

Yellowstone School District No. 14
Regular Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, April 21st at 6 PM
Board Room – East Fairview Elementary School

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

Others present: Derek Gackle, Alyson Schriver, Amber Beyer, Lisa Fox, Mike Lunstad, Coltson Warren

- I. Call to Order – Doug Gullikson called the meeting to order at 6pm.
- 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)
 1. No public comment
- V. Approval of minutes of March 16th board meeting
 1. Harvey Asbeck made a motion to approve the minutes of March 16th board meeting.
 2. Britt Poulsen seconded the motion to approve the minutes of March 16th board meeting.
 3. All in favor.
 4. Motion carried.
- VI. Correspondence - None
- VII. Approve Agenda
 1. Britt Poulsen made a motion to amend the agenda by moving #2 new business to #1 old business.
 2. Jessica Cayko seconded the motion to amend the agenda by moving #2 new business to #1 old business.
 3. All in favor of amending agenda.
 4. Motion carried to amend the agenda.
- VIII. Approval of Bills
 1. Britt Poulsen made a motion to approve the bills.
 2. Jessica Cayko seconded the motion to approve the bills.
 3. Discussion.
 4. All in favor.
 5. Motion carried.
- IX. Old Business
 1. Financial update – Derek Gackle gave a financial update.
 2. Construction Loan Payoff
 1. Jessica Cayko made a motion to withdraw our CD for \$1,500,000 at Merchants Bank to payoff our construction loan by May 1st.
 2. Britt Poulsen seconded the motion to withdraw our CD for \$1,500,000 at Merchants Bank to payoff our construction loan by May 1st.
 3. All in favor.
 4. Motion carried.
- X. New Business
 1. Teacher Resignation
 1. Britt Poulsen made a motion to approve the teacher resignation.
 2. Harvey Asbeck seconded the motion to approve the teacher resignation.
 3. All in favor.
 4. Motion carried.
 2. Baseball Field
 1. Derek Gackle presented Interstate Engineering proposal for baseball field plan to board.
 1. Jessica Cayko made a motion to approve Interstate Engineering proposal to draw up baseball field plan.
 2. Britt Poulsen seconded the motion to approve Interstate Engineering proposal to draw up baseball field plan.
 3. Discussion.
 4. All in favor.
 5. Motion carried.
 3. 2026-2027 Teacher contract renewals
 1. Masyn Dahle
 2. Danielle Eustice
 3. Lynn Obermeyer
 4. Denise Folsom

5. Torrey Larson
6. Jessie Bieber
7. Jenna Welnel
8. Lisa Fox
9. Wendy Sundheim
 1. Jessica Cayko made a motion to approve the above 2026-2027 teacher contracts 1-9.
 2. Harvey Asbeck seconded the motion to approve the above 2026-2027 teacher contracts 1-9.
 3. All in favor.
 4. Motion carried.
4. New Teachers
 1. Derek Gackle provided an update to the Board regarding prospective candidates interested in upcoming teaching positions. Mr. Gackle proposed offering a \$5,000 signing bonus for Lauren Kjos and Cora Vagle, to be distributed over a possible two-year period.
 1. Harvey Asbeck made a motion to offer Lauren Kjos and Cora Vagle a \$5,000 signing bonus to be distributed over 2 years; on September 1st 2026 and on September 1st 2027.
 2. Britt Poulsen seconded the motion to offer Lauren Kjos and Cora Vagle a \$5,000 signing bonus to be distributed over 2 years; on September 1st 2026 and on September 1st 2027.
 - Discussion.
 3. Roll Call –
 1. Aye – Britt Poulsen, Harvey Asbeck.
 2. Nay – Jessica Cayko
 4. Motion carried.
5. Summer Projects
 1. Derek Gackle presented furnace estimates from Frontier Heating.
 1. Jessica Cayko made a motion to approve quote #68845 to replace heaters with zoning systems for each six classrooms.
 2. Britt Poulsen seconded the motion to approve quote #68845 to replace heaters with zoning systems for each six classrooms.
 3. All in favor.
 4. Motion carried.
 5. Jessica Cayko made a motion to approve quote #68847 to replace heaters in SpEd room and two bathrooms.
 6. Britt Poulsen seconded the motion to approve quote #68847 to replace heaters in SpEd room and two bathrooms.
 7. Discussion.
 8. All in favor.
 9. Motion carried.
 2. Derek Gackle presented Prairie Electric estimate for new lights in the gym.
 1. Britt Poulsen made a motion to approve estimate #1809 from Prairie Electric to install new lights in the gym.
 2. Jessica Cayko seconded the motion to approve estimate #1809 from Prairie Electric to install new lights in the gym.
 3. All in favor.
 4. Motion carried.
 3. Derek Gackle discussed the possibility of installing keypads on the Special Education, Speech, and COD rooms, as well as the janitor room and gym, with Electricland. A cost estimate may be presented at a future meeting.
6. School Housing
 1. Derek Gackle mentions to the board that the single wide school trailer is vacant.
 1. The board agreed to ask Jake Damm if he would live in the property rent-free for one year in exchange for making improvements. The school would pay for materials with Chad Sundheim's approval.
7. 26-27 Braintree contract
 1. Derek Gackle presented the 26-27 Braintree contract.
 1. Harvey Asbeck made a motion to approve the 2026-27 Braintree contract.
 2. Britt Poulsen seconded the motion to approve the 2026-27 Braintree contract.
 3. All in favor.
 4. Motion carried.
8. 2026 School Board Election
 1. The board held a discussion regarding current election.
9. First Readings:

1. HCAA – Purchasing
 1. I, Jessica Cayko, move to adopt the above policy HCAA on first reading and waive second reading to expediate the policy adoption process per board policy BDA.
 2. Britt Poulsen seconded the motion to adopt the above policy HCAA on first reading and waive second reading to expediate the policy adoption process per board policy BDA.
 3. Discussion
 1. Jessica Cayko made a motion to table the adoption of above policy HCAA until May board meeting.
 2. Britt Poulsen seconded the motion to table the adoption of above policy HCAA until May board meeting.
 3. All in favor.
 4. Motion carried.

10. Policies to Review

1. HAA – Budget, Planning, Preparation, & Adoption
2. HBA – Federal Funding for Schools
3. HBCC – Fundraising
4. HCBB – Sales Calls & Demonstrations
 1. Board reviewed above 4 polices; HAA, HBA, HBCC, and HCBB

XI. Principal's Report

1. April 15th – Academic Olympics – we had 7th and 8th graders attend and they received 2nd place in the oral rounds.
2. Spring Festival – April 28th at 6 pm. Art Show and D.A.R.E. graduation included.
3. May 5th – D.A.R.E celebration at 1:45 to 2:15.
4. April 28th - Amazing America Comedy Show Assembly at 11:10 am.
5. April 29th – T4 Summit where 6th – 8th grade goes to the STEM center in Watford City.
6. 8th grade graduation is May 19th at 6 pm.
7. 8th grade trip is May 20th – 21st in Bismarck.
8. Teacher Appreciation Month is in May.
9. May 22nd is the last day of school. We are out at noon.
10. 5th – 8th grade go to the MonDak Heritage Center on April 23rd.

XII. Adjournment – Doug Gullikson adjourned the meeting at 8:14 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.