | <b>0</b>   |
| <b>May</b>   |    |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |      |      |      | <b>0</b>   |

|              |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |           |
|--------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|-----------|
| Enrolled     | 5 | 5 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | <b>23</b> |
| Transferred  | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 4 | 1 | 3 | 6 | 1 | 2 | <b>24</b> |
| Total In/Out | 5 | 5 | 1 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 4 | 2 | 5 | 7 | 2 | 3 | <b>47</b> |

Ended the 2024-2025 year with 271

134 Elem  
 64 JH  
 76 HS

## March Elementary Principal Report 2026

Spring MAPS testing will be starting soon. Our goal is to have them completed by the end of April. This testing is for grades 2-10 in math and reading/ela.

I attended the Minot State Teacher Recruitment Fair on March 3rd. We have one possible recruit coming to visit the school on Friday, March 20th.

MCT was held the week of March 9th. There were 47 elementary students involved in the production of Cinderella. This was the first year that cuts had to be made because there were so many students interested in participating!

We will be sending three staff members to Helena for the annual Indian Education for All Conference March 23rd and 24th. This is a valuable opportunity to gain knowledge regarding lesson plans, upcoming events, and learning better ways to serve our Native American population.

We will also be sending staff to the upcoming Math Standards training. Math standards have been up for review recently.

I will be attending the Elementary/JH Music Festival on March 20th in Bainville. I will also be attending the state Special Education Director conference in Helena March 23-24. Topics include Science of Reading, roundtable discussions about common problems in practice, OPI updates, and special education updates.

# Culbertson School Board Meeting

## Superintendent's Report

### March 17, 2026

Staff shoutouts this month go to the following:

**\*Mrs. Ator**—Huge shout out to Mrs. Ator for taking on the role of BPA advisor again this year! She has done an outstanding job and will be taking 5 (possibly more) students to National BPA in Nashville this year! We are grateful for her willingness to serve as the BPA advisor!

**\*Ashlee Anderson**—Big shout out of gratitude to Ashlee for taking on the MCT advisor role. It is no easy task to wrangle 75 kids full of electric excitement for auditions on a Monday! MCT is such an awesome experience for our students and we would not be able to do it without someone willing to organize it all.

#### A. Events that I plan to attend for March & April:

|             |                                                      |
|-------------|------------------------------------------------------|
| March 12    | 10am SAM webinar                                     |
| March 13    | MCT matinee performance @ 12:30 in the Armory        |
| March 17    | Culbertson School Board of Trustees' Regular Meeting |
| March 20    | JH Music Festival @ Bainville                        |
| March 21    | HS Prom                                              |
| March 24    | 5-8 Music Concert                                    |
| April 17-18 | HS District Music Festival @ Poplar                  |

#### B. Other updates and items for your review:

1. **Kee Concepts**—The month of March has been Kee Concept #5: Don't feed the bears. Each group will meet with Kee and Stacy virtually one more time this year. Then, they will be in person on our last PIR day of this year April 29<sup>th</sup>.
2. **Education Apprenticeship**—The Montana Department of Labor is about to launch an education apprenticeship program. The Department of Labor has \$4 million for this apprenticeship program to help with the teacher shortage. We recently found out that the districts with apprentices must pay \$6,000 over 2 years to a mentor for the apprentice. This price tag is steep and was a giant surprise. The latest news is that we can use 1 \$6,000 mentor for 2 apprentices, but that is still a steep price tag. I have been reaching out to the department of labor to see if they can use grant funds to match the districts investment dollar for dollar—we pay half and the grant pays half. I have not heard back from the Department of Labor, but will continue to reach out.
3. **Professional Development Committee Meeting**—The professional development committee will meet before the April board meeting to form a plan for the 2026-2027 school year. The plan will lay out how we utilize the 7 PIR days.
4. **Missoula Children's Theater**—We had 75 students K-9 sign up for auditions! MCT can only cast 60 participants, so they narrowed down the cast list to their limit of 60. Our school

will enjoy their matinee performance on Friday at 12:30 and their second show will be Saturday night. Concessions will be provided by the FFA. We appreciate our MCT advisor, Ashlee Anderson, for coordinating all the events this week: auditions, performances, concessions, sound, and workshops during the week.

