

The Board of Trustees of Circle Elementary and High School District No. One, McCone County, Montana, met in regular session on November 17, 2020 at 6:00 pm in the high school library. Trustees present Bryce Hove, Dusty White, Tyrel Massar, Tate Switzer, Cary Phillips, & Krista Beery. Also in attendance were Clerk Della Van Horn, Superintendent Preston Wenz, Principal Megan Murrell, Averi Pasma, Ashlee Sunderman, Alan Stempel, Lindsey Williams, Susan Erlenbusch, Megan Knuth, & Roger Schara.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Phillips, seconded by Switzer to approve the minutes of the October 13, 2020 meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously by the combined board.

(Student recognition for Cross Country will be on the next agenda)

PUBLIC COMMENT

Susan Erlenbusch asked if the board had any direction on the governor's mandate from today requiring the wearing of masks. No changes at this time (schools are exempt).

CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by White, seconded by Hove to approve the consent agenda of HS & Elementary claims & Payroll for November, Cash reconciliation ending Sept 30th, Expenditure budget balance report ending Nov. 10, 2020 and revenue report ending Sept. 30th, Sept & Oct HS extracurricular reports. Discussion was held on the cheer fund negative balance of 1241.84. It was reported that we have received the \$500 reimbursement for returned uniforms (sent for fitting), \$588 was made from the "pink out" fundraiser, leaving less than a \$200 deficit. Della reported that the field work for the 19-20 audit was completed last week and at this point there are no findings. Motion carried unanimously by the combined board.

AD REPORT

Ms Pasma gave her AD report. JH sports – the district wants masks on the players on the bench and communication will be ongoing with procedures. Discussion was held on charging at the gate. Suggested \$3 and \$2. (December agenda) JH wrestling schedule is day to day. HS Basketball – there will be a MHSAA meeting November 23rd for a decision on how the eastern districts will go. A lengthy discussion was held on moving 8th graders up and Title IX and equity. It usually is up to the coaches and who they want to bring up and if the numbers justify moving 8th graders up. December 7th practice starts, January 2nd is first contest, wrestling divisional and state have been moved back.

UNIFORM/EQUIPMENT ROTATION

Moved by Switzer, seconded by Massar to not include cheerleaders in the rotation schedule and the JH FB, BB, WR & VB will be added to the JH rotation schedule every 7 years. Motion carried unanimously by the combined board. Mr. Wenz noted that we will be washing the uniforms at the school after the games so that they are treated appropriately.

CLASS COVERAGE AND SUBSTITUTES

At this time we are able to cover classes with the substitutes that we have.

TECHNOLOGY PURCHASES & ROTATION

Mr. Wenz reported on estimates for 30 laptops \$33,450; 7 desktops \$6230; and 20 chromebooks \$6700 from Montana Technical Solutions. We have approximately \$11,000 in the governor's funds and the ESSER funds that should cover the costs. Discussion was held on chromebooks vs tablets. Krista mentioned that the chromebooks don't work with Microsoft and that is the direction we should be going. Megan Knuth stated she prefers IPADS. The board would like to get 1 on 1 devices for all students eventually. We need to have the equipment in the event that we should go to a national lockdown, for instance. Mr. Wenz reported that we have 268 units district wide. Moved by Switzer, seconded by Phillips to purchase 30 laptops from MTS. (request a 3 year warranty). Motion carried unanimously by the combined board. Desktops and chromebooks/tablets will be on the December agenda.

SECRETARY RECOMMENDATION

Mr. Wenz reported that he offered the secretary position to Brett Pawlowski and she declined. He recommends Ashlee Sunderman for the elementary secretary position for the 2021-22 year with some training hours this FY. Moved by White, seconded by Massar to offer Ashlee Sunderman the elementary secretary position at \$11.00 per hour for the 21-22 year (training hours TBD in 20-21 and contingent upon a successful background check). Motion carried unanimously by the elementary board (Beery opposed).

HANDBOOK ADDENDUMS

Maps of all schools will be added to the handbook. Discussion was held on if we should have parents sign a new form for the addendums. Would the changes start 2nd semester? Also add calendar, training rules, college prep program, student acceptable use policy, complaint form, and bell schedule. Moved by Switzer, seconded by Hove to revisit the handbooks addendums in December. Motion carried unanimously by the combined board.

DRESS CODE

Discussion was held on the wording in the handbook regarding leggings. The handbook reads if wearing "dress-up leggings or spandex leggings" students must have a shirt that hangs to mid-thigh front and back. Moved by Switzer, seconded by Phillips to delete the words "dress up and spandex". Motion carried unanimously by the combined board.

MTSBA DUES

Discussion was held on the MTSBA dues revenue estimate for FY 2022. The board reviewed the MTSBA bylaws on the dues revenue calculation. Estimated 3.24% increase. Moved by Massar, seconded by Phillips to approve the dues revenue estimate. Motion carried unanimously by the combined board.

WRESTLING OVERNIGHT TRIPS

Discussion was held on the wrestling overnight trips for this season. Our district is not allowing overnight travel and Mr. Wenz recommended that we follow that and not allow overnight traveling. MHSB has said "no" to out of state travel. Moved by White, seconded by Massar to table any decision on the overnight travel for wrestling. Motion carried unanimously by the combined board.

FAN PROTOCOLS FOR WINTER SPORTS

No changes at this time. We will look into getting ropes to rope off areas for basketball fans.

SHOP ROOF CONTRACT

The current contract that we had for the shop roof with *Kirkegard Construction* has expired. Mr. Wenz has reached out to legal counsel to see if we can extend the contract or if we have to do a new contract. Moved by White, seconded by Hove to extend the contract with *Kirkegard Construction* for the shop roof to March 1st, 2021. Motion carried unanimously by the combined board.

SUBSTITUTE LIST

Moved by White, seconded by Phillips to hire Kim Haynie for a substitute for the 20-21 year contingent upon a successful background check. Motion carried unanimously with the exception of Bryce Hove who abstained.

PRINCIPAL/SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Mr. Wenz gave his principal/superintendent report. The board reviewed the Priority Campus Projects List. Suggested graveling the parking lots and put sand on the ice coming up by the Bo-Peep. Mats for the HS gym walls are in the process of being ordered. Mr. Wenz also reported on the attendance numbers, 94-95%.

PRINCIPAL REPORT

Mrs. Murrell gave her principal report. She reported on attendance, Veterans Day Program, Platform night had about 20 parents attend, " Doughnuts for Dad" is coming up tomorrow, we will have the Cat/Griz food drive and the JH fundraiser raised about \$5500 for the elementary activity account.

DRIVERS ED FEES

Mr. Kleinsasser has signed the summer of 2021 contract. Drivers Ed fees will be on the December agenda.

Upcoming meetings:

December 8th, board meeting 6:00 pm
December 7th, Student Health Committee 5:00 pm
December 1st, Technology Committee, 5:00 pm
January 14th, Board Staff Dinner.

Moved by White, seconded by Beery to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 pm Motion carried unanimously by the combined board.
