

The Board of Trustees of Circle Elementary and High School District No. One, McCone County, Montana, met in special session on June 1, 2023 at 7:00 am in the high school library. Trustees present: Bryce Hove, Cary Phillips, Emily Guldborg, Krista Beery, Tyrel Massar and Charity Calderon. Also in attendance were Clerk Della Van Horn, Interim Superintendent Tara Hubing, Roger Schara, Burl Beley, Sandy Schillinger, Savannah Hanson, Lindsey Williams, Susan Erlenbusch, Brian Kassner, RaChelle Kirkegard, Britney Haynie, MiKenda Seymour, McKinna Fleming, and Dusty White.

Chairman Hove called the meeting to order with the pledge.

Public comment on any non agenda item. None

OLD BUSINESS

Lindsey Williams made the following recommendations:

McKinna Fleming – Head HS Volleyball. Moved by Guldborg, seconded by Phillips to offer McKinna Fleming the Head HS Volleyball coach position for the 2023-24 year. Motion carried unanimously by the HS board with the exception of Krista Beery who abstained (nepotism).

Courtney Fleming – Assistant HS Volleyball. Moved by Guldborg, seconded by Hove to offer Courtney Fleming the Assistant HS Volleyball coach position for the 2023-24 year. Motion carried unanimously by the HS board with the exception of Krista Beery who abstained (nepotism).

Colleen Stormer – Cross Country Junior high & HS. Moved by Phillips, seconded by Guldborg to offer Colleen Stormer the Cross Country Junior High & HS coach position for the 2023-24 year. Motion carried unanimously by the combined board with the exception of Tyrel Massar who abstained (nepotism).

Jason Beery – Head Boys Basketball. Moved by Phillips, seconded by Hove to offer Jason Beery the Head HS Boys Basketball coach position for the 2023-24 year. Burl Beley made a comment inquiring why Jason was being recommended. Williams said because of the continuity of the program from year to year and the investment in the program long term. Burl said that they should have a conversation with him on the mind games and that he needs work on his offense for a better program. Those in favor of the motion to hire Jason Beery were Phillips, Hove, Guldborg, Massar. Abstained: Beery. Opposed: Calderon. Motion fails because of the unanimous vote required for nepotism.

Heidi Beery – JH Girls Assistant Basketball. Moved by Guldborg, seconded by Phillips to offer Heidi Beery the JH Girls Assistant Basketball coach position for the 2023-24 year. Motion carried unanimously by the elementary board with the exception of Krista Beery who abstained (nepotism).

Amanda Hove – elementary GBB. Moved by Guldborg, seconded by Massar to offer Amanda Hove the elementary girl's basketball coach position for the 2023-24 year. Motion carried unanimously by the elementary board with the exception of Bryce Hove who abstained (nepotism).

Charity Calderon wanted to clarify why she abstained from the vote for the HS boys basketball coach position. She said that people have contacted her and she is not 100% confident in supporting Beery. Some are valid concerns and she is elected to represent the community. Dusty White spoke in support of Jason Beery. Phillips asked if Charity had done any other research in why people didn't support Beery. At this time, she had not.

Mrs. Hubing recommended Brian Kassner for the grounds keeping of the football field. Moved by Guldborg, seconded by Massar to hire Brian Kassner for the summer 2023 grounds keeping of the FB field. Motion carried unanimously by the combined board. (2% increase from last summer)

Mrs. Hubing recommended Kim Haynie for lead custodian for the 2023-24 year. Moved by Phillips, seconded by Beery to hire Kim Haynie as lead custodian for the 2023-24 year at \$16. Per hour. Motion carried unanimously by the combined board with exception of Bryce Hove who abstained (nepotism)

Mrs. Hubing recommended Dan Haynie for maintenance custodian as needed. Moved by Phillips, seconded by Calderon to hire Dan Haynie as a maintenance custodian as needed for the 2023-24 year. Motion carried unanimously by the combined board with the exception of Bryce Hove who abstained (nepotism) (2% increase)

Mrs. Hubing recommended Jhace Haynie for custodian. Moved by Guldborg, seconded by Phillips to hire Jhace Haynie for a custodian for the 2023-24 year. Motion carried unanimously by the combined board. (2% increase).

Mrs. Hubing recommended Ethan Haynie for part time custodian. Moved by Phillips, seconded by Hove to hire Ethan Haynie as a part time custodian contingent upon duties limited to the age requirement set by Labor & Industry. Motion carried unanimously by the combined board. (starting wage on scale)

The board approved Dylan Haynie as a volunteer.

Beery said that the recommendation of the negotiations committee is to offer RaChelle Kirkegard the district clerk position for the 2023-24 year because of her experience and knowledge. Moved by Massar, seconded by Calderon to appoint RaChelle Kirkegard for the 2023-24 district clerk position.

At this time Emily Guldborg read a statement in support of Lindsey Williams for the 2023-24 district clerk stating her education and initiative to increase her knowledge was over the other candidate. Other comments in support of RaChelle Kirkegard were made because of her experience and knowledge in school finance. Those in favor of the motion were Massar, Calderon, Beery, Phillips. Hove abstained (nepotism) Guldborg : opposed. Motion failed as the vote has to be unanimous because of the nepotism law.

Moved by Guldborg, seconded by Phillips to appoint Lindsey Williams as district clerk for the 2023-24 year. Those in favor of the motion: Guldborg and Phillips. Hove abstained. Massar & Calderon opposed. Motion failed.

Moved by Beery, seconded by Phillips to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 am.

Motion carried unanimously by the combined board.
