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Board of Trustees – Executive Committee Meeting

May Butler Center | 55 S. Rodney Ave

Tuesday, November 19, 2019 – 11:00 a.m.

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE

<i>Committee</i>	<i>Others</i>
Luke Muszkiewicz, Board Chair	Siobhan Hathorn, Trustee
Terry Beaver, Board Vice Chair	John McEwen, Trustee
Sarah Sullivan, Past Board Chair	Tyler Ream, Superintendent
	Josh McKay, Assistant Superintendent
	Barb Ridgway, Chief of Staff

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 11:06am by Chair, Luke Muszkiewicz.

II. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

No public was present.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes were approved.

IV. REVIEW OF 11.19.2019 BOARD AGENDA

Mr. Muszkiewicz requested a change in order of the evening's agenda, moving the Montana Advanced Opportunity Act to the top of the agenda. The committee agreed. Ms. Ridgway provided an overview of and the history behind the application process.

Dr. Ream asked if the consent items would also be moved to the front of the agenda, and Mr. Muszkiewicz replied that, pending board approval, the entire business meeting would be moved before the school presentation.

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Dr. Ream confirmed there would be a Superintendent's Report.

Mr. McEwen referenced the school presentation included in the work session agenda and noted the higher assessment scores. Dr. Ream said that while the assessment scores look good, Jim Darcy Principal, Brian Cummings, will still find room for improvement. He added that Mr. Cummings is prepared to address any questions related to growth and/or overflow. Ms. Hathhorn asked if there were available classrooms to accommodate growth. Mr. McKay answered that Jim Darcy has an available kindergarten room that was filled this school year. He added that while there is some room in the upper grades to accommodate growth, there is none in the lower grades. Mr. Beaver asked what the impact would be if enrollment increased to over 500 students. Mr. McKay answered it would require an additional full-time principal, instructional personnel and support personnel.

Ms. Hathhorn referenced the STAR and SBAC assessment data in the presentation, specifically the math scores being high. Ms. Hathhorn questioned whether or not a Reading/Math breakdown of SBAC scores would be available. Dr. Ream responded that Mr. Cummings will be prepared to talk about each of the tested academic areas as part of his presentation.

Ms. Hathhorn asked if Jim Darcy was the highest socioeconomic school in the district, and Ms. Ridgway replied that it was third in the district.

Mr. Muszkiewicz recommended bringing comments and questions before the board during the presentation that evening.

V. BOARD COMMENTS

Ms. Sullivan asked to talk about the December board meeting agenda. Dr. Ream listed the anticipated recognitions as Ryan Schulte, the Capital High Volleyball Team, and the two individuals who were unable to attend November's board meeting.

Dr. Ream requested further input pertaining to requested topics for the forthcoming December Board Meeting. Mr. McEwen inquired about recommendations related to the 7th Avenue Gymnasium and whether those would first be presented to the Facilities Committee before being presented to the full board. Dr. Ream confirmed that plan. Ms. Sullivan asked for an estimated timeline on obtaining bids to reinforce the 7th Avenue Gymnasium stack. Dr. Ream replied he would work with Facilities Manager, Kalli Kind, on a timeline, and estimated January or February.

Mr. Muszkiewicz noted that the Feasibility Study available on the district's website is listed as a "draft." Dr. Ream said he would obtain the finalized version and would post just the final document.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 11:50am by Mr. Muszkiewicz. The next Executive Committee Meeting will be December 10, 2019.