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Board of Trustees – Special Board Meeting

May Butler Center | 55 S. Rodney Ave | Friday, July 19, 2019

MINUTES – APPROVED

Attendance

Board of Trustees: Terry Beaver, Vice Chair
Siobhan Hathhorn, Trustee
John McEwen, Trustee
Jeff Hindoin, Trustee
Libby Goldes, Trustee
Luke Muszkiewicz, Chair (via conference call)

Others: Tyler Ream, Superintendent
Josh McKay, Assistant Superintendent
Barb Ridgway, Chief of Staff
Stacy Collette, HR Director

I. CALL TO ORDER / INTRODUCTIONS

Board of Trustees Vice Chair, Terry Beaver, called the meeting to order at 11:05am. All present participated in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. REVIEW OF AGENDA

There were no requested changes to the agenda.

III. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was offered.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Items for Action (The Board of Trustees will accept public comment on the following items.)

1. HSD Policy 8460 – Naming School Facilities, Spaces, and Programs

Mr. Beaver recited the recommendation of the board of trustees, which would strike “five (5) consecutive years” and replace it with “one (1) full year.” He commented that the original policy was created with good intentions, but it left the board of trustees and district with more limitations than anticipated. He expressed appreciation for the one-year restriction versus the current five-year restriction, stating it gives the board of trustees ample time to contemplate the naming of a facility or space. Mr. McEwen moved to adopt the recommended adjustment to the policy to immediately reflect “five

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(5) consecutive years” and replacing it with one (1) full year.” The motion was seconded by Ms. Goldes. No comments were offered. The motion passed 6-0.

2. Naming of Central School Library

Mr. Beaver read the proposal to officially name the library at Central the Jack Copps Library and asked for discussion on the action. Ms. Goldes mentioned it was a great way to honor Mr. Copps for his years of service, especially his efforts and abilities towards addressing facility needs in the most recent years. She added that [the board of trustees] received lots of input from the school, the district, and the public regarding honoring Mr. Copps this way. She continued that Central [School] has special significance for Helena, and it’s exciting that the library in particular will bear his name. Mr. McEwen said he couldn’t think of a nicer gesture of our town and added that it’s a recognition not just of the work he accomplished for the community but for the entire state. Mr. Hindoin echoed his fellow trustees and added that he couldn’t think of anyone more deserving of the honor. Mr. Beaver said he worked with Mr. Copps several times in the “last century.” He added that they sat together on negotiation committees, and he really enjoyed working with Mr. Copps. Mr. Beaver stressed that Mr. Copps is appreciated immensely for what he has done in the district and statewide. Mr. Muszkiewicz expressed his thanks to his fellow trustees for sharing their opinions. He added that he felt really good about this decision – “it is the right thing to do.” Ms. Goldes mentioned she was sorry Ms. Sarah Sullivan was not able to attend since she worked so closely with Mr. Copps to get the bond passed. Mr. McEwen motioned to accept the proposal to officially name the Central School Library the Jack Copps Library. Ms. Goldes seconded the motion. Mr. Beaver asked for any additional comments and received none. The motion passed 6-0.

V. ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chair, Mr. Beaver, adjourned the meeting at 11:16am.