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## **Board of Trustees Meeting**

Lincoln Center  
1325 Poplar St., Helena, MT 59601  
And on TEAMS

**Tuesday, June 14th, 2022**  
5:30 p.m.

### **MINUTES**

**ATTENDANCE – Present unless otherwise noted.**

Siobhan Hathhorn, Board Chair  
Jennifer McKee, Vice Chair  
Luke Muszkiewicz, Trustee  
Kay Satre, Trustee  
Lois Fitzpatrick, Trustee  
Terry Beaver, Trustee  
Jennifer Walsh, Trustee  
Janet Armstrong, Trustee

Keiran Boyle, Capital High School Student Representative for the Board of Trustees

Rex Wertz, Superintendent  
Josh McKay, Assistant Superintendent  
Brian Cummings, Assistant Superintendent  
Janelle Mickelson, Business Manager  
Barb Ridgway, Chief of Staff  
Gary Myers, Technology Administrator  
Joslyn Davidson, Curriculum Administrator  
Kaitlyn Hess, Federal Program Coordinator  
Jane Shawn, HEA President  
Brett Zanto, Capital High School Principal  
Steve Thennis, Helena High School Principal

Many guests of the public as well as Helena School District staff, students, and their families

## **I. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Board Chair Siobhan Hathhorn called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **II. REVIEW AGENDA**

The Board of Trustees reviewed the agenda. Board Chair Siobhan Hathhorn commented. “We would like to move IV. Oath of Office for our 2022-2023 Student Board of Trustees Representative, Keiran Boyle, to the top of the agenda.” The Trustees also determined that VIII. New Business A. Items for Information: 1. Children’s Internet Protection Act (CIPA) Compliance and 2. Elementary Safety and Security Bond Spend Down would be moved after VIII. New Business C. Items for Action on the agenda.

## **III. OATH OF OFFICE FOR 2022-2023 STUDENT BOARD REPRESENTATIVE**

### **A. 2022-2023 Student Board of Trustees Representative**

1. Keiran Boyle-Capital High School Student Representative

Keiran Boyle, 2022-2023 Capital High School Student Representative, was sworn in by Board Chair Siobhan Hathhorn. Loreley Drees, Helena High School Student Representative, is attending a National Speech and Debate Tournament, and will be sworn in at a future date.

## **IV. RECOGNITION**

The Board of Trustees began with BPA National Leadership Conference Awards. The Board recognized Terri Norman and the Capital High School BPA Chapter for being recognized with a Quality Chapter Distinction Award at the recent national BPA conference held in Dallas, Texas. They also recognized Abi Grotbo, Ryleigh Bushnell, and Madelyn Holston. Their Presentation Management Team placed 8<sup>th</sup> in the nation. The Board then recognized Samantha Humphrey, Buffy Smith, and the Helena High School BPA chapter for being awarded the Membership Explosion Award, the Quality Chapter Distinction Award, and the Community Service Award at the recent national conference held in Dallas, Texas. The Board recognized the following Helena High Students: Foster Smith who placed 5<sup>th</sup> in the nation in Java Programming and Kaden Price who placed 10<sup>th</sup> in the nation in C# Programming.

The Board of Trustees moved on to 2022 SMART Schools Awards. The Helena High Green Group under the leadership of Jill VanAlstyne was recognized for winning the 2022 SMART Schools Award. They are the recipients of \$2,000 which will go towards assisting other schools in securing their solar panel grants. The Capital High Green Club under the leadership of Sarah Urban was recognized for winning the 2022 SMART Schools Award. They are the recipients of \$2,000 which will go towards CHS sustainability projects including greenhouse projects, upcycling, and composting.

The Board recognized Smith Elementary Montessori teacher Katy Wright who was recognized in Washington D.C. and received her award as Montana’s nominee for the 2021 National Education

Association Foundation Award for Teaching Excellence.

