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Board Work Session

Jim Darcy Elementary School
990 Lincoln Rd Helena, MT 59601

Tuesday November 19, 2019

3:30 p.m. Tour
4:00p.m. Meeting

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE – Present unless otherwise noted

Luke Muszkiewicz, Board Chair
Terry Beaver, Board Vice Chair
Sarah Sullivan, Trustee - Excused
Jeff Hindoien, Trustee - Excused
Elizabeth “Libby” Goldes, Trustee – Excused
Jennifer Walsh, Trustee – Excused
Siobhan Hathhorn, Trustee
John McEwen, Trustee

Dr. Tyler Ream, Superintendent
Josh McKay, Assistant Superintendent
Janelle Mickelson, Business Manager
Barb Ridgway, Chief of Staff
Stacy Collette, Human Resources Administrator
Sean Morrison, Special Education Administrator
Pat Boles, Technology Administrator

Guests:
Nick Radley, Four Georgians Elementary School Principal

Jim Darcy Elementary School Staff

I. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Luke Muszkiewicz called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. REVIEW OF AGENDA

A change to the agenda was proposed by Chair Muszkiewicz to move the new business section before the presentation. Board agreed.

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. Item for Action:

1. HB 387 – No quorum, unable to vote.

B. Consent Items:

1. Board of Trustees Work Session – September 24, 2019 minutes

2. Board of Trustees Work Session – October 22, 2019 minutes

Motion: John McEwen moved to approve the Consent Action Items.

Terry Beaver seconded the motion.

Public Comment: None

Board Comment: None

Vote: 4-0 The motion carried.

IV. PRESENTATION

A. Jim Darcy Elementary School

Principal Brian Cummings introduced the staff at Jim Darcy, followed by a presentation from SACC who performed a song that was in align with the school values.

Principal Cummings presented information related to Jim Darcy Elementary School. The mission of Jim Darcy Elementary School is to challenge and empower each student to maximize individual potential in becoming a competent, productive and responsible, caring citizen. Their universals are; be safe, be respectful, and try your best.

Jim Darcy currently has 21 Classroom Teachers, 2 PE teachers (split schedule), 3 Music teachers (split schedule), 1 Librarian, 1.1 School Counselor, .4 School Psychologist, .4 Nurse, 2 CSCT Intermountain Staff, 2 resource teachers, .9 FTE speech, .15 OT, .05 PT, .075 Adapted PE, 10 classified staff to include 2 secretaries, 4 special education, 4 general education, 3.5 custodians (1 day shift, 2.5 night shift, and 1 Principal.

Jim Darcy Elementary currently serves 465 students. Currently, there are 14 students identified for PEAK, 1 student attends Montessori, 64 students that are in school-aged childcare, and 20.78% of the students are given free and reduced

lunch. The average attendance for Jim Darcy this year is 95.57%. 2014-2019 the average was 94.33%.

Principal Cummings commended his staff with their excellence regarding PLCs. Their staff is remarkable with working together. There is a direct correlation with student success and PLCs. Jim Darcy put together a PLC Leadership team. There have been 94 interventions; formal and informal; K-5.

Jim Darcy is at an 81% on Star testing in reading and 85% proficient in mathematics. With the Smarter Balanced Assessment state test, while the state was at 50% advanced proficient, Jim Darcy was at 53.4% advanced proficient in 2013. This has happened for three years in a row, scoring over the state percentage.

Jim Darcy implements a Tier program for support and intervention. Tier1 touches on Jim Darcy Universals, plan do study act/meaningful grouping, para educator support, star reading, star math, star early lit, direct one to one academic interventions. Tier 2 touches on pre-teach/re-teach, progress monitoring, individual behavior plans, direct one to one academic interventions. Tier 3 touches on care plans, 504 plans, IEPs, direct one to one academic interventions, referral team meetings. Jim Darcy implements a Tier program for social and/or emotional interventions as well.

There is great community and parental involvement at Jim Darcy Elementary School. Jim Darcy's PTO has raised over \$340,000 in 14 years. Jim Darcy partners with Moose Junction, Bob's Valley Market, and Tempest Technologies. Jim Darcy holds special events including Veteran's Day event, Kids College, Jim Darcy's birthday, Agriculture day, art show, field day, Talent Show, Holiday Bazaar, Mileage Club, Run to Learn, HEF Carnival, and more

Chair Luke Muszkiewicz congratulated and thanked Principal Cummings for his interval part in creating such a beautiful building. Chair Muszkiewicz thanked the teachers and staff for their hard work and for being at the work session. Chair Muszkiewicz handed the meeting over to Vice Chair Terry Beaver.

Trustee John McEwen asked about the facility usage for the school. Principal Cummings explained that the building is constantly being used through the district as well as the community, there is an electronic way to sign up to use the facility. There is a ton of community outreach through using Jim Darcy Elementary.

Vice Chair Terry Beaver commended Principal Cummings and the staff for touching every child academically and socially.

V. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

No general public comment at this time.

VI. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Tyler Ream congratulated CHS and HHS girls' volleyball teams on their accomplishments at the higher level and the sportsmanship that they shared, regardless of the end-result. Dr. Ream also touched on ongoing bargaining stating that there will be a finance meeting in January with view of fiscal year 2021 and five years after.

VII. BOARD COMMENTS

None.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no other topics for future meetings and no public comment on issues not on the agenda, the meeting adjourned at 5:14 p.m. by Vice Chair Terry Beaver. The next Regular Board Meeting will be held on December 10, 2019. The next Board Work Session will be held at Ray Bjork Learning Center on January 28, 2020 at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Luke Muszkiewicz, Chair

Jessica Evans, Recording Secretary

Date