5. Birch Bus Route—The plan is to open bids at the March meeting for this route for the 2026-2027 school year. Also, in March or April we will likely appoint a transportation committee to review current bus routes and begin planning for different scenarios if we do not get a bid for the Birch bus route.
6. Minot State Career Fair—Mrs. Parenteau attended the Minot State Career fair on Tuesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>. She has contact information for 4 potential elementary teachers and 2 potential art teachers. We reached out to them each on Thursday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, and we are eager to get them to our school for a tour and to meet our team! We have a planned visit from one of the potential elementary teachers on Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup>!
7. Perkins—The Perkins grant is something we apply for each year. This grant can be used for all 3 of our CTE pathways (business, ag, and family consumer science). We typically rotate it from one department to the next on an annual basis. This year we will be required to complete a Comprehensive Local Needs Assessment, which entails forming a committee of local community members. I hope to include 1 of our vocational committee members on this committee.
8. Bakken Area Skills Center—Our 3 teachers really enjoyed their visit and tour of the Bakken Area Skills Center on Thursday, March 12<sup>th</sup>! They brought back information on a potential consortium of 6 schools that could contribute to a variety of trunks that would travel from school to school. Each trunk would provide a different unit of learning covering job skills: welding, CNC machine, graphic design etc.
9. Here are a few items that will be part of the next regular Board meeting agenda:
  - Classified Contracts for 2026-2027
  - 2026-2027 Winter Coaching Contracts
  - Possible appointment of Transportation Committee
  - 2026-2027 Professional Development Plan
  - Updates to the leave policies for classified staff.

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns about any item in this report or on the agenda, please feel free to contact me at any time. I can be reached at 787-6246 (school), 787-5211 (home), 404-774-4088 (cell), or by email at [simonsenna@culbertson.k12.mt.us](mailto:simonsenna@culbertson.k12.mt.us) at any time. I believe in an open door, so please feel free to drop in my office anytime to visit.

**CULBERTSON PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
DISTRICTS 17 J/R/C  
BOARD AGENDA FACT SHEET**

**MEETING DATE:** 3-17-2026

**AGENDA ITEM #:** 15

**AGENDA TITLE:** 2024 Audit Review/Approval

**SUMMARY:** We need formal board action to approve the 2024 audit. A copy of the full audit will be provided for you at the meeting.

**BOARD ACTION**

|             | Motion | Second | Aye | Nay | Abstain |
|-------------|--------|--------|-----|-----|---------|
| Petersen    |        |        |     |     |         |
| Becker      |        |        |     |     |         |
| L. Steppler |        |        |     |     |         |
| Fox         |        |        |     |     |         |
| V. Steppler |        |        |     |     |         |

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BOARD AGENDA FACT SHEET**

**MEETING DATE:** 3-17-2026

**AGENDA ITEM #:** 16

**AGENDA TITLE:** Open K-12 Art Position

**SUMMARY:** We need formal board approval to officially open the K-12 art position.

**BOARD ACTION**

|             | Motion | Second | Aye | Nay | Abstain |
|-------------|--------|--------|-----|-----|---------|
| Petersen    |        |        |     |     |         |
| Becker      |        |        |     |     |         |
| L. Steppler |        |        |     |     |         |
| Fox         |        |        |     |     |         |
| V. Steppler |        |        |     |     |         |

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BOARD AGENDA FACT SHEET**

**MEETING DATE:** 3-17-2026

**AGENDA ITEM #:** 17

**AGENDA TITLE:** Guest Teacher Addition

**SUMMARY:** I am recommending the addition of Lynnette Nickelson to our guest teacher list pending fingerprint background check.

