

The Board of Trustees of Circle Elementary and High School District No. One, McCone County, met in regular session on October 11, 2021 at 6:00 pm in the high school library. Trustees present: Bryce Hove, Cary Phillips, Tyrel Massar, Tate Switzer, Krista Beery. Absent: Dusty White. Also in attendance were Clerk Della Van Horn, Superintendent Dr. Dern, Ashlee Sunderman, Savanah Myhre, Joe Juliano, Paul Skyberg, Burl Beley, Megan Knuth, Averi Pasma, Kimber Gebhardt, and Tara Hubing.

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

Bryce informed the board that we are not able to modify an agenda and so the “adoption of the agenda” will no longer be acted on. (Policy 1420)

Hove asked for any public comment on any non agenda matter.

Paul Skyberg asked if they (the audience) could get an update on the status of Mrs. Murrell and the investigation. Dr. Dern informed him that there is no status to report or disclose at this time.

Burl Beley said that he would like to request that his son, Chance, be able to play basketball at Circle this fall. Averi reported that our understanding is that the legislation requires the student participate in the extracurricular activity within the student’s resident school district. Dr. Dern stated that SB 157 didn’t add that they can participate in the closest school. He said this could possibly change in the next session. Burl continued that Chance is enrolled in the “Mystery in History” class and asked if that is a class that is part of Circle Schools. It is not; the class is outside of our school, students have parental permission to attend for a couple periods. Dr. Dern offered to set up a conference call with MHSA and Burl.

Ashlee Sunderman asked the board what the status is on the handbooks. The corrections and updates were given to Mrs. Murrell. The handbooks should be in “the drive” and can be updated and corrected.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Switzer, seconded by Phillips to approve the minutes of the September 8, 2021 meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously by the combined board.

Moved by Massar, seconded by Beery to approve the minutes of the September 21, 2021 special meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously by the combined board.

CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by Phillips, seconded by Hove to approve the consent agenda of Elementary & HS October claims, September & October payroll, Cash report ending August, 2021, Expenditure budget balance ending Oct. 5, 2021 and the revenue report ending August, 2021. Motion carried unanimously by the combined board. Della mentioned that the line items for the expenditure budget are entered in the software. The general funds could be very tight with the anticipation of increases in the utilities and liability insurance and with the increases in salaries.

ACTIVITIES REPORT

Ms Pasma gave her activities report. There could be a possible home football challenge game next Saturday. (Oct 23) against Plentywood if they win and we lose. Pink night for volleyball is October 22nd. District VB is in Glendive on Oct. 28 & 29 and divisionals will be in Sidney. She reported on the

tournament books and some changes in how that is being done. Homecoming was great for all gates & concessions with the class reunion being the same weekend.

OLD BUSINESS

Consideration of safe return to Schools and Continuity of Services Plan – no updates

1420 School board Agenda – Hove read from the school board policy 1420 in regards to the timeframe of the investigation that personnel matters cannot be discussed as an individual has the right to privacy.

SHOP ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

It was mentioned that the curriculum for the Industrial Arts program should be included in the rotation and should be addressed at a curriculum committee meeting. Moved by Switzer, seconded by Phillips to approve the minutes of the industrial arts advisory committee. Motion carried unanimously by the combined board.

NEW BUSINESS

Substitute list

Moved by Beery, seconded by Phillips to add Jaqcee Huseby to the substitute teacher list. Motion carried unanimously by the combined board.

WATER SYSTEM – PRACTICE FB FIELD

Hove would like this placed on the building committee agenda for discussion. Moved by Switzer, seconded by Phillips to table any decision on the water system for the practice FB field. Motion carried unanimously by the combined board.

EARLY KINDERGARTEN

Dr. Dern has done some research and reported that children can enroll as young as 3 years and we can still receive ANB. Enrollment of a 3 year old child is contingent on an identified disability qualifying the child for services under Section 504. Policy 1010FE has 2 options for accomplishing early kindergarten enrollment. "Circle would need to choose option B, Exceptional Circumstances Present in the community based on the following circumstance: Anticipated learning loss resulting from a public health emergency or other community disaster. The program will be a kindergarten program and NOT any other type of program (e.g., preschool, early childhood, or pre-K). The age of those enrolled may be 3 and 4 year old children presumably who achieve such a qualifying age before September 10 of the enrolling fiscal year of the school."

Savanah Myhre stated that as a parent she felt it would be beneficial to have a certified teacher for pre kindergarten and appreciates the board considering it for the district. (offering a K- Ready Kindergarten program).

Other discussion was held on holding it half day or whole days and possible numbers of students. Mrs. Knuth spoke in favor of the K-Ready Kindergarten program and felt it would be beneficial to collaborate with a teacher in our system. Transportation would be an issue for half days.

Moved by Massar, seconded by Switzer to approve the 1st reading of policy 1010FE. Motion carried unanimously by elementary board.

HVAC DISCUSSION

Hove suggested that Mechanical Technology Inc. look at the project and do a walk through. The duct work is already in place for the High school and Redwater. There is not enough electrical infrastructure and we would need to go to 3 phase. It was noted that we have been approved for our ESSER III grant and that we could amend as needed. Bo-Peep can add coolers to their HVAC system. Suggestions of possible contractors were discussed.

Moved by Beery, seconded by Phillips to table any action on HVAC. Motion carried unanimously by the combined board.

POLICY MAINTENANCE/UPDATES

1135 School Board Advocacy – (policy not added)

1210 Officers & Qualifications – change so that the board chair “may” make a motion

1420 School Board Meeting Procedure – do not include optional language

2050 Student Instruction

2140 Guidance and Counseling add “to”

2167 Correspondence courses do not include optional language

2168 Distance Learning

2221P School Closure Procedures do not include optional language

2240 Summer School (policy not added)

3121 Enrollment and Attendance

3222 Distribution and posting materials (policy not added)

3231 Search and Seizure

3235 Video surveillance line 20 add: Clerk, Associate Clerk, Counselor, HS Secretary, Superintendent, Principal, Option 1

4330P community use of facilities add, without optional language

4330F

5140 Classified employment and assignment – don’t update

5223 Personal Conduct - Dr. Dern will research

5314 Substitutes

7251 Disposal of Property

4125 District Social Media; add 4) other assignees by superintendent

8211 Procurement Policy using federal funds (policy not added)

Policies to delete: 2312P & 4330F1

Moved by Massar, seconded by Switzer to approve the 1st reading of the above mentioned policies as noted. Motion carried unanimously by the combined board.

An email will be send to the chairs of the committees to set up meetings: Handbook, Tech, Curriculum, Building, & Safety

Dr. Dern gave his principal/superintendent report. ESSER III has been approved. Fall enrollment is at 210 students K-12. Megan Knuth and Kimber Gebhardt have been valuable as lead teachers in their respective buildings. Circle was represented at the MASS/MCASE fall conference by way of Dr. Dern's role in developing the conference. Dr. Dern serves as the founding Faculty Director for the Montana Executive Leadership Academy.

The next meeting will be held on November 9th at 6:00 pm.

Discussion was held on MSBA Title IX training. The board agreed to pay the \$500 for all members to attend. It will be held virtually on November 9, 16 & 23rd.

Moved by Switzer, seconded by Phillips to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 pm. Motion carried unanimously by the combined board.
