

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES

April 14, 2020
5:30pm Virtual Meeting

Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, Roll

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order at 5:33 PM by Chairman Ryan Van Ballegooyen

Trustees Present: Kelley Oakes, Jay Jamieson and Missy Jones. A quorum was present.

Trustees Absent: Rich Pope

Administration Present: Superintendent Nathan Schmitz, Principal Mike Rice, Principal Jesse Moore and Business Manager Julie Copeman

Administration absent: none

Adopt the Agenda: A motion was made to adopt the agenda. Motion: Missy Jones Second: Jay Jamieson Pass: 4:0

Public Present: Vicki Green, Marshall Pluhar and Carol Phillips

Public Comment – None

Reports and Recognitions

A. Administration Report

- a. **Superintendent:** Mr. Schmitz explained all staff are on board with distance learning. Family needs are being met. New middle school is on target. Elder Grove Covid-19 plan was approved by the state.
- b. **Middle school Principal:** Mr. Rice stated virtual meetings are being held each week for the teachers. Q & A sessions are held to answer questions. Mrs. Rice sent out a survey to all students. Valuable feedback was received.
- c. **Elementary Principal:** Mr. Moore stated virtual meetings are being held each week for the teachers. Materials are being picked up and dropped off weekly. Teachers are staying connected with families. School continues to be cleaned and maintenance jobs are getting done.

B. Technology Report: None.

C. Financial Report: None

D. Student Council Report: None

E. Correspondence: None

Consent Agenda:

- A. **Minutes –** Regular meeting minutes March 10, 2020. Emergency board meeting minutes March 13, 17, 27, 2020
- B. **Claims Clearing Warrants** 9018823-9018839, 9018840-9018849, 9018850-9018860
- C. Payroll Clearing March
- D. Activities Account

Motion was made to approve the Consent Agenda

Motion: Kelley Oakes Second: Jay Jamieson Pass: 4:0

Discussion

- A. **School Calendar for 2020-2021:** A motion was made to adopt the 2020-21 school calendar.
Motion: Missy Jones Second: Kelley Oakes Pass: 4:0
- B. **Teacher Contracts:** A motion was made to renew all certified teachers and tenure those who are eligible this year.
Motion: Kelley Oakes Second: Jay Jamieson Pass: 4:0
- C. **Accreditation Status:** Informational Only. Elder Grove has received Regular Status both Elementary and Middle School in all categories.
- D. **Election Cancelled:** Election has been cancelled and rescheduled for July 7, 2020, by the county superintendent.
- E. **Biennium Coal Impacted Area Designation:** Mrs. Copeman explained what the designation is and the document that needs to be signed. A motion was made to maintain our need to be considered a designated unit by the Montana Coal Board.
Motion: Kelley Oakes Second: Missy Jones Pass: 4:0
- F. **New FSA Flex & Dependant Care administrator:** Informational only. Bern & Pugh chose to sell their pre-tax programs to a company called ThrivePass. They were set up differently than our current program. A

new company, TASC, was found that could provide us with a short year and the same type of program we currently have. This company was approved by the EG Teachers Union and will be effective May 1, 2020.

- G. **MCA 2-18-616 Determination of vacation dates for classified:** A motion was made to allow paraprofessionals, secretaries and kitchen staff to use VACATION leave hours, during the calendar school year, on non-school work days during the calendar school year. This would include Christmas Break, Spring break and the random school vacation days.

Motion: Kelley Oakes Second: Missy Jones Pass: 4:0

- H. **Summer School Employment:** A motion was made to hire Joe Beeson as our ESY teacher at \$30/hour maximum of 80 hours.

Motion: Kelley Oakes Second: Missy Jones Pass: 4:0

The next board meeting is Tuesday May 12, 2020 at 5:30PM.

Adjournment

Chairman Van Ballegooyen recommended adjourning the meeting at 6:17 PM.

Motion: Missy Jones Second: Kelley Oakes Passed: 4:0

Signed:

Attest:

Ryan Van Ballegooyen, Chairman Date

Julie Copeman, District Clerk Date