

The Board of Trustees of Circle Elementary and High School District No. One, McCone County, met in regular session on April 14, 2020 at 7:00 pm by Webex (remotely). Trustees present: Bryce Hove, Dusty White, Cary Phillips, Sara Moline, Tyrel Massar, and Krista Beery. Also in attendance were Clerk Della Van Horn, Superintendent Preston Wenz, Principal Megan Murrell, Alan Stempel, Dalene Cornelia, Megan Knuth, Roger Schara & Nita Crockett.

Chairman Hove opened the meeting.

Moved by Beery, seconded by Moline to approve the minutes of the March 10, 2020 meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously by the combined board.

Moved by White, seconded by Phillips to approve the minutes of the March 16, March 25 and April 1 meetings as presented. Motion carried unanimously by the combined board.

DCC CONTRACT

Mr. Wenz reported that the contract has gone back to DCC's legal dept. Our attorney's had made some adjustments to the contract.

TRACK COACH (S) COMPENSATION

The MHSA may be revisiting the track season and we might have a short season so no action to take on the contracts at this time. (May agenda)

Public Comment on any public matter –

Dalene Cornelia addressed the board with concerns about the band and choir students in the band building and the condition of the building. She asked the board what the plans are for the upcoming school year. Will they hold class in the library or Bo-Peep? Mrs. Cornelia stated that we are fortunate to have Ms Isaacson and feels that we should "cater to her needs". She would like a decision made at the next board meeting.

ROOM CONTROL DISCUSSION/ACTION

Jared Vallevik and Paul Evanson will be talking about the room controls remotely. Jeff Gruizenga, the engineer on the boiler system, spoke about pumps for the system. A low speed pump should last from 20-25 years and move 50% more water. He recommended a CRE pump and it would be in the \$2500 to \$2800 range. (plus labor). Moved by White, seconded by Moline to purchase the pump recommended by Jeff Gruizenga, engineer with Con'eer Engineering Inc. Motion carried unanimously by the combined board.

Paul Evanson, from MTI, quoted prices on room temperature controls for the high school. He quoted wireless and wired systems. The wired system would be \$58593 and the wireless is \$40775. There would be different rooms with different phases (phase 1 -4)

Jared Vallevik from *Long Building Intelligence* quoted prices for wireless of \$33037 and wired of \$36573. This would be for 12 classrooms

MTI's quotes included the office area. The board felt that they would like *Long Building Intelligence* to come back with quotes to include the office areas so that the 2 quotes were comparing "apples to apples". Discussion was held on when the project could be completed. Long thought they could do summer installation and MTI thought they would install in the fall. Discussion was held on pros and cons of wireless vs wired. Both estimates would be good through May. Both companies could provide the school with a programming tool. Moved by White, seconded by Beery to table any decision on the temperature controls until May. Motion carried unanimously by the combined board.

CARES ACT (Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security)

This is federal stimulus money that school districts will receive based on the Title I formula. Allowable uses of these funds are very broad. The funds must be expended by September 30, 2021. Our districts should be receiving approximately \$37500 (HS & EL). The money may be available mid June.

CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by Phillips, seconded by Hove to approve the consent agenda of Elementary and High School Payroll & Claims, Cash balance ending Feb. 2020, Expenditure Budget Balance ending March 31, Revenue report ending Feb. 2020, and the March HS extracurricular report. Motion carried unanimously by the combined board.

PRINCIPAL/SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Mr. Wenz is working on plans if school can be brought back into session. At this point, the Governor has closed down schools until April 24th. We would practice social distancing and spread students out, lunch may be held at different buildings. Classes may be dismissed alternately to minimize traffic. We would do possible temperature checks. The MSBA has some good guidelines to follow. Students that don't want to come back would have the option to do the distance learning which would release us of the liability. Some discussion has been made about graduation ceremonies, possibly at the football field or a parade. If possible we would still like to do a prom, awards ceremony and class play. Teachers have their supply orders in. Some orders are going back to the teachers for review. Next year he would like to give a teacher a set budget for supplies and keep everything towards academic. There has been a suggestion to have an educational foundation set up to help fund classrooms. We had a "deficient" on the high school accreditation for our science and art. Building contractors will be contacted to see when they can start on the roof projects that were approved by our insurance. Also, he will be looking into the electricity bill at the Redwater as it seems quite high.

Mrs. Murrell gave her principal report. Distance learning is continuing. Phone calls have been made as needed. Some discussion has been held on school supplies and asking parents if they would want to pay an amount, such as \$20, and then supplies would be purchased for their students (rather than each parent buying their child's supplies). Kindergarten roundup has been postponed. There is a possible 12

students. There has been some discussion on schedules and moving 5th grade back to self contained. Other considerations are having Mrs. Fritz teach history/English and Mrs. Voss teach 6th grade reading and writing. Mrs. Voss is working on her elementary endorsement. Mrs. Murrell is working on the workbook orders. Mr. Wenz said that he is very proud of the staff and what they are going through with the distance learning.

The next meeting will be May 12th. There will be a building committee meeting on April 16th at 7:00 pm.

Beery also said that she appreciates what the staff is doing.

Moved by White, seconded by Moline to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 pm.

Clerk

Chairman