

The Board of Trustees of Circle Elementary and High School District No. One, McCone County, met in special session on August 13, 2020 at 6:30 AM 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 Preston Wenz, Principal Megan Murrell, Alan Stempel, Gary Gackle, Mike & Jayme Bartelson, Bryan Becker, Averi Pasma, Kim Gebhardt, Becky Fritz, Susan Erlenbusch, Darci Wagner, Alicia Wenz, Ralph Walker, Mary Heide, Brian Kassner, McKenda Seymour, Kevin Guldborg, & Ty Taylor.

Chairman Hove opened the meeting with the pledge. Mike Bartelson led us in prayer.

The purpose of the special meeting was to adopt handbooks, consent agenda, Student Attendance Agreements, resignation, Paraprofessional, liaison/para, MHSA Masks mandate & Continued budget discussion for the 20-21 budget.

Hove asked for public comment. There was none.

The board reviewed the handbooks on "google docs" and made corrections on the live document.

Moved by Massar, seconded by Phillips to approve the **Student Handbook** as amended. Motion carried unanimously by the combined board.

Moved by Switzer, seconded by Hove to approve the **Employee Handbook** as amended. Motion carried unanimously by the combined board.

The Student Handbook for Activities/Athletics was reviewed with discussion on the recently mandated masks by MHSA. Averi distributed an email from Marvin Beckman, MHSA, on COVID -19 FAQ's. Discussion was held on MHSA's control. The Board generally felt that because we are members of MHSA, we need to comply with their rules, even if we may not agree with them. In the future, if the district decides to do "club" activities they would go on their own and not be a part of MHSA. Mr. Wenz said that from calls and correspondence that he has been getting that our community doesn't want masks required. The Board felt obligated to follow the policies but ultimately it is up to the parent if they want their child to wear a mask, which may mean they can't participate. Darci Wagner asked at "what point do we not comply as a unified group"? Bryan Becker stated that he doesn't like the mandate of wearing masks but this is about the kids. It was suggested that in the future the AD's from the area could meet and decide if they want to make changes (form clubs and participate against each other). This year we are members of MHSA.

Moved by White, seconded by Phillips to approve the **Student handbook for Activities/Athletics** as amended. Motion carried unanimously by the combined board.

Moved by Switzer, seconded by Phillips to approve the **Coaches /Sponsor/Activities Coaches Handbook** as amended. Motion carried unanimously by the combined board.

#### CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by White, seconded by Hove to approve the consent agenda of August payroll and claims and the July extracurricular report. Motion carried unanimously by the combined board.

## STUDENT ATTENDANCE AGREEMENTS

Moved by White, seconded by Switzer to approve the following student attendance agreements for 2020-21: HS students attending WPHS: Benjamin Boysun, Nevaeh Graham, Sage Laverdure-Hutchinson, Kaleah Miller-Toves, Mikaya Smokes-Dewitt. Elementary students from Dawson County: Aralyn and Clancy Jensen. Motion carried unanimously by the combined board.

## RESIGNATION

Moved by White, seconded by Switzer to approve the resignation of Lindsay Norton. Motion carried unanimously by the combined board.

## PARAPROFESSIONAL

Mr. Wenz said that McKinna Fleming has declined the offer for a paraprofessional position. Megan Volbrecht has applied for a paraprofessional position. Moved by White, seconded by Phillips to offer Megan Volbrecht a paraprofessional job at \$11.22 an hour for the 2020-21 year. Motion carried unanimously by the combined board.

## LIAISON/PARAPROFESSIONAL

Mr. Wenz reported that at this time we do not have a need for the liaison/para and recommended tabling. Moved by Phillips, seconded by Hove to table any decision on a liaison/para. Motion carried unanimously by the combined board.

## CONTINUED BUDGET DISCUSSION

Della stated that the elementary and high school budgets should have had different motions at the August 10 budget hearing.

Moved by Beery, seconded by Hove to amend the August 10, 2020 motion to adopt the elementary and high school final budgets for 2020-21 to read " a motion to adopt the High School 2020-21 final budget". Motion carried unanimously by the high school board.

Moved by Switzer, seconded by Hove to adopt the 2020-21 final budget for the elementary. Motion carried unanimously by the elementary board.

Della reported that she had listened to zoom meetings for \$10 million dollars for the transportation reimbursement for school districts. These are for costs incurred as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic that exceed usual transportation costs through December 30, 2020. Funds may only be spent to mitigate otherwise unanticipated expenses arising directly from the COVID-19 pandemic. This money is only for the transport of students to and from school. The board did not feel that we need to budget any amount in the transportation non levy revenue portion of the budget for this purpose.

Moved by White, seconded by Massar to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 AM. Motion carried unanimously by the combined board.

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