

The Board of Trustees of Circle Elementary and High School District No. One, McCone County, met in regular session on October 10, 2019 at 7:00 pm in the high school library. Trustees present: Bryce Hove, Dusty White, Krista Beery, Cary Phillips, Sara Moline & Tyrel Massar. Also in attendance were Clerk Della Van Horn, Superintendent Preston Wenz, Principal Megan Murrell, Tara Hubing, Rhett Bailey, Rylan Hogan, Lindsey Williams, Becky Fritz, Emily Guldborg, Jason Beery, Bruce Inion, Roger Schara, Megan Knuth, & Cassie Handy.

Chairman Hove called the meeting to order with the pledge and by welcoming the visitors.

Bruce Inion led us in prayer.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Tyrel noted that he abstained from the vote for the CC volunteer coach in the September 10<sup>th</sup> minutes. Moved by Moline, seconded by White to approve the minutes of the September 10, 2019 meeting (with noted correction). Motion carried unanimously by the combined board.

#### APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by White, seconded by Hove to approve the consent agenda of Elementary and HS October claims & payroll, August & September expenditure budget balance reports, August & September Revenue reports, Elementary & HS September extracurricular reports, & August & September cash reconciliation reports. Motion carried unanimously by the combined board.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**Building:** The building committee met on September 12<sup>th</sup>. The committee met at the shop building and bus barn. *Kirkegard Construction* is working on a bid to remove the concrete in the front of the shop and make it handicap accessible. The shop bathroom is being repaired (ceiling). We are getting bids on extending the bus barn 12 feet and installing a 3<sup>rd</sup> door. We may possibly be insulating the bus barn in the future. It was mentioned that the Bo-Peep steps are crumbling. Other items mentioned were installing partitions in the women's bathroom off of the high school lobby. They also need paint and new mirrors.

**Curriculum:** Pearson was here on September 27 and gave training on the new reading series and will be coming back in January.

**Technology:** The Technology committee met. Their goal is to rotate computers (technology equipment) every 5 years. MTS did compile an inventory of our computers. We have an opinion from MTS that our server should be good until 2023. Mid Rivers came and did a review of our technology. Because they are local and may be more accessible to meet our needs, we may consider moving to their "manage service". There is some concern of the wiring in the business lab.

The board will consider what will meet our needs when we run the technology levy. (current levy expires June 2024)

## PARAPROFESSIONAL

Mr. Wenz recommended Lindsay Norton for the paraprofessional position for the 2019-20 school year. Moved by White, seconded by Moline to offer Lindsay Norton a paraprofessional contract for the remainder of the 2019-20 year at \$11.00 per hour. Motion carried unanimously by the combined board.

Mr. Wenz said that he would like to work on a classified salary schedule.

## EXTRACURRICULAR

Mr. Wenz recommended Nathan Tuttle for a volunteer for the boys' basketball and Jason Beery for the junior high boys' basketball. Moved by Moline, seconded by White to approve Nathan Tuttle as a volunteer for the HS boys' basketball for the 2019-20 season. Motion carried unanimously by the high school board.

Moved by White, seconded by Moline to offer Jason Beery the junior high boys' basketball position for the 2019-20 season. Motion carried unanimously by the combined board.

## BPA REQUIREMENT

Responses from other schools were shared in regards to a business class required for students to be in BPA. They required students to be enrolled in business classes. Reference was made to the MHSA requirement that students are enrolled in choir to be in "Blues". Mr. Wenz recommended that to leave our rules as is.

Hove referenced the CHS BPA chapter constitution. The BPA students have the authority to amend. As a school board, we will not be making any changes; that is a duty of the members. Hove said his personal opinion is that BPA members need to be enrolled in a business class.

Carl Perkins Business advisory board minutes were presented. Moved by Massar, seconded by White to approve the CP Business advisory board minutes. Motion carried unanimously by the high school board.

