

The Board of Trustees of Circle Elementary and High School District No. One, McCone County, met in regular session on January 12, 2021 at 6:00 pm in the high school library. Trustees present: Bryce Hove, Dusty White, Tate Switzer, Krista Beery, & Cary Phillips. Absent: Tyrel Massar. Also in attendance were Clerk Della Van Horn, Superintendent Preston Wenz, Principal Megan Murrell, Susan Erlenbusch & Lindsey Williams & Averi Pasma.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by White, seconded by Beery to approve the minutes of the December 8, 2020 minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously by the combined board.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Moved by White, seconded by Hove to approve the consent agenda of High School & Elementary January claims & payroll, expenditure budget balance report ending 1/5/21, revenue report ending 11/30/20, & cash reconciliation report ending 11/30/20. Motion carried unanimously by the combined board.

AD REPORT:

Ms Pasma gave the AD report. Everything is going smoothly. There will be a MHSA meeting that will be held virtually on Monday. "Black Out" jerseys for basketball will be worn on Saturday for the home game. We have had that OK'd with MHSA. The jerseys were purchased with *Nike* incentive money. New uniforms were purchased for the boys this year. The boys designed them and picked them out. We can wear the jerseys for 1 week for the season at a home game. They can be worn for away games.

(Cary requested a written AD report in the future.)

OLD BUSINESS

TECHNOLOGY PURCHASES & ROTATION

Mr. Wenz reported that we are having a hard time getting the laptops for the K-3. High School now has 15 laptops in the cart. We don't need any action tonight. We are also looking into getting a smartboard for the special ed department. Moved by White, seconded by Phillips to table any action on technology purchases. Motion carried unanimously by the combined board.

WATER TOWER DONATIONS

Mr. Wenz reported that we have received \$200 in donations for the water tower "wildcat sticker" project. It was estimated to last 8 to 15 years..

VOLLEYBALL RECOGNITION

Present for the volleyball presentation (3rd in divisionals) were Haven Taylor, Leah Beery, Lynae, Hannah & Grace Gackle, Jalyn Curtiss, Ryan & Alex Moline, Sierra Nagle, Brooke Bartelson, Kayli Haynie, & Landynn White. Mr. Wenz handed out certificates and congratulated the girls.

SUPERINTENDENT CONTRACT

Mr. Wenz has submitted his requests to the board for negotiations of terms on his contract. Moved by Beery, seconded by Hove to table any action on the terms of the superintendent contract. Motion carried unanimously by the combined board.

RESIGNATIONS

A letter of resignation was read from Katelyn Fritz as custodian. Moved by White, seconded by Phillips to accept the letter of resignation for Katelyn Fritz. Motion carried unanimously by the combined board.

A letter of resignation was read from Derinda "Susie" Carlson as HS secretary. Moved by White, seconded by Phillips to accept the letter of resignation for Derinda Carlson. Motion carried unanimously by the combined board.

CUSTODIAL POSITION

Mr. Wenz reported that we have had no interest in our part time custodian position and suggested advertising for a full time person and see if that would make the position more attractive. They could also help with the events and clean up after them and be available during the event. Moved by White, seconded by Hove to advertise for a full time custodian for the 20-21 year. Motion carried unanimously by the combined board.

CAT SHACK POSITION

Moved by White, seconded by Beery to accept Ralph Walker's letter of resignation as cat shack manager. Motion carried unanimously by the combined board.

CAT SHACK RECOMMENDATION

Mr. Wenz recommended Helen Isaacson to fill out the remainder of the 20-21 year for the cat shack manager. Moved by White, seconded by Phillips to offer Helen Isaacson the 20-21 cat shack contract for the remainder of the year. (pro rated) Motion carried unanimously by the combined board.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Wenz gave the building committee report. We are looking into options for repairing cracked tiles in several classrooms. It was estimated that we will receive \$153000. For the 2nd round of CRF (coronavirus relief funds). Items that the money may be used for is doors, HVAC systems, security cameras, technology & cleaning. The money needs to be spent by the end of 2023. The board questioned whether these funds could be used for the remodeling of the restrooms in the high school lobby area. This will be looked in to.

HB 107 is a bill that has been introduced that would require a 2/3 vote to pass a levy. There is also a lot of language that would be required for the ballot. This would not be good for our local governments.

Roger Schara reported on the plumbing project. There is hot water to the home ec room, he will be working on getting the lines to the kitchen. Also working on lights, ballasts. Other things discussed were "on demand" hot water heaters, updating breaker box in the district office, repairing breaker box going into the weight room and installing outside lights to brighten the dark spots. Other items were to

repair fences around the outside of the school grounds, graveling the parking lots. Cary has inquired with the commissioners and the road department is willing to help.

PRINCIPAL/SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Mr. Wenz gave his principal/superintendent report. The MDOT has agreed to place "Caution Bus Stop Ahead" signs in both directions for the Spring Creek Road stop location. The sound system has been fixed, the greenhouse is gone, and the north end gym mats have been shipped. Discussion was held on the calendar and when 2nd semester starts. It was mentioned that the student council and/or all students should have input. Pros and cons both ways were discussed.

It was mentioned that the MCT is scheduled to be here the week of January 25th. They have sent correspondence that they would require actors to wear masks and that they would not be doing makeup for the performance because of COVID restrictions. We spend \$3500 to have them come here with housing the directors and their fees. They also suggested 2 performances for social distancing and would require temperature checks. The board suggested that we send out letters to parents to see how many students would want to participate with these restrictions. The administration can make the decision of whether or not to host the MCT this year based on the response from parent surveys.

PRINCIPAL REPORT

Mrs. Murrell gave her principal report. Winter testing is underway, elementary PE was moved to allow for weight lifting. No one has signed up for weight lifting, scheduling conflicts on the times.

(Cary asked for more information on the elementary report).

FUTURE TOPICS: staff contracts, grants & election. Susan Erlenbusch mentioned that the CTA has sent a letter to begin negotiations. They have become aware of some bills in the legislature that would affect unions and when and how they can negotiate (the bills would take away negotiating power). The union is suggesting to get a MOU in place with the board. Senior trip on February agenda.

The next board meeting will be February 8th at 6:00 pm. Safety meeting at 5:00 pm. January 20th – 4:00 handbook committee, 5:00 pm technology. January 25th – 5:30 pm teachers negotiating (MOU) 6:00 pm superintendent negotiations.

Moved by White, seconded by Switzer to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 pm. Motion carried unanimously by the combined board.
