



BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

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Regular School Board Meeting

Meeting Minutes

*KalisPELL Middle School
Library Media Center
205 Northwest Lane
KalisPELL, MT 59901
9/12/2017 06:00 PM*

1. CALL TO ORDER

Members Present: Chair Lance Isaak, Vice Chair Jack Fallon, Anna Marie Bailey, Mary Tepas, Mary Ruby, Joe Brenneman, Frank Miller, Jon Endresen, Bette Albright

Members Absent: Mark Kornick, Diane Morton Stout,

Officials Present: Superintendent Mark Flatau, Assistant Superintendent Andrea Johnson, FHS Principal Michele Paine, GHS Principal Callie Langhor, KMS Assistant Principal Jeff Hornby

Others Present: Owners Representative Erick Enz, Tom Heineke, GHS French Teacher Stephanie Hill

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Isaak called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

(Action)

Chair Isaak asked the Board to make a motion to approve the minutes from the August 8, 2017 and August 22, 2017 Board meetings. Board

Trustee Miller made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 8, 2017 and August 22, 2017 Board meetings.

Trustee Allbright seconded the motion.

Motion carries unanimously.

4. RECOGNITIONS AND REPORTS

(Information)

Chair Isaak introduced the next item on the agenda, Recognitions and Reports.

a. RECOGNITIONS

(Presentation)

None

b. STUDENT REPORTS

(Information)

i. FHS

FHS Senior Class President John Hinchey updated the Board on the happenings at Flathead High School.

- Smoke has been an issue for activities, practicing for all sports was limited to indoors last week, some games

cancelled. This looks like an issue that is resolving itself.

- Freshman Day: Student council helps guide the Freshmen, there is an assembly to help them in getting used to the school, seems like an energetic crowd.
- New class: Foundations of Leadership: collaborative discussion of different qualifications that a leader possesses.
- Great Falls High School, one of coaches sons (Troy) is battling a life threatening illness, so the FHS football team made Troy a video telling him we have his back and are behind him. The family was very appreciative of the support he was given.
- Legends field looks great.

ii. GHS

GHS French Teacher and New International Activities Coordinator, Stephanie Hill introduced some International Language Students who gave the Board an overview of the trip they took to Europe this summer. The 24 students were accompanied by five GHS staff members and three parents on this trip. Seniors Lynette Vogel and Natasha Johnson and Junior Sean Hegstad gave some highlights of their trip.

- Switzerland- German Speaking country,
- Italy- went to 3 of the 5 Cinque Terra Islands really hot there, ate a lot of Gelato
- Monaco - could see 3 countries from here
- France- Highlight of the trip because most of the kids were French learners
- Spain - Highlight for the few Spanish kids, took a bike ride in Barcelona
- Touched on Personal Impacts for each students:
- Culture
- amazed by other peoples ability to learn languages
- caught the travel bug
- learned that it is up to us to raise the standard and teach ourselves about other cultures and languages
- seeing different view points

iii. KMS

Michael Downing, KMS eighth grader, gave a synopsis of KMS happenings.

- 1059 students enrolled this year
- 343 sixth graders
- 381 seventh graders
- 335 eighth graders
- Field trips: 8th graders went to the Ropes courses at Big Sky Bible Camp, 6th Graders did Team Bonding at Lawrence Park, West Shore and Herron park.
- Open House on Sept. 7th went well
- Discovery, fire fundraiser
- Football, trying to work as hard as we could but had to practice indoors, Canvas, Northridge Lutheran and Faith Free churches let us practice in their spaces.
- Looking forward to a great year

c. BUILDING UPDATE

(Information)

Superintendent Flatau stated that starting tonight, the Board will be updated each month by a different school in the District. Tonight it will be Glacier High School.

i. Glacier High School

Glacier High School Principal Callie Langhor presented a power point presentation:

- GHS ranked #1 AA in State, #4 in all High Schools in the State (after Gardner, Lone Peak, and Stevensville) out of 22,000 schools, Glacier is in top 10%
- Everything is connected
- What happens behind the scenes, how do we do High School at GHS?
- 3 foundational spokes: Vision...Goal...Philosophy
- **Vision: To be one of the top high schools in the nation...center point**
- Success Criteria (16 of them)
- Instructional Emphasis
- Professional Development Plans
- GHS Professional Reading (Make your Bed...The Growth Mindset)

- Focus Area: Students: Academic Honesty Staff: Growth Mindset
- Montana Standards Support (Writing and Reading)
- Technology Plan (Chrome Books, Google School)
- School Improvement Teams 1) Incident Command 2) Climate And Culture 3) Tech 4) Special Education 5) Freshman Academy
- Early Release Block Schedules
- Flex Faculty meetings (Hot Topics printing costs, academic honesty, field trips)
- Academic Catch up Day incentive Oct 12, Jan 11, March 15, April 26
- **Goal: Every student graduates in 4 years or less...center point**
- Educational Platform...shared value
- Glaciers Guide...shared value 10 items..what it means to do these 10 things.
- Glaciers Golden Rules...shared values Respect yourself, respect others, respect the building
- **Philosophy: Center point People first programs second**
- Glacier Grit...shared value
- Glacier Gratitude...shared value model being grateful and express gratitude legitimately
- yearly school theme...Internal platform for constructive actions and dialogue....Make your day
- talking to students about the key points from the book: 'Making Your Bed...Little Things That Can Change Your Life, and Maybe The World' by Retired Admiral William H. McRaven: Make your bed in the morning being a sugar cookie: that's life and you need to learn to deal with it. Never ever ever ring the bell if you want to make a difference.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Isaak asked if any member of the audience wished to comment on a matter not on the agenda, further stating that the Board could not take action on any matter brought up in public comment because the public had not previously been notified of the matter. No Public Comment was offered.

