

May 19, 2026 Regular Meeting

The Unified Board of Trustees met in regular session on Tuesday, May 19, 2026 in the High School Library. Chairman, Harold Erlenbusch called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

PRESENT

Members present were: Chairman, Harold Erlenbusch, Beth Murnion, Amber Saylor, Wyatt Colvin, and Jason Nordlund. Also present were: Superintendent, James Hansen; Clerk, Anna Guesanburu; Kalley Pluhar, Heather Gibson, Randee Murnion, Marisa O'Connor, Angie Murnion, Forrest Hensley, Bret Hellyer, John O'Connor, Krystal Nelson, Shanna Murnion, Katie Shawver, Jodi McWilliams, Beth Lawrence, and Aaron McWilliams.

AGENDA

Motion was made by Saylor, seconded by Murnion to approve the agenda without correction. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Krystal Nelson asked the Board if an item on the agenda can be commented on by the public at that time or if the public had to comment during this time. Chairman Erlenbusch informed the public that as long as an item is listed on the agenda it can be discussed during that time and any non-listed agenda items can be brought to the Board during public comment but cannot be acted upon. At this time Chairman Erlenbusch read a letter to the Board from Judith Billing thanking the District for the opportunity to work here for the last 37 years.

A.D. REPORT

Athletic Director, Beth Lawrence informed the Board golf is at State right now and Divisional track is on Thursday.

STUCO REPORT

Student Council Representative, Gwen Miller informed the Board the color run was a success and elections have taken place for the 2026-27 school year student council positions.

MINUTES

Motion was made by Murnion, seconded by Nordlund to approve the minutes of the April 21, 2026 regular meeting without correction or addition. Motion carried unanimously. Motion was made by Murnion, seconded by Saylor to approve the minutes of the April 30, 2026 special meeting without correction or addition. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion was made by Saylor, seconded by Nordlund to approve the consent agenda including the following items: #6.1 Accounts Payable/Payroll Claims; #6.2 Payroll Claims Transfers; and #6.3 Extra-curricular reports HS/EL. Accounts Payable includes #33392 - #33420; Direct Deposit warrants include #83547 - #83482; Payroll warrants include #24326 - #24369. Extra-curricular warrants include: #21083 - #21264. Motion carried unanimously.

PURCHASE ORDERS

Motion was made by Saylor, seconded by Murnion to approve our MHSA annual dues for the 2026-27 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

EL SEWER REPAIR

Superintendent Hansen informed the Board he has received a proposal from Star Service Inc. from Billings Montana to help fix the plumbing issues in the elementary. Motion was made by Murnion, seconded by Nordlund to approve the proposal from Star Service Inc. in the amount of \$15,672.00. Motion carried unanimously.

TECHNOLOGY UPGRADE

Superintendent Hansen revisited with the Board of the K12 Montana upgrading the school technology. Motion was made by Saylor, seconded by Colvin to approve tabling this item until next month. Motion carried unanimously.

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2026-27 NEGOTIATIONS

Motion was made by Nordlund, seconded by Saylor to approve the 2026-27 JEA negotiations final. Motion carried unanimously. At this time no action will be taken on sponsoring green cards through the District.

2026-27 STAFFING

Superintendent Hansen informed the Board of the unfilled employment positions of the District and having to wait until mid-July to apply for emergency licensures. Motion was made by Nordlund, seconded by Colvin to approve Mr. Hansen to work on the J1 visa process. Motion carried unanimously. Motion was made by Nordlund, seconded by Saylor to approve hiring Susan Bailey for the history position for the 2026-27 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

OATH OF CANDIDACY/TRUSTEE APPOINTMENT

Anna Guesanburu, Beth Murnion and Wyatt Colvin gave their oath of candidacy in front of County Superintendent, Heather Gibson. Motion was made by Nordlund, seconded by Colvin to appoint John O'Connor for the vacant trustee position for one year until the next regular school election. Motion carried unanimously.

REORGANIZATION OF BOARD/COMMITTEES

At this time, the Board reorganized. Superintendent, James Hansen asked for nominations for Chairman. Trustee Nordlund nominated Harold Erlenbusch for Chairman. Trustee Murnion seconded the nomination. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Erlenbusch asked for nominations for Vice-Chairman. Trustee Colvin nominated Jason Nordlund for Vice-Chairman. Trustee Murnion seconded the nomination. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Erlenbusch asked for nominations for Secretary. Trustee Nordlund nominated Beth Murnion for Secretary. Trustee Colvin seconded the nomination. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Erlenbusch asked for nominations for Clerk. Trustee Murnion nominated Anna Guesanburu for Clerk. Trustee Nordlund seconded the nomination. Motion carried unanimously. The Unified Board of Trustees Committees: BUDGET: Erlenbusch, Colvin, Guesanburu, and Supt. POLICY: Erlenbusch, Nordlund, and Supt. NEGOTIATIONS: Erlenbusch and Nordlund. TRANSPORTATION: Erlenbusch, Colvin, and Supt. CURRICULUM: Erlenbusch, Murnion, and Supt. SAFETY/FACILITIES: Head Maintenance, Erlenbusch, Nordlund, and Supt. PLAYGROUND: Erlenbusch, Murnion, and Supt. SICK LEAVE BANK: Erlenbusch, O'Connor, and Supt. GRANT ADVISORY: Erlenbusch, Nordlund, and Supt. HIRING/INTERVIEW: Erlenbusch, O'Connor, and Supt.

FALL BOYS SPORTS

Motion was made by Nordlund, seconded by Colvin to approve hiring Jason Bollinger as the head high school football coach for the 2026-27 school year. Motion carried. Murnion abstains. Motion was made by O'Connor, seconded by Nordlund to approve hiring Bret Hellyer as the assistant high school football coach for the 2026-27 school year. Motion carried. Murnion abstains.

FALL GIRLS SPORTS

Motion was made by Murnion, seconded by Nordlund to approve hiring Beth Lawrence as the head high school volleyball coach for the 2026-27 school year. Motion carried, O'Connor abstains. Motion was made by Murnion, seconded by Nordlund to approve hiring Macy Bliss as the assistant high school volleyball coach for the 2026-27 school year. Motion carried unanimously. Motion was made by Murnion, seconded by Nordlund to approve hiring Grace McDonald as the head junior high volleyball coach for the 2026-27 school year. Motion carried unanimously. Motion was made by Murnion, seconded by Nordlund to approve hiring Laney Baker as the assistant junior high volleyball coach for the 2026-27 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

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WINTER BOYS SPORTS

Motion was made by Nordlund, seconded by O'Connor to approve hiring Bret Hellyer as the head high school boys' basketball coach for the 2026-27 school year. Motion carried. Murnion abstains. Motion was made by Nordlund, seconded by Murnion to approve hiring Mary Brown as the head junior high boys' basketball coach for the 2026-27 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

WINTER GIRLS SPORTS

Motion was made by Nordlund, seconded by Colvin to approve hiring Roger Saylor as the head high school girls' basketball coach for the 2026-27 school year. Motion carried unanimously. Motion was made by Nordlund, seconded by Murnion to approve hiring Aaron McWilliams as the assistant high school girls' basketball coach for the 2026-27 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

2026 KINDERGARTEN CALENDAR

Mrs. Marisa O'Connor asked the Board to consider removing the two beginning Tuesdays in May from the calendar. Motion was made by Murnion, seconded by Colvin to approve removing the first two Tuesdays in May from the 2026-27 Kindergarten Calendar. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN

Motion was made by Colvin to adjourn at 6:33 p.m.

Anna Guesanburu, Clerk

Date

Harold Erlenbusch, Chairman

Date