



Superintendent
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Business Manager
Janelle Mickelson
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Board Work Session

Held Virtually - Zoom

Tuesday May 26, 2020
4:00p.m. Meeting

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE – Present unless otherwise noted

Luke Muszkiewicz, Board Chair
Terry Beaver, Board Vice Chair
Sarah Sullivan, Trustee
Jennifer McKee, Trustee
Elizabeth “Libby” Goldes, Trustee
Jennifer Walsh, Trustee
Siobhan Hathhorn, Trustee
John McEwen, Trustee

Dr. Tyler Ream, Superintendent
Josh McKay, Assistant Superintendent
Janelle Mickelson, Business Manager
Barb Ridgway, Chief of Staff
Pat Boles, IT Administrator
Stacy Collette, Human Resources Administrator
Sean Maharg, Special Education Administrator
Jane Shawn, Helena Education Association President
Tim McMahan, Activities Administrator
Deb Jacobsen, Hawthorne Elementary Principal

I. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Luke Muszkiewicz called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. REVIEW OF AGENDA

Moved April 28th minutes to items for action.

III. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Item for Action:

1. Approval Temporary Layoff Order of School Aged Child Care Employees

The information was presented to the Board of Trustees by Stacy Collette and Kirstan Roush. Due to ongoing precautionary efforts related to the COVID-19 Coronavirus Pandemic, School Aged Child Care (SACC) has been suspended in concert with the closure of all HSD schools and facilities. Families have been reimbursed their monthly fees during this closure. After careful analysis and in concert with Lewis & Clark Public Health, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and The State of Montana Department of Health and Human Services, Day Care Licensure, it has been recommended that SACC be suspended for the summer. The Superintendent’s recommendation is to temporarily layoff ten (10) employees hired to deliver Summer SACC services in accordance with the terms noted in this action item and agreed-upon in the associated Memorandum of Understanding with the Helena Education Association.

Motion: John McEwen moved to approve, per Superintendent recommendation, the Approval Temporary Layoff Order of School Aged Child Care Employees Budget Amendment Proclamation. Sarah Sullivan seconded the motion.

Public Comment: None

Board Comment: Chair Muszkiewicz and Trustee Sullivan thanked the staff for their hard work and everything that those in the SACC program do to support the children- hopefully, this is temporary. Trustee McKee mentioned that it is very sad that SACC couldn’t function this summer, but the hard work is appreciated.

Vote: 8-0 The motion carried.

2. April 28, 2020 Work Session Minutes

Page 5 of the minutes needs edited; the motion should read; “Trustee McEwen moved to continue remote learning, however, give Dr. Ream the discretion, as he sees fit, to open those buildings that accommodate workshop and laboratory classes.”

Another change by Trustee McEwen; page 6 of the minutes should fix the name to read Trustee John McEwen.

Motion: Trustee Libby Goldes moved to approve the minutes with edits. Sarah Sullivan seconded the motion.

Public Comment: None

Board Comment: None

Vote: 8-0 The motion carried

B. Consent Items:

1. Approval of Out-of-District Attendance Agreements

Motion: Sarah Sullivan moved to approve the Consent Action Items.
Terry Beaver seconded the motion.

Public Comment: None

Board Comment: None

Vote: 8-0 The motion carried.

V. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Superintendent Ream mentioned that these work sessions are supposed to be held for spotlighting schools, and unfortunately, they do not have that opportunity, and he offers his apology. Also, Superintendent Ream apologized to the Retirees for not being able to have a gathering this year, however, they are looking to deliver those tokens of appreciations to those Retirees. Superintendent Ream offered a Congratulations to the Teacher/Educator of the year and the Para-Educator of the year. The Teacher/Educator of the year is Susan Robinson, a 4th grade teacher at Central Elementary. Chris Finley at CR Anderson is the Para-Educator of the year for 2020. Trustee Sullivan asked if there would be a rehearsal for graduation. Dr. Ream added that a digital rehearsal for graduation will be done this year and look much different than years past.

VI. BOARD COMMENTS

Trustee Libby Goldes added that this is bitter-sweet that we cannot have the customary celebration of their accomplishments, however, the students are pioneers and will lead the way of our future. She offered a thank you to the educators for their support to these students.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no other topics for future meetings and no public comment on issues not on the agenda, the meeting adjourned at 4:45p.m. by Board Chair Luke Muszkiewicz. The next Regular Board Meeting will be held on June 9, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. The next Board Work Session will be on June 23, 2020 at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Luke Muszkiewicz, Chair

Jessica Evans, Recording Secretary

Date