6. NEW BUSINESS

Chair Isaak introduced the next item on the agenda, New Business.

a. FLATHEAD ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE SOLAR PANEL PRESENTATION

(Information)

Ross Holter from the Flathead Electric Cooperative addressed the Board. Mr. Holter told the Board that they may remember the FEC community solar project that was launched a few years ago. The member owned Co-op built a large facility and sells ownership of the solar panels to members. It is a 100 kW system (356 panels). The Co-op then came up with concept of hosted community solar and thought the new school south of town would be a perfect partnership. The southern exposure-high visibility of the building is perfect. The Co-op will take care of all costs to install, provide and maintaining. School District has small costs including conduit, etc. The Co-op can put a really nice lobby display and work with science classes to work on pertinent curriculum and bill credits for allowing the Co-op to use the school roof. There was some discussion of electric vehicles and a car charging facility for electric cars at the school. Holter explained that there is a ways to go but the Co-op will keep plugging along and will keep working to get it put together.

b. TRANSPORTATION: RECOMENDATION TO ADD ADDITIONAL BUS STOP

(Action)

Superintendent Flatau explained that all bus stops have to go through the County and that the District had started a conversation with a parent last year who lives on the south end of Creston area toward Bigfork. The proposal is for an added bus stop that will have a minimum of 4 students at this stop. District 5 will need approval from the Bigfork school board to drive in and out and turn around in the Bigfork boundary line. Flatau stated that he and the Transportation department "want to have our ducks in a row, as we think this is the appropriate thing to do for safety reasons." Of the \$8776.00 in additional costs, \$3240.00 will be reimbursed from the County. Flatau stated that he is asking for board approval "knowing that we have to go to Bigfork and the County Transportation committee."

The students effected are Middle School and Flathead High School students. Part of this funding will be made up by state funding through the permissive levy.

Trustee Miller made a motion to approve the recommendation of an additional bus stop.

Trustee Albright seconded the motion.

Motion Carries 8-1 with Trustee Brenneman opposing.

c. CONSTRUCTION UPDATES

(Action)

District Owners Representative Erick Enz, Joe Clark and Lane Huffman from Langlas and Tom Heineke brought construction updates to the Board.

Joe Clark went over the bid package, as presented. Clark explained that Orange denotes items on the first bid package, Green denotes items on second bid package and White denotes items on the 3rd bid package. Clark stated that there was a really good turn out from the bid market. Langlas made over a thousand phone calls have had 150+ bidders to date. Subtotal of Bid Package 3 is \$7,146,827.00. Langlas spent a week qualifying the bidders and came today with a recommendation to the Board with the best qualified low bids. Clark presented a breakdown of local contractors with Just under 60% of the work going to Flathead Valley contractors and 96% going to companies in Montana.

There was discussion of alternate options for additional money. Erick Enz addressed the value engineering list and those alternates add up to about \$243,000 that the board still needs to decide on.

- Anti Graffiti Coating additional cost.
- Impact Resistant Drywall
- Slat Cladding and Louvers
- A3- Supplementary Classroom Casework
- Snow Melt: 3 areas to put tubing in sidewalk pavement, and front entrance pavement. \$48,000 Additional piping will be \$111,000.

Tom Heineke addressed cabinets stating that the alternate bid includes upper cabinets in classrooms, the base bid includes the gym, the commons, and the offices, councilor offices and break out areas and most of the base cabinets in the classrooms (excluding some in the kinder rooms). Heineke stated that there will only be 30% or less cabinet loss if the Board only goes with the base bid. Based on discussions within the planning meetings and the fact that the base bid doesn't include upper cabinets anywhere in the classroom, the feeling of some of the Board is that \$34,800 should be included in the total bid in order not to short change the teachers. There was discussion about the needs vs. the wants of the built in snow melt at a cost of \$48,000 (the contract has already been awarded, but can still be removed from the final package).

The Board then discussed the removal of the Slat Cladding Louvre that was supposed to be included in the base bid but was not. Some elementary trustees cannot justify the expense while others think it keeps the school from looking like a warehouse. The consensus of the Board was to nix the built in snow melt, add the Anti-Graffiti Coating, the Impact Resistant Drywall and the Supplementary Classroom Casework and remove the Slat Cladding Louvre.

