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Board of Trustees – Executive Committee Meeting

Tuesday, September 22, 2020

MINUTES

ATTENDEES

Committee Others

Luke Muszkiewicz, Chair	Tyler Ream, Superintendent
Siobhan Hathhorn, Vice Chair	Josh McKay, Assistant Superintendent
Sarah Sullivan, Past Chair	Barb Ridgway, Chief of Staff
Terry Beaver, Trustee <i>(not on committee)</i>	Gary Myers, Educational Technology Administrator Pat Boles, Technology Administrator

Members of the Public

Jamie Bright
Amy Pfister
Renee Little
Angie Shenkle-Kirkland

I. CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair, Luke Muszkiewicz, called the meeting to order at 11:02am.

II. REVIEW OF AGENDA

No changes were requested to the committee meeting agenda.

III. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments were offered.

IV. REVIEW OF MINUTES

Minutes from the previous Executive Committee meeting were approved with requested changes.

V. REVIEW OF SEPTEMBER 22, 2020, BOARD WORK SESSION AGENDA

Mr. Muszkiewicz provided an overview of the meeting location, time, and format.

Dr. Ream referenced the school presentation and noted information on SBAC results had been removed from the presentation since the data was a year and a half old. Kessler Principal, Lisa Lowney, would instead address STAR Math and Reading as well as iReady. Ms. Hathhorn asked for the process of determining the baseline for iReady. Mr. McKay answered there were national norms, and the district would compare results on a national level since a baseline for the district couldn't be established before Fall results became available.

Mr. Muszkiewicz asked the committee if there were any questions on the three consent items. There were none.

Dr. Ream addressed the Metrics Based Phasing Decision item and provided the committee with a brief description of the references, best practices, and partnerships used from across Montana and the United States used to establish the metrics. Dr. Ream said he would be looking for feedback on the metrics from trustees, teachers, and administration prior to making any decisions or establishing any timelines. He said that, though the metrics were a draft, they had been fully endorsed by St. Pete's Health. He added metrics should drive decisions and a timeline; a timeline should not drive the metrics. Dr. Ream noted that local health partners had cautioned not to make decision until the full effects of Labor Day weekend had been realized. Ms. Hathhorn asked if the local health officials had offered any predictions for the holiday season. Dr. Ream answered health officials continued to caution that colder weather drove people inside for gatherings, which likely causes a rise in cases.

Mr. Muszkiewicz asked Dr. Ream if he would provide a Superintendent's Report at the evening's work session. Dr. Ream answered he would.

Mr. Muszkiewicz asked the committee if there were any additional questions on the agenda. There were none.

VI. BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Ms. Goldes appreciated the update from Dr. Ream and thanked him for his working developing the metrics. There were no comments from the Superintendent.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:36am.