

The Board of Trustees of Circle Elementary and High School District No. One, McCone County, met in regular session on February 8, 2022 at 6:00 pm in the high school library. Trustees present: Bryce Hove, Dusty White, Cary Phillips, Tate Switzer, Tyrel Massar & Krista Beery. Also in attendance were Clerk Della Van Horn, Superintendent Dr. Dern, Interim k-8 principal Tara Hubing, Averil Pasma, Lindsey Williams, Tracy Gasper, Ashley Sunderman, Alan Stempel, Megan Knuth, & Susan Erlenbusch.

Chairman Hove called the meeting to order with the pledge and by welcoming the visitors.

Public Comment – Susan Erlenbusch mentioned that it is National Counselors Week and Mrs. Hubing was recognized for the great job she does.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Switzer, seconded by Hove to approve the minutes of the January 13, 2022 meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously by the combined board.

At this time Chairman Hove declared that the right to individual privacy clearly exceeds the merits of public disclosure and closed the meeting for the purpose of approving minutes from the closed session on January 13, 2022.

The board came out of closed session at 6:08 pm.

Moved by White, seconded by Phillips to approve the minutes of the January 13, 2022 closed session meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously by the combined board.

CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by Phillips, seconded by Switzer to approve the consent agenda of elementary and high school cash balances ending 12/31/21, revenue report ending 12/31/21, expenditure budget balance report ending 2/3/22, February claims and the December HS extracurricular reports as presented. Motion carried unanimously by the combined board. There was some discussion on who was to pay for the building permit fees to DLI. Dr. Dern will check into this.

AD REPORT

Discussion was held on the requirements for paperwork for homeschool or non public students that are participating in extracurricular. Enrollment forms and recording of practices and eligibility reports are some of the things that need to be submitted. At this time, we have not received all of the documentation. Ms. Pasma reported on the MHSA meeting. The shot clock is coming into basketball in the near future. It was suggested to get sponsorship from businesses to help defray the cost which was estimated from \$1000 to \$5000. Another worker is also required to run the clock. It was mentioned that we may need new scoreboards as well to be compatible to the shot clocks. 8th graders can now participate in every sport except FB, with board permission.

Other discussion was held on an 8 player football group that will have an opening weekend of non-conference games to be played against teams from other divisions.

Ms. Pasma reported that she had a brand new exercise ball popped during AAU wrestling practice, the treadmills are getting trampled on and kids are running up and down the hallway after school hours while waiting around for AAU practice.

We are in need of a junior high track coach if anyone is interested or knows of someone that is.

Discussion was held on the rugs that are available during basketball games. The booster club has purchased some that haven't been being put out during the games. Other discussion was held on having rugs run the length of the gym. The board would like estimates of scoreboards for the next agenda.

OLD BUSINESS

Consideration of Safe Return to Schools and Continuity of Services Plan

No updates for discussion.

K READY

Megan Knuth reported that the surveys are out. At this time we have 29 responses back. Discussion was held on doing phone surveys before next month's meeting. The survey will be sent out with parents as well as be available at preschool screening.

Moved by White, seconded by Phillips to table any decision on K Ready. Motion carried unanimously by the combined board.

DRIVERS ED

Dr. Dern reported that Matt Kleinsasser is not interested in teaching drivers ed. Moved by Beery, seconded by Hove to advertise for a drivers ed teacher. Motion carried unanimously by the high school board.

INTERIM PRINCIPAL

Moved by White, seconded by Switzer to offer Tara Hubing a contract for \$15,000. Plus 3 personal days for the part time K-8 interim Principal position (93 days) for the remainder of the 2021-22 year (beginning Dec. 16th 2021 through June 9th, 2022). Motion carried unanimously by the elementary board. Discussion was held that this is approximately ½ of the remainder of the current principal contract.

PURCHASE OF FOOTBALL FIELD

Hove reported that the county is willing to grant an easement for us to use the football field. Discussion was held on swapping the football field for an easement for the land that the county is interested in. Nothing decided at this time as we will need to have the land surveyed. Dr. Dern suggested that the wording on the ballot could read that building reserve levy could include that the levy would be used to include surveys for the acquisition of prospective football field.

Moved by White, seconded by Massar to purchase the football field in the future and add surveys to the HS building reserve levy ballot wording for the May 3rd, 2022 election. Motion carried unanimously by the high school board.

TECHNOLOGY STIPENDS

Lindsey Williams and Rachel Overby have been working with K12 Montana to meet our technology needs. They have met with the negotiations committee and have tentatively agreed upon 8% of the base for Lindsey and 4% of the base for Rachel. It was determined that an MOU would need to be drawn up for this stipend. The negotiations committee and CTA rep will meet on Feb. 22 at 4:00 pm.

