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# **Board of Trustees Executive Committee Meeting**

Tuesday, March 14th, 2023 Lincoln Campus and via Microsoft Teams 11:00 a.m.

## **MINUTES**

### **ATTENDEES**

Committee Others

Siobhan Hathhorn, Board Chair Rex Weltz, Superintendent

Janelle Mickelson, Business Manager

Brian Cummings, Assistant Superintendent K-5

Gary Myers, Director of Technology

Jane Shawn, HEA President

Candice Delvaux, Executive Assistant

Kaitlyn Hess, Assessment and Federal Programs Josh McKay, Assistant Superintendent 6-12 Lona Carter, School Health Grant Facilitator Steve Thennis, Helena High School Principal

Tim McMahon, Activities Director

#### **CALL TO ORDER** I.

Board Chair Siobhan Hathhorn called the meeting to order at 11:12 a.m.

#### II. **REVIEW OF AGENDA**

No changes were requested to the Executive Committee Meeting Agenda.

#### III. **GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no general public comment.

#### IV. **REVIEW OF MINUTES**

Minutes from the 02.14.23 Executive Committee meeting were reviewed and approved.

#### V. REVIEW OF THE 03.14.23 BOARD MEETING AGENDA

The committee reviewed the agenda for the 03.14.23 full Board meeting. Board Chair Siobhan Hathhorn commented. "We will meet here tonight beginning at 5:30 p.m. at the Lincoln Center. People can attend in person or online via TEAMS. The address and remote log-in information is all on the website. We will call things to order, say the Pledge of Allegiance, and review the agenda." Ms. Hathhorn shared that sadly, Trustee Lois Fitzpatrick, has passed away and the Board of Trustees would like to share in a moment of silence at the Board meeting this evening in honor of Trustee Fitzpatrick.

The Trustees will then move on to recognitions. Recognitions tonight will include State Theater Recognition, United States Presidential Scholars Program Candidates, National Merit Finalists, DECA National Qualifiers, Capital High State Wrestling Champion, and Helena High State Swimming Champions.

After recognitions, Superintendent Rex Weltz will give his superintendent report to the Board of Trustees. After the superintendent's report there will be general public comment followed by new business-item for information. There will be one item for information, Policy 5030: Abused and Neglected Child Reporting, that will be presented by Chief of Staff, Ms. Barb Ridgway.

The trustees will move on to consent action items followed by items for action. The first item for action will be the Capital High School Tennis Court Rehabilitation Project Bid presented by Facilities Director, Mr. Todd Verrill. The second item for action will be the Calendar Committee Proposal for the 2023-2024 School Calendar presented by Assistant Superintendent 6-12, Mr. Josh McKay. The third item for action will be the National Certified Counselor Certification Approval that will be presented by Human Resources Director, Keri Mizell. The Board tonight will be presented with the action item and it will be clear that the Certified Counselor Certification will be added to the list of certifications in the CBA currently available to teachers to pursue. The two teachers listed in the board action, Jaime Pandis and Ellaina Staldine, were the counselors who brought forth the proposal and application. The final three items for action will be presented by Ms. Barb Ridgway

and they are Policy 5045: Family Medical Leave Act, Policy 5035: Staff Ethics and Political Activity, and Policy 5051: Insurance Benefits for Employees.

The trustees will conclude the board meeting by hearing reports, and discussing upcoming meetings followed by adjournment.

#### **BOARD COMMENTS** VI.

There were no board comments.

## VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:28 a.m.