

## MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF SD #4

The trustees met in regular session, May 22, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. in the library. Those present throughout the meeting were Chairman Rhonda Hogstad, Mark Berg, Trustee, Brent Lipp, Superintendent, Jeanne Carroll, Business Manager, Billie Bergstrom, Trustee, Joel Junso, Trustee and Jason Matt, Trustee.

The chairman called the meeting to order and led the group in the pledge of **CONSENT AGENDA** allegiance. Mr. Lipp added a memo to the agenda under renewals. Public comment moved to the front. *JOEL moved to accept the amended Consent Agenda. Mark seconded. All in favor.*

### PUBLIC COMMENT

Rhonda said each person has 2 min each to speak. Board will not respond. Joan Fritz spoke first. On behalf of music program. Retired music teacher from Billings. She was here for the program and thought she did a great job. She feels music program is a carrot for the mill levy. Learning stage presence and teamwork, need time in the classroom. She hopes wouldn't interfere with its future. Said we have a marvelous teacher.

Michelle Maurer read her statement. Teaches music at Elder Grove music. Said any reduction in program can be permanent. Spoke about Kalli's talents and classes. She feels if reductions would force students to make other choices. She said if there is a way to keep it as it is, she would encourage it.

Kalli Murphy spoke next. Kalli read a lengthy statement about how reductions would affect her class. Said whatever decision is for next year, she will continue to teach to the best of her ability.

Becca Sedlacek spoke next. She said her first concern is that levy for tech failed and lab is used constantly and it is used for testing. She said PTO might be able to help with purchasing computers.

Young kids are not easy on them. She worries about the curriculum that would replace music. More than just singing and she worries about concerts being cut.

Rhonda thanked everyone for their comments and will take them into consideration.

### Month in Review

Mr. Lipp included his administrative report in the packet:

### ADMIN REPORT

- The Yellowstone County Track Meet took place on Friday, May 5<sup>th</sup>. Canyon Creek was well represented and our students performed exceptionally well. Mrs. Styren also organized the field day at Canyon Creek and our younger students had a great time showing off some athletic skills. A big thanks to the West High Key Club volunteers.
- 8<sup>th</sup> grade promotion will be held on June 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10:00 in the morning. Board members please feel free to join us at this event. If you are planning on attending let Brent know so he can reserve your seat. You will be on stage representing Canyon Creek School District.
- Brent has been working diligently in getting the 2017-18 school year ready to go. It has been a fun month in meeting new potential staff, interviewing and making positive changes for the students at Canyon Creek. He believes it is important for the district to always be working in a forward direction and evaluating ways we can better the district for kids. He is excited about the up and coming school year.
- He said, as we finish up the year he would like to thank all the staff in working very hard this year and seeing to it that our students were successful. He believes that this was a good year at Canyon Creek and a well-deserved break is needed. We will miss the staff that are leaving us but wish them all the best of luck in the future. They have all made an impact on our students and been a positive influence to the students, staff and district.
- Concrete estimates are still coming in to us from various contractors. We will relay this information as soon as we have a good idea about what is going on.
- After considerable thought and looking into our programs at the school, he believes by reducing down what we offer in the music program to 45 minutes per week and adding in a technology class for K-5, we will be developing a better-rounded student. Although music has a significant importance to learning we must also consider the trends of education, and the importance of how technology is an important part of our society and job opportunity.

Preparing students for the real world and being ready for higher levels of education is Important to all students. Technology is not an elected subject any longer but a requirement for students to be functional in education environment and in the real world. He is a huge supporter of music programs and a former member of Montana Music Educators Association, and IAJE Jazz Association. With careful consideration, he supports the changes he has made to the schedule 100% because it is best for kids. Keep in mind, we are not eliminating the programs, but making them all fit in an appropriate manner. He said this is not about eliminating or harming. He is a music teacher and he is passionate about it. This is about providing an avenue to academics in a way that they can do all of it. Technology is the trend and what he is trying to accomplish is providing a more even exposure to arts and technology. There are state standards. Try to align our schedule. Open up tech in K-2. Still getting music and can still provide a good program at that suggested time. He said starts program so when kids get to a certain age they have access to things like STEAM. Opening up opportunities by doing this. He said this is not going to hurt our students in Music. This was addressed in our 5 year plan and if we don't get on it we won't make it. He doesn't think it should go away and we should keep working toward these goals. He Said as the board sees, he has reversed his recommendation for time for next year, back To .86 fte the same as it is this year, but will still need to keep working toward. He also Talked about SBAC testing and they have to be able to type and type long responses by Third grade and they can't do it, so they flunk tests even if they know the answer. He said by Six th grade standards say they should be able type a 3 page report at one time. He appreciates The input tonight.

**NEW BUSINESS**

5. Approve Hirings

**APPROVE HIRINGS**

*Joel made a motion to approve hiring Andrea Benson. Jason seconded. All in favor.*  
 Mark made a motion to approve hiring Amy Konzen. Jason seconded. All in favor.  
 Mark made a motion to approve hiring Jessica Kugler Jason seconded. 5-12 endorsed math. Cant move her anywhere else in school. Math requirements are more difficult and she can handle it. All in favor.  
 Joel made a motion to approve hiring Brandi Machado as a long-term substitute teacher for Claire DePinto. Jason seconded. Brent said this is a formality. All in favor.

6. Approve Renewal Certified Staff  
 See packet

**CERTIFIED STAFF RENEWALS**

7. Eighth Grade Trip Itinerary

**8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE TRIP ITINERARY**

Mike Rice provided the budget for the trip coming in at approximately \$13,424.85

8. Resolution Requesting County to Conduct Elections  
 Mark moved. Jason seconded. All in favor.

**COUNTY ELECTION RESOLUTION**

*There being no further business, Mark moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:08 pm. All in favor.*

Respectfully submitted,

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Jeanne Carroll, District Clerk

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Rhonda Hogstad, Chair