## SENIOR CLASS TRIP

Rylan Hogan and Rhett Bailey presented the idea for their senior class trip, Class of 2020. They would like to go to Orlando and estimate the total cost of \$14,000 to \$15000. 9 students out of the 10 want to go. The dates they have chosen are March 25<sup>th</sup> to March 30<sup>th</sup>. They would fly out of Bismarck. Moved by Massar, seconded by White to approve the senior trip. Motion carried unanimously by the high school board with the exception of Cary Phillips, who abstained.

## ADDITION TO SUBSTITUTE LIST

Moved by White, seconded by Hove to approve Meggan Gustafson and Katie Goforth be added to the substitute teacher list. Motion carried unanimously by the combined board.

## BUILDING/CAMPUS RESTRUCTURE PROPOSAL

Mr. Wenz gave his proposal for the restructure to utilize our buildings in a more efficient manner. Half of Redwater is unused on a daily basis and 3 rooms in the high school are used for only one or two periods. Bo-Peep would move to Redwater, Music would move into Bo-Peep, Football & Wrestling would move into Music building and become an Athletic building. A diagram was distributed showing how the classes would be moved. He continued that this would make the students safer to have them in one building (K-8). There would be very little costs to making this move. We would need to add a wall in the Redwater to separate classrooms and demo the risers in the band building. We would save on some utility costs and maintenance costs. Concern was voiced on the younger students and the older students being together in the hallways and the adaptability for K-3 to move to Redwater. It was noted that there is a sink in every classroom in the Redwater but there is not a bathroom in each room as there is in Bo-Peep. Restrooms would be assigned to K-3 and the other set of restrooms would be assigned to 4-8. It was noted that there is no showers in the band building for students to shower after football practice. It was decided to have a public meeting and a possible open house to get more input.

Moved by White, seconded by Moline to table any decision on the restructure proposal. Motion carried unanimously by the combined board.

## STAFF CARRYING CONCEALED WEAPON

The school district can allow staff to carry concealed weapons. Policies 1705 Possession of Firearms/Weapons on School District Property and 1705F were distributed. This policy could be adopted in open session and then who would be allowed to carry would be in closed session. There is concern that a law enforcement officer could be an hour away in the event that we had an incident. Amy McCloy stated that from a CTA (Circle Teacher's Assoc) that this would need to be negotiated. It was noted that when this was brought up before that our Workman's compensation would increase depending on who was carrying. The board would like to revisit the items listed on the safety plan. Moved by Phillips, seconded by Moline to table any decision on the staff carrying a concealed weapon. Motion carried unanimously by the combined board.

Mr. Wenz gave his 9-12 principal/superintendent report. He will be applying for a \$5000. Technology grant from Mid-Rivers. He has met with DCC (Dawson Community College) about them providing instructors for adult education to be held on our shop building and partnership with them for this purpose. He attended an AD meeting. It is possible that homeschool students will be allowed to participate in activities but the school district can decide what programs they will allow. There is an AD meeting in November. On the MHSA Board agenda, again, will be a vote to move us from 2C to 3C. Western Sports Floors has given us an estimate to clean and abrade the gym floor and finish with 2 coats water based gym floor finish of \$2,058.24. It was suggested to have the future board meetings in the HS library. Discussion was held on the "wrap" for the new bus. A business has offered to purchase the wrap but would want their name on it. Garry Johnson also reported that the seats in the cruiser bus are showing wear and could be replaced. New drivers have to be trained by outside, approved people.

Information on school closure procedures was distributed.

Mrs. Murrell gave her principal report. We have started the process of moving away from RTI to MTSS. Teacher evaluations will begin soon. Attendance numbers were 97.59% in grades K-8. They are working to change the D/F list weekly parent notification for Redwater & HS. Coat hooks have been put up by the HS gym for K-4 students to hang coats when they come into the building. Nov 20 will be Doughnuts for Dads, Oct 24 is Pastries with the Principals, there will be a Veterans Day assembly on Nov. 11<sup>th</sup>.

The next meeting will be November 12<sup>th</sup>.

Moved by Beery, seconded by Moline to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 pm.

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