The Board of Trustees next recognized some amazing athletes in the Helena School District:

- Capital High's Ryan Ashley-2022 State Champion in Boys Tennis Singles
- Capital High's Tom Carter-2022 State Champion in the Boys 200 Meter
- Capital High's Alex Brisko-2022 State Champion in the Boys Pole Vault
- Coach Zentz, his staff, and the Helena High School Girls Track and Field team as they captured the 2022 State Championship in Butte
- Helena High's Odessa Zentz- 2022 State Champion in the 400 Meter Run and the 800 Meter Run
- Helena High's Logan Todorovich- 2022 State Champion in the 100 Hurdles and the Girls Long Jump
- Helena High's Sydney Mattfeldt- 2022 State Champion in the Girls Shot Put
- Helena High's Josh Goleman- 2022 State Champion in the Boys Shot Put

That concluded Recognitions. The Board of Trustees moved on to review presentations on Title and Federal Programming and Spring Student Achievement Data.

## **V. PRESENTATIONS**

### **1. Title and Federal Programming**

Mrs. Kaitlyn Hess, Federal Program Coordinator, discussed Title and Federal Programming for the Helena Public School District. Title and Federal Programming is part of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act that was reauthorized on December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015, by the Every Student Succeeds Act. Title funds and federal programming funds provide additional academic support and learning opportunities to help low-achieving children master challenging curricula and meet state standards in core academic subjects, and it provides supports and opportunities in college and career readiness for underserved students.

Qualifications for Title Funding:

- Number of free and reduced lunch to qualify individual schools
- Number of homeless identified in the District
- Number of foster students
- Number of students in group homes/outpatient facilities
- Number of English learner students

The schools with over 40% free and reduced lunch include Ray Bjork, Bryant, Central, Broadwater, Rossiter, Warren, Smith, Broadwater, HMS, HHS, and Pal. Although schools with

over 40% of their population considered low income qualify for additional services, students District wide can benefit from the Title funding based on their status. In conclusion of the presentation, Mrs. Hess reviewed Federal Programming with the Board of Trustees. Ms. Hess proceeded to answer any questions the Trustees had about Title and Federal programming in the Helena School District.

## 2. Spring Student Achievement Data

Mrs. Joslyn Davidson, Curriculum Administrator, reviewed the Spring Student Achievement Data with the Board of Trustees. Ms. Davidson reviewed the Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment Department and the HPS Continuous Improvement Cycle with the Trustees. The HPS Continuous Improvement Cycle consists of student data, an action plan with goals, instructional framework, and instructional rounds. Questions that are asked when participating in the Continuous Improvement Cycle are: *1. What is it we want all students to know and be able to do? 2. How will we know if they learn it? 3. How will we respond when some students do not learn? 4. How will we extend the learning for students who are already proficient?*

Ms. Hess reviewed criterion-referenced assessments versus norm-referenced assessments. Norm-referenced assessments (i.e., CogAT): provide information on how the performance of an individual compares with that of others, an individual's standing is compared with that of others, and percentile rank (bell curve) is obtained to determine the relative standing in a norm group. Criterion-referenced assessments (i.e., iReady, SBAC, ACT, Acadience): provide information on how the individual performed on some standard of objective, allow users to interpret what an individual can do without the performance of others, and is designed to measure the result of instruction. Ms. Hess discussed that students are scored according to their own individual performance on individual standards, and we can use the results to determine gaps in instructional programming and through the CIC continue to improve upon instructional programming so that students have a better opportunity to learn standards and built upon skills.

