

The Board of Trustees of Circle Elementary and High School District No. One, McCone County, Montana, met in regular session on December 8, 2020 at 6:00 pm in the high school library. Trustees present: Dusty White, Tyrel Massar, Tate Switzer, Cary Phillips & Krista Beery. Absent: Bryce Hove. Also in attendance were Clerk Della Van Horn, Superintendent Preston Wenz, Principal Megan Murrell, Megan Knuth, Lindsey Williams, Averi Pasma, Ty & Keri Taylor, Alan Stempel, Susan Erlenbusch, Mary Heide, Cade Taylor, Denny Becker, Mike & Jayme Bartelson. Present for the cross country recognition: BJ & Cassie Olson, Ryder, Savannah, & Tavia Nelson, Colleen & Krale Stormer, & Tina Hogan.

Vice Chair Dusty White called the meeting to order with the pledge.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Beery, seconded by Switzer to approve the minutes of the November 17, 2020 meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously by the combined board.

CROSS COUNTRY RECOGNIZED

At this time the cross country team was recognized for their accomplishments.

CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by Phillips, seconded by Massar to approve the consent agenda of Elementary & HS November claims, Cash balance ending October 31, Revenue report ending October 31, expenditure budget balance ending November 30, and the November HS extracurricular report. Motion carried unanimously by the combined board.

AD REPORT

Averi Pasma gave her activities director report. HS sports started their practices this week. MHSAA doesn't have a plan for moving our districts. Mr. Wenz and Averi agreed that we might want to have a community discussion about the move. At this time they are leaving the 10 teams and 6 teams for the districts where the 5th seed plays the 4th seed for divisionals. It was suggested to have the superintendents meet and then meet with the AD's. Our petition has been filed with MHSAA to bring up the 8th grade boys (possibly 3 at this time). It is not a Title IX issue to not bring up the girls, it is a numbers issue. Jamboree basketball will be played in "pods", we will probably be with Bainville, Culbertson, & Brockton. Jamboree season will run from January 9th to Feb 6th. The wrestling schedule has been worked out with 3 home mixers scheduled.

OLD BUSINESS

TECHNOLOGY PURCHASES & ROTATION

A survey has been sent out to parents to determine what technology needs are for the district. We have had families try out "hot spots" and they have worked well. Mr. Wenz suggested purchasing 8 with CRF funds. They are \$240 each and then it is \$40 for the plan. The hot spot plans can be suspended and we will have a "check out" plan with parents. Moved by Massar, seconded by Phillips to purchase 4 hot spots through Verizon. Motion carried unanimously by the combined board.

JUNIOR HIGH CHARGES FOR ADMISSION TO ATHLETIC EVENTS

Moved by Beery, seconded by Phillips to table any decision on charging for athletic events for JH. Motion carried unanimously by the elementary board.

WRESTLING OVERNIGHT TRIPS/EVENTS

Ms Pasma and Keri Taylor have been working on a schedule. At this time there are 2 overnight trips planned. Ty Taylor said the schedule will always be a “working schedule” as things are always changing.

SHOP ROOF UPDATED CONTRACT

Moved by Massar, seconded by Switzer to extend the contract with *Kirkegard Construction* on the shop building roof to May 1, 2021. Motion carried unanimously by the combined board. An updated contract will be signed (all terms and compensation stays the same).

HANDBOOK ADDENDUMS

Moved by Beery, seconded by Phillips to approve the addendums to the student handbook to include signature page, maps, complaint form, school calendar, training rules, student acceptable use policy, college prep info, bell schedule and training rules. Motion carried unanimously by the combined board.

STUDENT FEE FOR DRIVERS EDUCATION

Discussion was held on charges for driver’s education for summer of ’21. The instructor will be paid \$32.50 per hour. Each student receives 6 hours of driving time and in class instruction of 60 hours. Moved by Phillips, seconded by Switzer to charge in district students \$275.00 and out of district students \$350. Motion carried unanimously by the high school board.

WATER TOWER LOGO

Mr. Wenz was approached by the Town to see if we would be interested in putting the wildcat logo on the town water tower. A quote was received from “Cat Graphics, Inc” for \$7654. It is 15’ wide x 14.5’ high. It was estimated to last 16 years dependent on the weather. The board felt that at this time we have other building needs that should be priority. The board suggested soliciting organizations and individuals to see if the community is interested in funding the logo. Moved by Switzer, seconded by White to table any decision on the wildcat logo for the water tower. Motion carried unanimously by the combined board.

SUPERINTENDENT EVALUATION TOOL

The superintendent will be evaluated in January. Moved by Phillips, seconded by Beery to approve the evaluation tool that was used last year for the superintendent evaluation (EPAS). Motion carried unanimously by the combined board.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The building committee met and walked the school grounds. There are several areas that the floor tiles are cracking, which will be a priority to address. The building committee will meet on January 12 at 5:00 pm.

PRINCIPAL/SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Mr. Wenz gave his principal/superintendent report. The OPI maintains an electronic directory photograph repository of all Montana students for the exclusive purpose of locating missing school-age children. A opt in form is sent out to parents if they want their child's picture on infinite campus. Mr. Wenz has completed his 2nd of 3 classes needed for his Montana certification. Staff evaluations are ongoing. The staff dinner will be held on January 21st at 6:30 pm.

k-8 PRINCIPAL REPORT

Mrs. Murrell gave her principal report. Her evaluations are ongoing. Winter testing is taking place. She is working towards a certified Youth Mental Health First Aid Facilitator.

The board asked for a report on the building project progress. Unfinished projects are water lines, pumps for boiler, removal of water fountains in gym, electricity upgrade in district office, wall packs.

The next meeting will be January 12 at 6:00 pm. Building committee will be January 12th at 5:00 pm, Student Health committee at 11:00. Superintendent evaluation – a date will be set after conferring with chairman Hove.

Moved by Switzer, seconded by White to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 pm. Motion carried unanimously by the combined board.
