

The Board of Trustees of Circle Elementary and High School District No. One, McCone County, met in special session on July 20, 2020 at 7:00 pm in the high school library. Trustees present: Bryce Hove, Dusty White, Cary Phillips, Tyrel Massar, Tate Switzer & Krista Beery. Also in attendance were Clerk Della Van Horn, & Superintendent Preston Wenz, Alan Stempel, Tara Hubing, Ronda Idland, Mary Heide, Ruth Clarin, Megan Knuth, Helen Murphy, Lindsey Williams, Colleen Stormer, Susie Carlson, Susan Erlenbusch, Kim Gebhardt, Helen Isaacson, Alicia Wenz, Amy McCloy & Becky Fritz.

Chairman Hove called the meeting to order with the pledge.

Hove asked for any public comment on any public matter not on the agenda.

There being none he stated the purpose of the meeting was to draft a reopening school statement. After discussion it was moved by White, seconded by Massar to accept the following statement on opening the 2020-21 school year:

Circle Public Schools is planning to begin the school year on August 17, 2020, per our adopted school calendar. The decision to and how to open are both up to local control. We continue to review all guidelines from OPI, the Governor's Office and the CDC, while developing our plan. We will be following our normal daily schedule, including times. At this time, Circle Public Schools is not requiring masks, leaving temperature checks up to parents before sending their students to school and planning on holding school as normal as possible, with some safeguards in place. The School Board will be approving the reopening plan at a Special Board meeting on August 3, 2020, at 7pm in the high school library.

We appreciate your continued patience and support throughout this time of the unknown. It seems like our guidance changes hourly, daily, and weekly. Please understand that the plan we come up with may change as we navigate this ever-evolving situation. Our top priority will continue to be what is best for our students' education and safety for all involved.

Motion carried unanimously by the combined board.

HIGH SCHOOL CHORAL FESTIVAL STIPEND FOR 2019-20

Hove reported that he had asked for documentation of hours for the HS choral festival stipend for 2019-20 which is not available from the teacher at this time. Moved by White, seconded by Switzer to table any action on the HS 2019-20 choral festival stipend. Motion carried unanimously by the combined board.

Mr. Wenz recommended Mikenda Seymour for the 2020-21 HS assistant girls' basketball coach. Moved by White, seconded by Beery to offer the 2020-21 HS assistant girls' basketball coach position to Mikenda Seymour. Motion carried unanimously by the high school board.

A brief discussion was held on the possibility of students coming into our district from the Vida area and the possibility of extending our bus route.

A special board meeting was set for August 3, 2020 at 7:00 pm for the purpose of approving the reopening plan.

Moved by Switzer, seconded by White to adjourn at 7:35 pm. Motion carried unanimously by the combined board.