Ms. Hess reviewed the dates when students took the ACT, the Multi-State Alt/Alt Montana Science, Smarter Balance and Montana Science, and iReady assessments and what the completion rates were. Ms. Hess reviewed the Grades K-1 Acadience Reading and iReady Reading Grades 2-5 results with the Board of Trustees. The Trustees then reviewed the data for the iReady Grades 1-5 Norms and National Placement Distribution Comparison in Reading. Next, Ms. Hess and Ms. Davidson discussed the 2022 SBAC Grades 3-5 ELA data, and the SBAC Grades 3-5 ELA Longitudinal Trend Data. The committee then reviewed and discussed the iReady Math scores for Grades 1-5, and the iReady Grades 1-5 National Norms and National Placement Distribution Comparison in Math. Ms. Hess next reviewed and discussed with the committee the 2022 SBAC data for Grades 3-5 Math, and SBAC Grades 3-5 Math Longitudinal Trend Data.

Ms. Hess moved on to review the Grades 6-8 Spring Assessments data. Ms. Hess and Ms. Davidson reviewed and discussed with the committee the data for iReady Reading Grades for 6-8, SBAC 6-8 ELA for Spring of 2022, and iReady Grades 6-8 National Norms and National Placement Distribution Comparison in Reading. The Trustees reviewed and discussed the SBAC results for Grades 6-8 ELA Longitudinal Trend Data, iReady scores for Math Grades 6-8, iReady Grades 6-8 National Norms and National Placement Distribution Comparison in Math, SBAC

results for 6-8 Math for Spring of 2022, SBAC results for Grades 6-8 Longitudinal Trend Data, and iReady data for Grades 1-8 National Norms and National Placement Distribution Comparison.

The Board of Trustees moved on to review the Grades 9-11 Spring Assessments data. Ms. Hess began by reviewing the iReady data for Reading Grades 9-10 and the iReady data for Math Grades 9-10. The Trustees reviewed the Spring 2022 ACT% Meeting Benchmark and the ACT Trends % Meeting Benchmark. Ms. Hess proceeded to answer any questions the Trustees had about the Spring Student Achievement Data for the Helena School District.

That concluded Presentations. The Board of Trustees moved on to listen to the Superintendent Report given by Superintendent Rex Weltz.

## **VI. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Superintendent Rex Weltz began his Superintendent Report with Recognition and discussed the following topics:

- Congratulations to our 2022 graduates
- Flag Day
- Memorial Day- We would like to honor and thank our U.S. military personnel who have died while serving in the United States armed forces
- Principal Tia Wilkins and the staff at Warren Elementary School-Board Work Session
- Central Office Site Visit To Central-Thanks to Principal Nick Radley and Staff
- Central Office Site Visit To Bryant-Thanks to Principal Trish Klock and Staff
- Congratulations to our amazing retirees
- Congratulations to Capital High's educator Eric Croft who was selected as 105.3 KMTX May Teacher of the Month
- Congratulations to HEA Educator of the Year Chelsey Davis, Librarian at Four Georgians Elementary
- Congratulations to HEA Para Educator of the Year Ben Racicot, Para Educator at Jim Darcy
- Congratulations to Ms. Herbolich's fourth grade class at Rossiter Elementary, which took up their teacher's challenge to read 1 million words each this school year and had an elegant Millionaire Luncheon
- Congratulations to Helena High welding teachers Cindy Galbavy and Jake Spearson and their students on hosting their 17th Annual Metal Sculpting Show
- Congratulations to the Helena High Green Group under the leadership of Jill VanAlstyne for winning their 4<sup>th</sup> SMART Schools Award. They are the recipients of \$2,000 which will go towards assisting other schools in securing their solar panel grants
- Congratulations to the Capital High Green Club under the leadership of Sarah Urban for winning the 2022 SMART Schools Award. They are the recipients of \$2,000 which will go towards next year's CHS sustainability projects including greenhouse projects, upcycling, and composting

