July 21, 2026 Regular Meeting

The Unified Board of Trustees met in regular session on Tuesday, July 21, 2026 in the High School Library. Chairman, Harold Erlenbusch called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT

Members present were: Chairman, Harold Erlenbusch, Beth Murnion, Wyatt Colvin, Jason Nordlund, and John O'Connor. Also present were: Principal, Julie Elias; Clerk, Anna Guesanburu, Beth Lawrence, Angie Murnion, Bethany Ryan, Meriah Ryan, and Randee Murnion.

AGENDA

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

A.D. REPORT

Athletic Director, Beth Lawrence informed the Board Sacred Heart is willing to let us use their gym for three volleyball games and the Miles City high school might be able to cover a couple. Depending on participating numbers Mrs. Lawrence may be moving 8th graders up to play volleyball this year.

TEACHER REPORT

There will be a back to school potluck BBQ held on Monday, August 10th at 5:30pm sponsored by the Jordan EL PTO.

PRINCIPAL REPORT

Principal, Julie Elias informed the Board that so far transitioning into Jordan Public Schools has been going well.

MINUTES

Motion was made by Murnion, seconded by Colvin to approve the minutes of the June 16, 2026 regular meeting without correction or addition. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion was made by O'Connor, 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 #33476 - #33502; Direct Deposit warrants include #83470 - #83466; Payroll warrants include #24391 - #24396. Extra-curricular warrants include: #21274 - #21279. Motion carried unanimously.

EL SEWER REPAIR

Principal Elias updated the Board on the elementary sewer project, the concrete has been poured and just waiting on the new flooring which should be here next week.

TECHNOLOGY UPGRADE

Principal Elias updated the Board on the technology upgrade, the K12 Montana crew has been here already working towards updating all of our technology in the schools. The goal is to have most of it completed by the time school starts.

SPECIAL EDUCATION AIDE

Motion was made by Nordlund, seconded by Colvin to approve hiring Eliza Newfield-Aos as a Special Education Aide for the 2026-27 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

ELEMENTARY TEACHING POSITION

Principal Elias has an interview set up for Monday with a possible applicant for an elementary teaching position.

GYM

Insurance gave the go ahead to start the process of replacing the gym floor. Western Sport Floors gave an itinerary of the expected start and completion of the floor, September 1st thru November 10th is their guesstimate.

STAR SERVICE QUOTE

While Star Service Inc. was here fixing the elementary plumbing they gave the school a quote on installing backwater valves into our pipes down at the gym to help prevent the backup of sewer water into the gym. Motion was made by Colvin, seconded by Murnion to approve the purchase of the valves and installation from Star Service in the amount of $1626.00. Motion carried unanimously.

MTSBA POLICIES

Motion was made by Murnion, seconded by Nordlund to approve second and final reading of new policies #5323, and #5324. Motion carried unanimously.

TEACHER LEAVE REQUEST

Motion was made by Nordlund, seconded by Colvin to approve a teacher leave request for a day occurring the first week of school. Motion carried unanimously.

2026-27 ATTENDANCE AGREEMENTS

Motion was made by O'Connor, seconded by Colvin to approve the 2026-27 district attendance agreements. Motion carried unanimously.

2026-27 COAL CONTRACT

Motion was made by O'Connor, seconded by Murnion to approve a five year coal hauling contract with Olson Trucking, commencing on July 1, 2026 and expiring on June 30, 2031. Motion carried unanimously.

CLERK EVALUATION

Chairman Harold Erlenbusch closed the meeting at 7:36 p.m., pursuant to Title 2-3-203; paragraph three, as the matter at hand, Clerk Evaluation, is a matter of individual privacy, and the Chairman has determined that the demands of individual privacy clearly exceed the merits of public disclosure. The Board, Principal Elias, and Clerk Guesanburu remained in the meeting. The meeting was opened at 7:49 p.m. The Board agreed Clerk Guesanburu exceeds expectations.

ADJOURN

Motion was made by Colvin to adjourn at 8:00 p.m.

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Anna Guesanburu, Clerk Date Harold Erlenbusch, Chairman Date