**BOARD ACTION**

|             | Motion | Second | Aye | Nay | Abstain |
|-------------|--------|--------|-----|-----|---------|
| Petersen    |        |        |     |     |         |
| Becker      |        |        |     |     |         |
| L. Steppler |        |        |     |     |         |
| Fox         |        |        |     |     |         |
| V. Steppler |        |        |     |     |         |

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BOARD AGENDA FACT SHEET**

**MEETING DATE:** 3-17-2026

**AGENDA ITEM #:** 18

**AGENDA TITLE:** Calendar – Use of Flex Day #1

**SUMMARY:** We have 2 unused flex days in our calendar. Our past practice has been to assign one of the extra unused flex days to Easter break to make it 1 day longer. All calendar changes require mutual agreement from CEA and the Board of Trustees.

CEA is asking the board to place flex day #1 on Thursday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, and move the 2pm out to Wednesday, April 1<sup>st</sup>.

If the board agrees, we need a formal motion to approve. If the board does not agree, there is no action necessary and the unused flex days will have to be placed in the calendar at the April board meeting with mutual agreement from CEA.

**BOARD ACTION**

|             | Motion | Second | Aye | Nay | Abstain |
|-------------|--------|--------|-----|-----|---------|
| Petersen    |        |        |     |     |         |
| Becker      |        |        |     |     |         |
| L. Steppler |        |        |     |     |         |
| Fox         |        |        |     |     |         |
| V. Steppler |        |        |     |     |         |

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# Culbertson Public School Calendar 2025-2026

| JULY |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|------|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| S    | M  | T  | W  | T  | F  | S  |
|      |    |    | 1  | 2  | 3  | 4  |
| 5    | 6  | 7  | 8  | 9  | 10 | 11 |
| 12   | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 |
| 19   | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| 26   | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 |    |

| AUGUST |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|--------|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| S      | M  | T  | W  | T  | F  | S  |
|        |    |    |    |    | 1  | 2  |
| 3      | 4  | 5  | 6  | 7  | 8  | 9  |
| 10     | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| 17     | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| 24     | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |
| 31     |    |    |    |    |    |    |

| SEPTEMBER |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|-----------|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| S         | M  | T  | W  | T  | F  | S  |
|           | 1  | 2  | 3  | 4  | 5  | 6  |
| 7         | 8  | 9  | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 |
| 14        | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 |
| 21        | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 |
| 28        | 29 | 30 |    |    |    |    |

| OCTOBER |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|---------|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| S       | M  | T  | W  | T  | F  | S  |
|         |    |    | 1  | 2  | 3  | 4  |
| 5       | 6  | 7  | 8  | 9  | 10 | 11 |
| 12      | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 |
| 19      | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| 26      | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 |    |

| NOVEMBER |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|----------|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| S        | M  | T  | W  | T  | F  | S  |
|          |    |    |    |    |    | 1  |
| 2        | 3  | 4  | 5  | 6  | 7  | 8  |
| 9        | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 |
| 16       | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 |
| 23       | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 |
| 30       |    |    |    |    |    |    |

| DECEMBER |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|----------|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| S        | M  | T  | W  | T  | F  | S  |
|          | 1  | 2  | 3  | 4  | 5  | 6  |
| 7        | 8  | 9  | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 |
| 14       | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 |
| 21       | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 |
| 28       | 29 | 30 | 31 |    |    |    |

## AUGUST 2025

August 18-19 Teachers PIR  
 August 20 First Day of School  
 August 29 Dismissal at 2 pm

## SEPTEMBER 2025

September 1 No School

## OCTOBER 2025

October 9 Dismissal at 2 pm  
 October 9 P/T Conference 3-6 pm  
 October 15 Dismissal at 2 pm  
 October 16-17 Teachers PIR / No School  
 October 31 Dismissal at 2 pm

## NOVEMBER 2025

November 25 Dismissal at 2 pm  
 November 26-28 No School

## DECEMBER 2025

December 19 Dismissal at 12 pm  
 December 19 End of 1st Semester  
 December 22-31 No School