- Congratulations to our high school band, choir, and orchestra students who performed in the State Musical Festival that was hosted at Helena High. Many students received superior and excellent ratings in many different performance categories and groups
- Tom Kain and his Welding 1 students made benches for Mount Helena
- Thanks to the Helena High Science Seminar and AP Environmental studies classes for volunteering their time at the Helena Food Share. They built 400+ emergency food packs for families
- Congratulations to Helena High’s Brooklyn Anderson who was awarded the JMG Chairman’s Recognition Award for April
- Congratulations to Coach Zentz, his staff, and the Helena High School Girls Track and Field team as they captured the 2022 State Championship in Butte

Superintendent Weltz moved on to discuss New Business in his report including:

- Facilities Director – Hire
- Assistant Principals – HHS & CRA
- Continuation of Lead Testing
- Safety Security Audit
- Bond Money Spend Down
- Professional Development – Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday
- Planning Grant for Mental Health Services
- Retreat Planning
- Human Resource Director Hiring Update
- AA Superintendent/Assistant Superintendent Summit

Superintendent Weltz concluded his Superintendent Report by discussing his various outreach and meetings in the community including HEA, HEF, Kiwanis, Parent Advisory, and Teacher Advisory Council.

That concluded the Superintendent Report portion of the agenda. The Trustees moved on to General Public Comment.

## **VII. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT**

Board Chair Siobhan Hathhorn commented. “We will now move on to general public comment. This is the time for comment on public matters that are not on the agenda. Public Matters do not include any pending legal matters, private personnel issues, or private student issues. Please do not attempt to address such issues at this time or you will be ruled out of order. The Board cannot enter into discussion during general public comment. So, as we discussed before, we'll go ahead and start with people who are here with us in person who would like to give public comment.

Mrs. Kalli Kind is a parent of children in the Helena Public School District. Mrs. Kind discussed safety and security upgrades that were implemented at the Helena Public schools as a result of the 2017 elementary school bond. As the former Facilities Director for the Helena School District, Ms. Kind believes that there are safety and security requirements associated with the bond that still need to be

completed. Ms. Kind discussed that it is critical that we secure the buildings and lock exterior doors, and make sure that all District staff are trained on safety and security protocols.

Mrs. Shani Henry is a local parent and the wife of an educator. Mrs. Beckie Squires was in attendance with Mrs. Henry. Mrs. Henry and Mrs. Squires are volunteers with Everytown For Gun Safety, and would like to know what the school District has in the works for addressing school safety overall. They also discussed a program called Be SMART that is non-political, recognized by the National PTO Association, and educates families on the importance of securing and storing firearms to keep them out of the reach of children and troubled teens. Mrs. Henry said they are willing to offer this program to the Helena School District and would love to discuss this further.

That concluded the General Public Comment portion of the agenda. The Board of Trustees moved on to discuss New Business-Items for Information.

## VIII. NEW BUSINESS

### A. Consent Action Items

1. 05.10.22 Board Meeting Minutes
2. Personnel Actions
3. Warrants
4. Out-Of-District Attendance Agreements (Non-Resident Students Attending HPS)
5. Out-Of-District Attendance Agreements (Helena Students Attending Other Districts)
6. Resolution to Dispose of Personal Property-Technology Equipment

Board Chair Siobhan Hathhorn commented. "At this point I would entertain a motion to approve our Consent Action Items."

**Motion:** Trustee Luke Muszkiewicz moved to approve the Consent Action Items. Trustee Kay Satre seconded the motion.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Vote:** 8-0 motion carries unanimously.

That concluded Consent Action Items. The Board of Trustees moved on to review Items for Action.

