

Canyon Creek School District #4
Yellowstone County, Billings, MT
7:00 p.m. – Zoom Meeting
Special Meeting

Call To Order

September 30, 2021

Vice-Chair Amy Gibbons called the Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 7:04 p.m. The following trustees and officers were present: Amy Gibbons, Vice-Chair, Kelly Hickey, Trustee, James Wiesner, Trustee. Brent Lipp, Superintendent and Seara Stovall, Business Manager/District Clerk were also present.

Amy Sironi, Chair, was absent from the meeting.

Additional guests present: Christina Stormer, Teacher & CCEA President, Quincy Stormer, Keziah Lawicki, Melissa Kamp, Haley Morales, Dean of Students, Rachel Swoboda, Teacher, Wendy Bekkedahl, Natalie Baird, Jennell Duey, Kasey Felder

Public Comment

Quincy Stormer – 5/6 grade basketball coach – public comment. Quincy read a letter addressed to the board of trustees that was previously sent to them. He is understanding of the intention of the agenda item to rescind the contract offer as 5/6 girls basketball coach. Quincy specifically spoke to concern of retaliation against his wife, Christina Stormer, Music Teacher. He shared text messages that were shared back and forth between himself and Superintendent Lipp. The summary of the conversation was the district mask mandate policy and adherence. Policy application variances and termination of the coaching contract were covered in the text messages.

New Business

- A. Extra-Curricular Contracts –
 - a. Rescind Contract Offer – Quincy Stormer – 5/6 Girls Basketball Coach
Superintendent Lipp recommended to the Board of Trustees to rescind the contract offer that was approved at the board meeting on September 9, 2021 to Quincy Stormer as the 5/6 girls basketball coach.
James Wiesner asked for clarity with the mask mandate and where a line is drawn to terminate an employee. He felt this was more of an issue of interactions between employee and Superintendent.
Amy Gibbons clarified that this is not a termination but a rescinding of the contract offer. She noted that the mask mandate is a district policy and all employees are required to follow the policy.
Superintendent Lipp noted that due to the previous public comment, it was clear that

the result of the mask mandate requirement was not going to be upheld by Mr. Stormer.

Kelly Hickey made a motion to rescind the contract offer that was approved at the board meeting on September 9, 2021 to Quincy Stormer as the 5/6 girls basketball coach as presented. James Wiesner seconded the motion. The motion was a split vote with Amy Gibbons and Kelly Hickey voting yes and James Wiesner voting no. The motion passed with a two to one vote to rescind the contract offer.

b. New Hire – Tawny Solberg – 5/6 Girls Basketball

Superintendent Lipp recommended to the Board of Trustees to approve Tawny Solberg for the 5/6 girls basketball coach for the remainder of the season. Superintendent Lipp shared that Tawny has fifteen years total experience as a player and coach. Per Superintendent Lipp, she is aware that she is coaching on a voluntary basis until the board completes the vote to approve her hire under contract. James Wiesner inquired if she was abiding by the masking policy and Superintendent Lipp assured him that she was.

James Wiesner made a motion to approve the hire of Tawny Solberg for the 5/6 girls basketball coach as presented. Kelly Hickey seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- B. New Hire – Tami Hawkins – Certified Teacher – Discussion was held. Superintendent Lipp recommended the hiring of Tami Hawkins for a 1.0 FTE teaching position for the remainder of her long-term substitute position in the first grade. It was shared that legally an individual in a long-term substitute position must complete thirty-five consecutive days of subbing and then is required to be hired as a certified teacher for the remainder of the leave.

James Wiesner made a motion to hire Tami Hawkins as a 1.0 FTE certified teacher for the 2021-2022 school year, for the remainder of her long-term position in the first grade. Kelly Hickey seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment

The next Regular Meeting will be held Thursday, October 14, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. in the Canyon Creek School District Library.

James Wiesner moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:26 p.m. Kelly Hickey seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Amy Sironi, Chair

Seara Stovall, Business Manager/Clerk