## JANUARY 2026

January 1-2 No School  
 January 5 Start of 2nd Semester  
 January 5 School Resumes  
 January 21 Dismissal at 1 pm / PIR 1-4 pm  
 January 30 Dismissal at 2 pm

## FEBRUARY 2026

February 2 No School  
 February 20 Dismissal at 2 pm

## MARCH 2026

March 4 Dismissal at 1 pm / PIR 1-4 pm  
 March 10 Dismissal at 2 pm  
 March 10 P/T Conference 3-6 pm  
 March 13 Dismissal at 2 pm  
 March 16 No School

## APRIL 2026

April 2 Dismissal at 2 pm  
 April 3-6 No School  
 April 29 Dismissal at 1 pm / PIR 1-4 pm

## MAY 2026

May 25 No School  
 May 29 Dismissal at 12 pm  
 May 29 Teachers PIR 12-3 pm

1st Semester 82 PI Days + 4.5 PIR Days  
 2nd Semester 100 PI Days + 2.5 PIR Day

2025-2026 180 PI Days + 7 PIR Days

\*2 flex days TBD

| JANUARY |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|---------|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| S       | M  | T  | W  | T  | F  | S  |
|         |    |    |    | 1  | 2  | 3  |
| 4       | 5  | 6  | 7  | 8  | 9  | 10 |
| 11      | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| 18      | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| 25      | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 |

| FEBRUARY |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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New Semester

No School

**CULBERTSON PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
DISTRICTS 17 J/R/C  
BOARD AGENDA FACT SHEET**

**MEETING DATE:** 3-17-2026

**AGENDA ITEM #:** 19

**AGENDA TITLE:** Open Birch Bus Route

**SUMMARY:** We need formal board approval to officially open the Birch Bus Route for bids for the 2026-2027 school year and potentially beyond.

**BOARD ACTION**

|             | Motion | Second | Aye | Nay | Abstain |
|-------------|--------|--------|-----|-----|---------|
| Petersen    |        |        |     |     |         |
| Becker      |        |        |     |     |         |
| L. Steppler |        |        |     |     |         |
| Fox         |        |        |     |     |         |
| V. Steppler |        |        |     |     |         |

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**MEETING DATE:** 3-17-2026

**AGENDA ITEM #:** 20

**AGENDA TITLE:** Summer 2026 Drivers' Education Class

**SUMMARY:** Mr. Solem is willing to teach a summer course for Drivers' Education. I recommend approval for Mr. Solem to teach this course.

**BOARD ACTION**

|             | Motion | Second | Aye | Nay | Abstain |
|-------------|--------|--------|-----|-----|---------|
| Petersen    |        |        |     |     |         |
| Becker      |        |        |     |     |         |
| L. Steppler |        |        |     |     |         |
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**MEETING DATE:** 3-17-2026

**AGENDA ITEM #:** 21

**AGENDA TITLE:** 2026-2027 High School District Permissive Levies

**SUMMARY:** Attached please find a resolution that Lora has prepared to show a projected increase in high school district mills for transportation, adult education, and tuition. The projected increase will then be advertised for public comment prior to the potential approval of mill increases at the school board budget meeting in August. (Attachment from Lora with more information will be coming on Tuesday.)

**BOARD ACTION**

|             | Motion | Second | Aye | Nay | Abstain |
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| Petersen    |        |        |     |     |         |
| Becker      |        |        |     |     |         |
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**MEETING DATE:** 3-17-2026

**AGENDA ITEM #:** 22

**AGENDA TITLE:** 2026-2027 Elementary District Permissive Levies

**SUMMARY:** Attached please find a resolution that Lora has prepared to show a projected increase in elementary district mills for transportation, adult education, and tuition. The projected increase will then be advertised for public comment prior to the potential approval of mill increases at the school board budget meeting in August. (Attachment from Lora with more information will be coming on Tuesday.)