### B. Items for Action

1. Health Benefit Committee Premium Recommendation for Plan Year 2022-2023

Mr. Rich Franco, Human Resource Benefits Manager, discussed the Health Benefit Committee Premium Recommendation for Plan Year 2022-2023 with the Board of Trustees and Superintendent Weltz. The Premium Recommendation from the Health Benefit Committee is a 15 % increase for next year. Mr. France discussed the trend (inflation) numbers received from Allegiance and Alliant, the projected losses for next year, unreserve data and historical data. To

break even for the following year there would need to be around a 20.48% premium increase. With the 20.48% increase needed, the Health Benefit Committee voted to do a 15% Premium increase and absorb the \$586,000 loss to our unreserves. The Committee has also implemented a program that is projected to save our health plan about \$200,000+ for the next plan year to help reduce costs. The committee also knows that there will most likely be no benefit dollar increase in the 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 plan years due to the benefit dollar increase this year. With that said, the committee is looking at other feasible options for the next plan year to reduce costs such as possible plan restructure and other programs. Mrs. Janelle Mickelson informed the Trustees that a 15% increase to the single premium is a 1.2 million dollar hit to the general fund. Mr. Franco concluded by answering any questions the Trustees had about the Premium Recommendation for next year. The Trustees discussed that this is a top budget priority for the District going into the next year.

Board Chair Siobhan Hathhorn commented. “I would entertain a motion to approve the Health Benefit Committee Premium Recommendation for Plan Year 2022-2023.”

**Motion:** Trustee Luke Muszkiewicz moved to approve the Health Benefit Committee Premium Recommendation for Plan Year 2022-2023 as presented. Trustee Kay Satre seconded the motion.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Vote:** 8-0 motion carries unanimously.

## 2. Implementation of Quantify Health

Mr. Rich Franco discussed the implementation of Quantify Health with the Board of Trustees and Superintendent Wertz. The Health Benefit Committee voted to implement Quantify Health. One of the biggest drivers of healthcare costs are high-cost claims over \$100,000. Quantify Health is a company that goes through these large claims and targets any incorrect billing. Unfortunately, many times the plan is billed for usage of items that were not used, or incorrect quantities. Sometimes there are even services that are charged that were not used. Quantify Health makes sure to correct these charges, so the plan is not overbilled. In the last year, our health plan spent over \$1.9 million dollars on high-cost claims. Quantify Health estimates that \$306,032 were overcharges that they could have saved the health plan. The cost to implement Quantify Health is 30% of the savings they give us, but not to exceed \$79,000. This means that the District’s health plan would have netted a \$227,032 savings at a minimum. If Quantify Health could not save us any money, then they would receive \$0. This was an easy choice for the Health Benefit Committee to approve to help contain the rapid rising costs of health insurance. Mr. Franco concluded by answering any questions the Trustees had about the Implementation of Quantify Health.

Board Chair Siobhan Hathhorn commented. “At this point I would entertain a motion to approve the Implementation of Quantify Health.”

**Motion:** Trustee Jennifer McKee moved to approve the Implementation of Quantify Health. Trustee Terry Beaver seconded the motion.

**Public Comment:** None.



**Vote:** 8-0 motion carries.

3. Change in Benefits of Chiropractic Services

Mr. Rich Franco discussed the Change in Benefits of Chiropractic Services with the Board of Trustees and Superintendent Weltz. For current office chiropractic visits the plan pays \$25 and members pay the rest with a max of 35 visits. The change in office visit benefits for 10/1/2022 states the plan pays up to \$50 and members have a \$25 co-pay with a max of 25 visits, and anything above \$75 is member balance billings. The additional cost to the District will be \$14,000 at most. Mr. Franco concluded by answering any questions the Trustees had about the change in benefits of chiropractic services.

Board Chair Siobhan Hathhorn commented. “At this point I would entertain a motion to approve the Change in Benefits of Chiropractic Services.

**Motion:** Trustee Kay Satre moved to approve the Change in Benefits of Chiropractic Services. Trustee Jennifer McKee seconded the motion.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Vote:** 8-0 motion carries unanimously.

4. HPS – MFPE Secretaries Collective Bargaining Agreement

Superintendent Rex Weltz reviewed the HPS-MFPE Secretaries Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Board of Trustees and discussed that HPS and MFPE reached an agreement of a 2.5% increase, and the cost of this increase would be an estimated \$100,221.