Trustee Miller made a motion to to approve the base budget of \$ 7,146,827.00 with the subtraction of \$48,000 for snow melt and the addition of A1(Anti-Graffiti Coating), A3 (Supplementary Classroom Casework), and A5 (Impact resistant drywall). Trustee Bailey seconded the motion.

Motion Carries 5-1 with the elementary trustees, with Trustee Ruby opposed.

The Board was then presented with a Change Order for Airport Rd light poles and vaults. This was a city site review requirement and needs to be done. Joe Clark was able to get the price down considerably. The City of Kalispell will pay the maintenance and light bill but School District 5 will have pay to have them installed.

Trustee Bailey made a motion to approve the change order as presented.

Trustee Ruby seconded the motion.

Motion carries unanimously with the elementary trustees.

7. OLD BUSINESS

Chair Isaak introduced the next item on the agenda, Old Business.

a. CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

(Possible Action)

i. Axiom Construction Update

(Information)

Owner Representative Erick Enz gave the Board a Construction Update at each site, as presented.

1. New Elementary

2. FHS

- Utility relocation project: 2 compressors have to be replaced and want to make sure that the district is not on the hook to American Electric to make sure no other compressors are damaged.
- Steam to Hot water conversion went well
- Demolition and Addition

3. LEC

- working on optimizing of space and should have a schematic package to present soon
4. Five Elementaries
- 4 of 5 have had site surveying conduction
 - moving into education specifications type committee meetings. Moving this ahead of the master schedule that was created.
5. Vo-Ag
- Design process has not begun...staging the construction so every project is not hitting at the same time, probably in spring or early summer. Someone pointed out that this would lose out on summer construction phase. The Board would like that to be reevaluated timeline wise. Enz stated that "Construction price increases in the valley if we overload the community on smaller projects we will see a huge increase in prices". Enz will take a look with the team and come back with some other options and the impacts of moving that up.

ii. Flathead High School Schematic Design Submittal (Possible Action)

Owners Representative Erick Enz gave an update on the FHS renovation with schematic renderings, stating that the demolition begins in hopefully January at end of semester. weather permitting.
 FHS will be going from a building with 5 levels to one with 3 levels and all levels will be ADA accessible. This process has been ongoing for 5 months and there are great changes. In the end Flathead High will be net ahead by 7 classrooms. The schedule looks like the addition will be ready in the fall of 2019. Budget is looking great.

b. MONTHLY BUDGET REPORT (Information)

As presented.

8. CONSENT AGENDA (Action)

Chair Isaak asked the Board to consider a motion regarding the Consent Agenda as presented.

Trustee Ruby made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Trustee Bailey seconded the motion.

Motion carries unanimously.

- a. FINANCIAL REPORTS/ BILLS AND PAYROLL (Consent Agenda)
- b. PERSONNEL ACTION ITEMS (Consent Agenda)
- c. BUS DRIVER CERTIFICATION LIST (Consent Agenda)
- d. FUNDRAISING REQUESTS (Consent Agenda)
- e. TRAVEL REQUEST (Consent Agenda)
- f. TUITION
- g. CONTRACTS (Consent Agenda)

9. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS AND REPORTS (Information)

Chair Isaak introduced the next item on the agenda, Informational Items and Reports.

a. TRUSTEE REPORTS (Information)

Trustee Tepas: None

Trustee Endresen: None

Trustee Albright: Id like to make the Board aware of a workshop, MTSBA Back to School Legal Primer, discussing topics like open meeting laws, student discipline, ethics updates, can earn golden gavel points. and there is some interesting topics and as board members we would benefit

Trustee Brenneman: thanks to trustees for all the support, it made an unbearable situation slightly more bearable

Trustee Miller: I'm a little concerned about the City's reaction to our decision to remove the Slat facade on the new elementary since the plan they approved had the slatting in it. (Mark Flatau said he would address that with the City)

Trustee Bailey: I signed up to be representative on the Linderman building update, I have a conflict so can't be on it Thursday afternoons, if another trustee would like to join that. 3:00pm.

Trustee Ruby: There is a major conference in October of MTSBA in Billings price goes up on Sept 28th so get registered if

you want to go.

Vice Chair Fallon: I have a few questions about Legends Field that need to be pursued. The sub field on the west side used rounder rock than the angular rock they used and you can have isolated puddles, this may become an issue. concessions glass can be broken , maybe should ban glass containers. I was under the impression we were going ot get something to maintain it and we need to get money for a low impact snow removal and we need to budget for that.

Chair Isaak: Thank administraton for open houses, love it. kids excited. Sharing a nice thank you card from MT Quality Education coalition.

b. ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS

(Information)

i. Superintendent

We are going to be looking at Field security and the consensus is that given the investment we have made we need to take a look at the hours that Legends is open to the public and some fees for rental rates. This will be brought to you eventually.

ii. Assistant Superintendent

as presented

10. ADJOURNMENT

(Action)

Chair Isaak called for a motion regarding the adjournment of the meeting.

Trustee Bailey made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Trustee Miller seconded the motion.

Motion carries.

Meeting adjourned at 8:36

Chair of the Board

Date

Clerk of the Board

Date

Secretary of the Board

Date

11. ACCOMMODATIONS