

February 21, 2023 Regular Meeting

The Unified Board of Trustees met in regular session on Tuesday, February 21, 2023 in the High School Library. Chairman, Bryan Phipps called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

PRESENT

Members present were: Chairman, Bryan Phipps, Beth Murnion, Harold Erlenbusch, and Amber Saylor. Also present were: Superintendent, Nathan Olson; Clerk, Anna Guesanburu; Judy Billing, Bob Stephenson, Loren Edwards, Angie Murnion, Meriah Ryan, Marisa O'Connor, Randee Murnion, Katie Shawver, and Beth Lawrence.

ABSENT

Members absent were: Matthew Bliss

AGENDA

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

At this time Chairman Phipps read a thank you card from the Gina FitzGerald family.

A.D. REPORT

Athletic Director, Loren Edwards informed the Board there are six track meets scheduled for the high school and four scheduled for Jr. High this season. Football and volleyball schedules for the 2023-24 season are almost complete. Rooms have been reserved for the Divisional basketball tournaments.

STUCO REPORT

Student Council Representative, Jodi Gibson informed the Board there is a pep rally scheduled for next Tuesday to send the boys' and girls' basketball teams off to Divisional tournaments. Mrs. Judy Billing informed the Board there was a very special tribute to Ms. Gina FitzGerald at the District tournaments in Miles City.

TEACHER REPORT

Chairman Phipps read a letter from the JEA in regards to opening negotiations for the 2023-24 year.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Superintendent Olson informed the Board what all has been going on during the legislative session thus far. The March meeting date falls during the legislative trip and Mr. Olson will be gone. Motion was made by Saylor, seconded by Murnion to approve moving the March regular Board meeting date to March 28, 2023. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Olson has received a quote from DJ Ryan to replace outside doors on the high school and gym. The Board agreed to look into some other options before accepting this quote.

MINUTES

Motion was made by Saylor, seconded by Murnion to approve the minutes of the January 17, 2023 regular meeting without correction or addition. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion was made by Murnion, seconded by Saylor 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 #32003 - #32045; Direct Deposit warrants include #84633 - #84605; Payroll warrants include #23574 - #23594. Motion carried unanimously.

PURCHASE ORDERS

Motion was made by Erlenbusch, seconded by Murnion to approve the quote from Red Hot Fire Extinguisher Sales in the amount of \$3700.00 to replace the suppression system in the cafeteria oven. Motion carried unanimously. Motion was made by Murnion, seconded by Erlenbusch to approve the purchase of five i-Pads for the Kindergarten class in the amount of \$2349.00. Motion carried unanimously. Motion was made by Erlenbusch, seconded by Saylor to approve the State FCCLA rooms in March in the amount of \$1382.40. Motion carried unanimously. Motion was made by Murnion, seconded by Erlenbusch to approve the purchase from Quill for copier paper in the amount of \$2068.35. Motion carried unanimously.

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LONG RANGE PLANNING

Before the regular meeting the facilities committee; Chairman Phipps, Trustee Erlenbusch, and Superintendent Olson met and discussed projects to consider putting into place for the long range plan. 1. Replacing the gym roof, 2. Refinishing the MPR floor, 3. Annex between the elementary and high school buildings, 4. Fitness center attached to the gym for school and public use, and 5. Paving the gym parking lot.

CALL FOR ELECTION

Motion was made by Erlenbusch, seconded by Saylor to approve the following election resolution: To hold a regular school election on Tuesday May 2, 2023. The polls will be open from 12:00 noon to 8:00 p.m. This election is to request approval of special levies to operate and maintain the Jordan Elementary School District #1 and Garfield County District High School for the 2023-2024 school year. To elect one trustee for a three year term in School District #1. This position is now filled by Beth Murnion. To elect one trustee for a three year term in School Districts #19, #42, and #52. This position is now filled by Matthew Bliss. If it is later determined that any portion of the election is not required, the Unified Board of Trustees authorizes Anna Guesanburu, election administrator, to cancel that portion of the election in accordance with 13-1-304 and 20-3-313, MCA. Motion carried unanimously. Motion was made by Murnion, seconded by Saylor to appoint Noreen McKeever, Alene O'Connor, and Sonja Turner as election judges for the May 2, 2023 election. Motion carried unanimously.

DRUG TESTING

Superintendent Olson informed the Board there has been several people approach him with concerns of students using drugs. Mr. Olson presented an MTSBA policy for the Board to look over and draft into words suitable for our school.

VAPE DETECTORS

Superintendent Olson informed the Board of concerns of student's vaping in the bathrooms. Motion was made by Murnion, seconded by Erlenbusch to approve the purchase of vape detectors in the amount of \$3228.00. Motion carried unanimously.

STAFFING/HIRING – 2023/24

Motion was made by Erlenbusch, seconded by Saylor to approve moving Tawney Stanton from EL Special Ed Aide to the EL Secretary position. Motion carried unanimously. Motion was made by Saylor, seconded by Murnion to approve hiring Samantha Watt as the EL Special Ed Aide for the remainder of the 2022-23 year. Motion carried unanimously. Motion was made by Erlenbusch, seconded by Saylor to approve using REAP funds to advertise and recruit new teachers for the vacant positions. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN

Motion was made by Erlenbusch to adjourn at 5:51 p.m.

Anna Guesanburu, Clerk

Date

Bryan Phipps, Chairman

Date