Board Chair Siobhan Hathhorn commented. “At this point I would entertain a motion regarding this recommendation.”

**Motion:** Trustee Luke Muszkiewicz moved to approve the HPS – MFPE Secretaries Collective Bargaining Agreement. Trustee Jennifer McKee seconded the motion.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Vote:** 8-0 motion carries unanimously.

5. Elementary Retirement Fund Budget Amendment Resolution

Mrs. Janelle Mickelson, Business Manager and District Clerk, discussed the Elementary Retirement Fund Budget Amendment Resolution with the Board of Trustees and Superintendent Weltz. At the Board meeting last week, the Board of Trustees proclaimed the need for an amendment to the Elementary Retirement Budget as a result of unforeseen increases in salaries. The employer payroll costs were increased by an amount that our Elementary Retirement Fund Budget could not sustain and so now the Board of Trustees proclaim the need for a \$400,000 amendment to that budget, and the funding source will be operating reserves. Public notice has been provided and the Superintendent is recommending that you pass this official resolution to

adopt a budget amendment to the Elementary Retirement Fund.

Board Chair Siobhan Hathhorn commented “At this point I would entertain a motion regarding this recommendation.”

**Motion:** Trustee Jennifer McKee moved to approve the Elementary Retirement Fund Budget Amendment Resolution. Trustee Janet Armstrong seconded the motion.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Vote:** 8-0 motion carries unanimously.

#### 6. Administrative Pay Scale

Superintendent Weltz discussed that it has been a long time since the Administrative Pay Scale has been reviewed, and that going forward all pay scales should be reviewed annually. With the help of our legal counsel, we were able to gather data and perform a market analysis for our updated Administrative Pay Scale. Superintendent Weltz’s recommendation for the Board of Trustees is to approve the new Administrative Pay Scale.

Board Chair Siobhan Hathhorn reviewed the history of the administrative pay scale with the Board of Trustees and discussed that the Board worked with the District’s legal counsel, Kaleva Law Firm, to complete a current and comparative market analysis to bring the District’s administrative pay salaries back in line with other double A districts. A new salary Administrative Pay Scale was developed, while still honoring daily rates of pay. Board Chair Siobhan Hathhorn reviewed the new Administrative Pay Scale with the Board of Trustees and stressed the importance of keeping up with administrative salaries going forward.

Ms. Bea Kaleva, District Counsel with Kaleva Law Firm, discussed the process of completing a current market analysis along with reviewing daily rates of pay and number of days worked to come up with the updated Administrative Pay Scale that was more in line with other double A districts across the state. Ms. Kaleva stressed the importance that when there is a substantial change to a written employment contract or an increase in salary it needs to come before the Board.

Board Chair Siobhan Hathhorn commented. “At this point I would consider a motion regarding the Administrative Pay Scale.”

**Motion:** Trustee Luke Muszkiewicz moved to approve the Administrative Pay Scale. Trustee Janet Armstrong seconded the motion.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Vote:** 8-0 motion carries unanimously.

That concluded Items for Action. The Board of Trustees moved on to Items for Information.

### **C. Items For Information**

#### 1. Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA) Compliance

Mr. Gary Myers, HSD Technology Administrator, reviewed the Children's Internet Protection Act with the Board of Trustees and Superintendent Weltz. The Children's Internet Protection Act is federal legislation that requires us to be in compliance as far what we allow our students and staff to access online. There are three components to that including having a safety policy in place, having a specific safety measure in place, and the third component is that we are required to inform the Board of those two policies and have a public record of having made that informational item at a public meeting. Mr. Myers discussed the safety policy and safety measure that is in place for the Helena Public School District.

#### 2. Elementary Safety and Security Bond Spend Down

Superintendent Rex Weltz discussed the Elementary Safety and Security Bond Spend Down with the Board of Trustees. Mr. Weltz discussed how much money was left to be spent, the timeline, and what the money needs to be spent on to maintain safety and security in the District. Our technicians from both facilities and technology went through the buildings with building Administrators to see what safety and security elements are still needed with the remaining bond money while following the bond language requirements.

