

March 19, 2025 Regular Meeting

The Unified Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, March 19, 2025 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 Wyatt Colvin, and Jason Nordlund. Also present were: Teacher/Principal, Judy Billing; Clerk, Anna Guesanburu; Beth Lawrence, Marla & Kalley Pluhar, Bethany Ryan, Bob Stephenson, Marisa O'Connor, and Angie Murnion.

ABSENT

Members absent were: Amber Saylor

AGENDA

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

A.D. REPORT

Athletic Director, Beth Lawrence informed the Board the track dates are set and golf meets are showing up as our school has to be invited to them. There are 24 students out for track and 8 students out for golf along with 2 students participating in both sports. Discussion was held on implementing golf in the middle of the school year and what our budget will allow this year.

STUCO REPORT

Student Council Representative, Skylar Lawrence informed the Board May 5th – 9th is staff appreciation week where they will do something special every day for the staff.

TEACHER REPORT

Mr. Stephenson informed the Board the Legislative trip went well and the students learned a lot of information on the process of the legislature.

TEACHER/PRINCIPAL REPORT

Teacher/Principal, Judy Billing informed the Board the 5th grade, FACS, and English teaching positions are still open. The mural has been finalized and given to the Jordan Elementary PTO. Mrs. Billing would like the benches put back outside of the high school for the students to utilize during lunch. Mrs. Billing is going to attend a grant writing workshop in April.

MINUTES

Motion was made by Nordlund, seconded by Murnion to approve the minutes of the February 17, 2025 regular meeting without correction or addition. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion was made by Murnion, seconded by Colvin 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 #32906 - #32944; Direct Deposit warrants include #83924 - #83895; Payroll warrants include #24050 - #24064. Motion carried unanimously.

PURCHASE ORDERS

Motion was made by Murnion, seconded by Colvin to approve the new social studies curriculum for 2nd, 3rd, and 5th grades in the amount of \$8271.20. Motion carried unanimously.

SURPLUS

Motion was made by Nordlund, seconded by Murnion to approve the surplus of old/no longer used items listed by Marla Pluhar from the cafeteria. Motion carried unanimously.

MT BOILER SERVICE QUOTE

Clerk Guesanburu informed the Board since the last regular meeting the boiler at the gym had started blowing tubes and needed to have them replaced immediately. The Board was made aware of the emergency and since then Montana Boiler Services has been here and replaced/repairs the gym boiler. Motion was made by Nordlund, seconded by Murnion to approve the quote from Montana Boiler Services in the amount of \$18,300.00. Motion carried unanimously.

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STAFF/HIRING

Motion was made by Nordlund, seconded by Colvin to approve the hiring of Noli Bollinger as the assistant track coach for the 2024-25 season. Motion carried unanimously.

NEGOTIATIONS

The negotiations committee had postponed their meeting before the regular meeting as they are waiting on the passage of bills through the legislature.

ELECTION

Clerk Guesanburu informed the Board we are at stand still right now waiting on legislature and the deadline for a candidate to file for a trustee position is March 27th.

2025-26 SCHOOL CALENDAR

Motion was made by Colvin, seconded by Nordlund to approve the 2025-26 school calendar as presented by Teacher/Principal, Judy Billing. Motion carried unanimously.

2025-26 CONTRACTS

PRINCIPAL

Motion was made by Murnion, seconded by Nordlund to offer Judith Billing a principal contract for the 2025-26 year. Motion carried unanimously.

CERTIFIED TENURED

All certified employee tenured contracts for the 2025-2026 year were the next item on the agenda. Motion was made by Colvin, seconded by Nordlund to approve the recommendation of Teacher/Principal, Judy Billing to offer the certified employee contracts to the following tenured certified staff for the 2025-2026 school year: Charlotte Billing, Dawn FitzGerald, John Garner, Beth Lawrence, Angela Murnion, Elizabeth Murnion, Randee Murnion, Marisa O'Connor, Meriah Ryan, Katie Shawver, and Robert Stephenson. Motion carried unanimously.

3RD YEAR TENURE CONTRACTS

Motion was made by Murnion, seconded by Colvin to approve the recommendation of Teacher/Principal, Judy Billing to tenure Ty Stanton's certified contract for the 2025-26 year. Motion carried unanimously.

CERTIFIED NON-TENURED

Motion was made by Murnion, seconded by Nordlund to approve the recommendation of Teacher/Principal, Judy Billing to offer Geodyl Caligan a certified contract for the 2025-26 year. Motion carried unanimously. Motion was made by Murnion, seconded by Colvin to approve the recommendation of Teacher/Principal, Judy Billing to offer Summer Denton a certified contract for the 2025-26 year. Motion carried unanimously. Motion was made by Murnion, seconded by Nordlund to approve the recommendation of Teacher/Principal, Judy Billing to offer Jenny Manuel a certified contract for the 2025-26 year. Motion carried unanimously. Motion was made by Murnion, seconded by Colvin to approve the recommendation of Teacher/Principal, Judy Billing to offer Alexander Vivar a certified contract for the 2025-26 year. Motion carried unanimously.

CLASSIFIED

Motion was made by Murnion, seconded by Nordlund to offer Bryan FitzGerald a contract for Head Maintenance position, Malcolm McRae a contract for Maintenance/Custodian position, Kalley Pluhar a contract for Janitorial/Assistant Cook positions, Marla Pluhar a contract for Head Cook position, Randa Ross a contract for the HS secretary position, Samantha Thomas a contract for the EL secretary position, Twila McWilliams a contract for Instructional Paraprofessional position, Bethany Ryan a contract for Instructional Paraprofessional position, Samantha Watt a contract for Special Ed Paraprofessional position, and Anna Guesanburu a contract for Business Manager/District Clerk position for the 2025-2026 year. Motion carried unanimously.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR

Motion was made by Nordlund, seconded by Colvin to offer all 2025-2026 extra-curricular contracts back the same as last year. Motion carried unanimously.

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CLASSIFIED NEGOTIATIONS

At this time Clerk Guesanburu handed the Board a percentage sheet on potential raises for the classified staff. Clerk Guesanburu asked the Board for a 3 percent raise to the classified hourly wage. Motion was made by Colvin, seconded by Nordlund to approve a 3 percent raise to the classified hourly wage for the 2025-26 year. Motion carried unanimously.

SB 307

Clerk, Guesanburu informed the Board of the Senate Bill 307 established in 2017. This bill requires Trustees to adopt a resolution with public notice prior to increasing non-voted levies. Motion was made by Colvin, seconded by Murnion to approve the elementary and high school intent to increase non-voted levy resolutions. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN

Motion was made by Murnion to adjourn at 5:55 p.m.

Anna Guesanburu, Clerk Date

Harold Erlenbusch, Chairman Date