**BOARD ACTION**

|             | Motion | Second | Aye | Nay | Abstain |
|-------------|--------|--------|-----|-----|---------|
| Petersen    |        |        |     |     |         |
| Becker      |        |        |     |     |         |
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**MEETING DATE:** 3-17-2026

**AGENDA ITEM #:** 23

**AGENDA TITLE:** 3 Year Multi-District Agreement

**SUMMARY:** Attached is the proposed 3-year multi-district agreement. This allows us to transfer money between our elementary and high school districts. Board policy allows us to do this with a multi-district agreement in place.

**BOARD ACTION**

|             | Motion | Second | Aye | Nay | Abstain |
|-------------|--------|--------|-----|-----|---------|
| Petersen    |        |        |     |     |         |
| Becker      |        |        |     |     |         |
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## Multidistrict Agreement

This Multidistrict Agreement (hereinafter "Agreement") is entered into this 19<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2026, by and between the Culbertson Elementary School District and the Culbertson High School District.

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 20-3-363, MCA the boards of trustees of any two or more school districts may enter into a Multidistrict Agreement to create a multidistrict cooperative to perform any services, activities, and undertakings of the participating districts and to provide for the joint funding and operation and maintenance of all participating districts upon the terms and conditions as may be mutually agreed to by the districts subject to the conditions of section 20-3-363, MCA;

WHEREAS, an agreement made pursuant to section 20-3-363, MCA, must be approved by the board of trustees of all participating districts by April 1 of the current fiscal year in which the agreement is executed and by April 1 in any subsequent year to which the agreement applies;

WHEREAS, all expenditures in support of the Multidistrict Agreement may be made from the interlocal cooperative fund in accordance with sections 20-9-703 and 20-9-704, MCA. Each participating district of the multidistrict cooperative may transfer funds into the interlocal cooperative fund from the general fund or any other budgeted fund of the district. Transfers to the interlocal cooperative fund from each participating school district's general fund are limited to an amount not to exceed the direct state aid in support of the respective school district's general fund. All transfers must be completed by June 30 of the current fiscal year in which the agreement is executed and by June 30 in any subsequent year to which the agreement applies;

WHEREAS, in accordance with section 20-9-703, Culbertson Elementary School District shall be designated as the prime agency. All other participating districts shall be designated as cooperating agencies;

WHEREAS, each participating district may transfer funds into the interlocal cooperative fund from the general fund or any other budgeted fund of the respective school district. Transfer to the interlocal cooperative fund from each participating school district's general fund are limited to an amount not to exceed the direct state aid in support of the respective school district's general fund.

WHEREAS, expenditures from the interlocal cooperative fund are limited to those expenditures that are permitted by law and that are within the final budget for the budgeted fund from which the transfer was made.

NOW THEREFORE, the districts hereby agree as follows:

1. To create a multidistrict cooperative for the purpose of pooling resources for projects and purchasing for the participating Districts;

2. To create an interlocal cooperative fund for the purpose of transferring funds from the participating district for the purpose(s) stated herein;
3. The Culbertson Elementary School District is designated as the prime agency and as such shall establish a nonbudgeted interlocal cooperative fund for the purpose of the financial administration of this interlocal cooperative agreement.
4. All other participating districts are designated as the cooperating agencies and in accordance with section 20-9-704, shall transfer their financial support under this agreement to the prime agency by district warrant.
5. Any and all amounts transferred into the interlocal cooperative fund by any participating district shall come from: (1) the respective district's general fund in an amount not to exceed the direct state aid in support of the respective school's district's general fund; or (2) any other budget fund of a participating district.
6. Any and all amounts transferred into the interlocal cooperative fund by each participating district must be transferred before June 30, 2029.
7. Any and all amounts transferred into the interlocal cooperative fund by each participating district must be for the purpose stated herein.
8. The term of the agreement shall be from July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2029.
9. This agreement shall be interpreted according to and governed by the laws of the State of Montana.

As agreed on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2026.

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Name of Board Chair

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Board Chair

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Attest:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of District Clerk

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of District Clerk

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Date