

The Board of Trustees of Circle Elementary and High School District No. One, McCone County, met in regular session on January 13, 2020 at 5:00 pm in the high school library. Trustees present: Bryce Hove, Dusty White, Cary Phillips, Sara Moline, Tyrel Massar & Krista Beery. Also in attendance were Clerk Della Van Horn, Superintendent Preston Wenz, Principal Megan Murrell, Averi Pasma, Lindsey Williams, Tara Hubing, Ross Hall & Carrie Schumacher.

Chairman Hove opened the meeting with the pledge and by welcoming the visitors.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by White, seconded by Beery to approve the minutes of the December 10, 2019 and January 7, 2020 special meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously by the combined board.

CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by White, seconded by Beery to approve the consent agenda of January HS & Elementary claims & payroll, expenditure budget balance ending 11/30/19, revenue report ending 11/30/19 and the cash reconciliation ending 11/30/19 and the HS extracurricular report ending 12/31/19. Motion carried unanimously by the combined board.

SCHEDULED VISITORS

Mrs. Fritz addressed the board with questions she had in regards to conversion of the high school library to a music room. She asked if the board would amend the district policy 2309 that states that the district has libraries in every school. Other items she addressed was where we would house resources of the library required by the state, how students would obtain access to the library resources if they reside in multiple classrooms and how we would deliver media program standards in the absence of a centralized, physical library. Schools with fewer than 126 students may utilize a consortium, which is where our high school would be but the elementary has over that number of students. The board said that at this time they are just looking at options of what might work. They will work with Debra Silk in the strategic planning process to see what ideas to consider.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Curriculum committee met on Jan. 13th at 4:00 pm. The new Language Arts curriculum is working well. We need to consider replacing the elementary history books. Discussed that we need to get the Visions program on the chromebooks so the teacher can see what the students are doing. May need to purchase a smartboard. Math curriculum is working well also.

BUILDING

An engineer from Mechanical Technology will be here to look at the intake pipes on Jan. 14 at 4:30 pm

OLD BUSINESS

DCC (Dawson Community College) contract has gone to their finance committee and will go to their board of trustees. Moved by Phillips, seconded by Moline to table the DCC contract. Motion carried unanimously by the combined board.

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM ASSISTANT

Mr. Wenz recommended Sophia Ekness for the ASP assistant to replace Shelby Pugh for the remainder of the year. Moved by Phillips, seconded by Hove to approve Sophia Ekness for the ASP assistant for the remainder of the 2019-20 year at \$11.00 per hour. Motion carried unanimously by the elementary board.

HANDBOOK UPDATES

Extracurricular & Co-curricular activities – grades 5-8. Amend to include the 4th grade for jamboree purposes and change the wording that 4-6th and junior high students involved in extracurricular activities will follow the same athletic guidelines as the high school students. Moved by Massar, seconded by Moline to make the update to the elementary handbook as recommended by Mr. Wenz. Motion carried unanimously by the elementary board.

MULTI –DISTRICT AGREEMENT

A copy of the current Multi-district agreement between Circle Elementary and Circle High School was distributed. Moved by Beery, seconded by Moline to enter into a Multidistrict Agreement between Circle Elementary and Circle High School beginning July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2023. Motion carried unanimously by the combined board.

MHSA PROPOSALS

The board reviewed the MHSA proposals.

Mrs. Hubing spoke in regards to the proposal to amend eligibility by-law for homeschool. She suggested that we have stringent standards. Think about students that move into our community and we don't know their past. We need to have things set in place. Mr. Wenz said we need to look at the curriculums we will accept.

1. Proposal to amend eligibility by-law – Transformational Learning – vote no
2. Proposal to amend eligibility by-law – homeschool – vote no
3. Proposal to amend eighth grade participation, academic and transfer by laws –vote no
4. Proposal to amend award rule by law – vote yes
5. Proposal to amend penalties by law – vote yes
6. Proposal to add co-op trophy language – vote yes
7. Proposal to amend semi final trophies for football and soccer – vote yes
8. Proposal to amend the golf coaching rule – vote yes

9. Proposal to change the format of the state volleyball bracket – vote no
10. Proposal to add girls' wrestling as a MHSAA sanctioned sport – vote yes
11. Proposal to add boy's powerlifting as a MHSAA sanctioned sport – vote yes

SUPERINTENDENT CONTRACT

Hove said that the evaluation for the superintendent was held and everything went well. Moved by Massar, seconded by Hove to offer Mr. Wenz a 3 year contract (current contract ends June 30, 2020). Motion carried unanimously with the exception of Moline who was opposed to the motion and stated she feels we should sign a 1 year contract. Motion carried.

Carrie Schumacher questioned the job descriptions where the superintendent is separate from the principal, how are those duties separated and how they play out and how the supervising for the elementary staff happens when the superintendent/principal and staff member are related. Moline replied that we have had this situation before where there is spouse relation between administration and teacher. The K-8 principal oversees the elementary staff.

APPROVAL OF VOLUNTEERS

Moved by Moline, seconded by Hove to approve Hannah Gackle as a volunteer to help with the track program for the 2019-20 year. Motion carried unanimously by the combined board.

Moved by Moline, seconded by Massar to approve Keri Taylor as a volunteer to help with the wrestling program for the 2019-20 year. Motion carried unanimously by the combined board.

BOARD DOCS

Discussion was held on a computer program that is used for paperless board meetings. The board had attended a webinar on "Board Docs". At this time the board agreed to use "Google Docs" as it is free and seems to meet our needs.

MEDICAID BILLING

A contract with "Montana Medical Billing" was distributed. They would do the data entry for our Medicaid eligible sped students that require a 1 on 1 para. We are reimbursed \$3.60 for every 15 minute unit of service. Montana Medical would take 7%. Moved by Beery, seconded by Phillips to enter into a contract with "Montana Medical Billing" for the 2019-20 year. Motion carried unanimously by the combined board.

Mr. Wenz gave his principal/superintendent report. The first 40 of the 97 computers should soon arrive. Attendance numbers were given with an average of 98% attendance in the high school. He reported that in appreciation as a Christmas gift, he and Mrs. Murrell gave the certified staff time off at 1:00 -3:00 for a day (2 Hours) that they would cover for them. (to be used before May).

A science applicant was interviewed. Mr. Wenz is checking her references.

Mrs. Murrell gave her principal report. She reviewed attendance numbers. An ASP carnival is being planned for the end of February. Other things coming up: winter testing, Missoula Children's Theater, CPI training for staff, the staff holiday party is January 16, Debra Silk will be here Feb. 3rd for strategic planning, Cameras for NFHS will be on Feb. agenda, boiler engineer will be here Jan. 14th, suggestion to advertise for extracurricular bus drivers. Jenna Holland has won a state Patriots Pen contest and may be going to nationals.

Next meeting – February 11 at 7:00 pm.

Moved by Moline, seconded by White to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 pm.
