Billings Elementary School District No. 2 and Billings High School District No. 2, Yellowstone County
Board of Trustees Resolution #2026-08-12
Pertaining to Acquiring Real Property from the City of Billings for Construction of a Bus Barn
Approved _August 12_, 2026

Whereas, Montana law provides that the trustees of a school district may acquire real property for the benefit of the schools and children of the school district. Mont. Code Ann. §20-6-602; unless the real property to be acquired is contiguous to existing school property, the selection of real property for school purposes must first be approved by the qualified electors of the district. Mont. Code Ann. §20-6-621; to seek elector approval the trustees must call for an election pursuant to Montana law;

Whereas, the Boards of Trustees of Billings Elementary School District No. 2 and Billings High School District No. 2, Yellowstone County (collectively, the School District) wish to acquire from the City of Billings the real property known as Wilson Park consisting of 15 acres and located at 441 Riverside Road, Billings, Montana, and more particularly described as:

N2W3/4 OF NWSE4 of Section 10, Township 01 South, Range 26 East.

The illustration below is taken from the Montana Cadastral and is for reference only.

Whereas, the Boards of Trustees have determined that Wilson Park is suitable for school purposes, including without limitation, the construction and operation of a bus barn and it is the School District's best interests to acquire that property for those purposes;

Whereas, the City of Billings wishes to transfer that land to the School District for the cost paid by the City to remove The Land and Water Conservation Fund designation on that parcel, which is estimated to be approximately $70,000, and which will be paid from existing School District funds and no additional taxes would be assessed for the acquisition of the land; and

Whereas, to call for a special school election seeking voter approval of the acquisition, at "least 70 days prior to a special election, the trustees of a district or other entity or official authorized by law to call a school election shall call the special election by resolution, stating the date and purpose of each election and whether, pursuant to 13-19-202, the election is requested to be by mail." Mont. Code Ann. §20-20-201(1)(c).

Therefore, be it Resolved,

That the Boards of Trustees hereby call for an election of the registered electors of the School District to be held on November 3, 2026, for the purpose of voting on the question of approving the acquisition of Wilson Park from the City of Billings for the construction and operation of a bus barn for the benefit of the School District's students;

That the Clerk shall conduct this special election by mail and otherwise as provided for under Montana law; and

That the language presented to the electors shall be:

PROPOSITION

Shall the Boards of Trustees of Billings Elementary School District No. 2 and Billings High School District No. 2, Yellowstone County, be authorized to acquire from the City of Billings a 15 acre parcel of real property known as Wilson Park located at 441 Riverside Road in Billings for construction and operation of a bus barn for the benefit of the students of the School Districts. The legal description of the subject property is N2W3/4 OF NWSE4 of Section 10, Township 01 South, Range 26 East. The School District would pay an amount not to exceed $70,000 for the parcel, which would be paid from existing School District funds and no additional taxes would be assessed for the acquisition.

☐ FOR the Acquisition of Wilson Park

☐ AGAINST the Acquisition of Wilson Park

ATTEST:

This Resolution #2026-08-12 was approved by a vote of the Boards of Trustees of Billings Elementary School District No. 2 and Billings High School District No. 2, Yellowstone County, Montana, at a properly noticed public meeting held on August _12_, 2026, and has been made part of the minutes for that meeting.

Daniela Walsh

Daniela Walsh, Clerk