That concluded Items for Information, and the Board of Trustees moved on to Reports.

### **D. REPORTS**

#### 1. Helena Education Association Report

Jane Shawn, President of the Helena Education Association gave the Helena Education Association Report and discussed that their two national affiliates will both have their conventions. They will be sending three delegates to the virtual NEA Representative Assembly, and there will be a Montana Night hosted in Butte. Two delegates will be sent to the American Federation of Teachers Convention in Boston in July. They will be working with double A presidents from around the state over the course of the summer.

#### 2. Budget & Finance Report

There was nothing to report because the Budget and Finance Committee will be meeting later in the month.

#### 3. Teaching & Learning Committee Report

Trustee Jennifer McKee gave the Teaching and Learning Committee Report. At the Teaching and Learning Committee meeting the committee listened to a Title and Federal Programming Presentation and viewed the Spring Student Achievement Data.

4. Policy Committee Report

There was nothing to report because the Policy Committee did not meet in June.

5. Facilities & Maintenance Committee Report

Trustee Luke Muszkiewicz gave the Facilities and Maintenance Committee Report. At the Facilities and Maintenance Committee meeting they discussed safety and security updates, the bond spend down, facilities master plan contract and timeline, and lead testing and mitigation update.

6. Health Benefits Committee Report

Trustee Kay Satre has not yet met with the Health Benefits Committee, therefore, there was nothing to report.

7. Wellness Committee Report

Principal Trish Klock, member of the Wellness Committee, gave the Wellness Committee Report. At the Wellness Committee meeting the Wellness Committee discussed what they accomplished this year, and their goals for next year. They wanted to increase students' activity over the summer, so the high schools sent their athletes to the elementary schools and brought a lot of excitement in getting kids active and in camps for the summer. Many local organizations offered to cover camps costs for families that cannot afford it. Ms. Klock also discussed the Walk With Ease program that encourages wellness for staff members.

8. Montana School Boards Association Report

Trustee Luke Muszkiewicz gave the Montana School Boards Association Report. The Montana Legislature Joint Education Interim Committee and Education Interim Budget Committee held a special meeting and they convened what they referred to as the Constitutional Players in Montana Public Education. That was the legislature, Office of Public Instruction, Board of Public Education, Board of Regents, Governor's Office, and the Montana School Boards Association. At the meeting they discussed various topics including what additional resources schools need to get to the next level in how we support and educate our students and how we can best utilize the flexibilities in existing law to do innovative and interesting things in our public schools. Last Friday, MTSBA held its annual meeting where they ratified their legislative platform. At that meeting Trustee Luke Muszkiewicz concluded his service as president on the MTSBA and is now past president.

That concluded the Reports portion of the agenda. The Board of Trustees moved on to discuss Upcoming Meetings.

## **VII. UPCOMING MEETINGS**

Board Chair Siobhan Hathhorn reviewed upcoming meetings with the Board of Trustees, including a Budget and Finance Committee meeting at the end of June, and a Board of Trustees Retreat in either July or August.

## **VIII. BOARD COMMENTS**

Trustee Luke Muszkiewicz commented how much he appreciated Superintendent Weltz's Superintendent Report. He also expressed his appreciation to administrators in the District and the central office administrators for the amazing job they did with graduations.

Superintendent Rex Weltz also expressed his appreciation for Mr. McKay, the high school administrators, the secretaries, and paras that helped made the graduations a success.

Trustee Jennifer McKee expressed her appreciation to the person who alerted the police about a threat in the community on May 30<sup>th</sup> and expressed her appreciation to the police forces that were involved.

That concluded Board Comments.

## **IX. ADJOURNMENT**

Board Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:07 p.m.

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Candice Delvaux, Recording Secretary      Date