Moved by Phillips, seconded by Switzer to agree upon the 8% of the base for Lindsey Williams and 4% of the base for Rachel Overby for the 2021-22 year for technology stipends contingent upon the approval of the MOU with the CTA and Board. Motion carried unanimously by the combined board.

ELECTION RESOLUTIONS

Moved by White, seconded by Massar to adopt a HS election resolution to hold a poll election on May 3, 2022 at the Circle Country Market and Vida School to elect 3 trustees (2 combined and 1 HS from SD 134) and approval of additional levies to operate and maintain the General fund for FY 2022-23 and a building reserve levy of \$50,000 for 3 years for the purpose of raising money for the future construction, equipping, or enlarging of school buildings or for the purpose of purchasing land needed for school purposes in the district to include surveys for the acquisition of prospective purchase of football field. Polls will be open from 12:00 noon to 8:00 pm. Motion carried unanimously by the high school board.

Moved by Switzer, seconded by White to adopt an elementary school election resolution to hold a poll election on May 3, 2022 at the Circle Country Market to elect 2 combined trustees and approval of additional levies to operate and maintain the General fund for FY 22-23. Polls will be open from 12:00 noon to 8:00 pm. Motion carried unanimously by the elementary board.

Moved by White, seconded by Massar to appoint judges as per the high school election resolution. Motion carried unanimously by the high school board.

Moved by Massar, seconded by Hove to appoint judges as per the elementary resolution. Motion carried unanimously by the elementary board.

SENIOR TRIP

Sierra Nagel addressed the board with an updated itinerary for the senior trip. They are now going to South Dakota rather than Minneapolis because of the restrictions in MN. They would like to take the school's white bus and Josh Eissinger has been asked to drive the bus. Moved by Beery, seconded by Phillips to approve the 2022 senior class using the school's white bus to South Dakota. Motion carried unanimously by the high school board.

CLERK EVALUATION TOOL

Moved by Phillips, seconded by White to use the clerk evaluation tool from MTSBA. Motion carried unanimously by the combined board. February 22 the teachers will meet with the negotiations committee for the MOU at 4:00 pm, Dr. Dern's meeting with the negotiations committee will be at 5:00 pm and the Clerk evaluation with Della Van Horn and the board will be at 6:00 pm.

PROPANE TANK STORAGE FOR FACILITIES

Tyrel reported that the building committee would like to expand the capacity tanks at the shop. It was determined that there is not enough room to add a larger tank. Other ideas were to contract propane and check into insulating the roof (if it wasn't last summer with the new roof). Moved by Massar, seconded by Hove to table any decision on the propane tank storage at the shop. Motion carried unanimously by the combined board.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Tyrel gave a building committee report. MDT project was reported on that money may be available from MDT to improve sidewalks, fencing and possible replacement of stairs adjacent to HWY 252. Dr. Dern will contact Shane Mintz about the availability of funds. It was mentioned that the construction may be 2 years out.

Tate reported on the calendar committee and proposed dates. There are many ideas being considered. Semester days, possibly starting school the first 2 days of fair week, changes in parent teacher conferences (day vs evening) etc.

Transportation – it was mentioned that there are shifting issues with the extracurricular white bus.

Crisis management – results from training that are being addressed, update handbooks (take the maps out of the handbooks).

Curriculum – science is being reviewed. Tara is contacting companies. Everything is going to online.

K – 8 Principal report –

Bo Peep is having a 101 day theme this year, Red water is doing robotics, Student Council is planning something special for 2-22-22, March is Mathletes etc.

Dr. Dern reported on MTSS Grant, Circle Chapter of JMG, Teacher Leadership Academy, Chapter 55 accreditation (Mrs. Hubing has been nominated to serve on this), Book Publishing and his meeting remotely with the US Sec. of Ed and several colleagues.

Upcoming committee meetings:

March 16th regular meeting at 7:00 pm

Curriculum committee at 5:30 on March 16th.

Handbook at 4:00 pm on March 16th.

Future: Security camera estimates

HVAC study costs has went up significantly. Dr. Dern suggested rather than looking at each building to look at categories such as exterior, interior, light and heat and water. The gym would be separate. Hove mentioned that it is a priority to look at doors on the bathrooms in senior hall.

Dr. Dern will search for different design firms.

Moved by Massar, seconded by White to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 Pm. Motion carried unanimously by the combined board.
