



BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

The mission of this Board of Trustees is to champion the cause of students in public education by establishing the framework through which all educational resources are maximized.

Regular School Board Meeting

Meeting Minutes

*KalisPELL Middle School
Library Media Center
205 Northwest Lane
KalisPELL, MT 59901
1/9/2018 06:00 PM*

1. CALL TO ORDER

Members Present: Chair Lance Isaak, Vice Chair Jack Fallon (6:19), Frank Miller, Jon Endresen, Mark Kornick, Mary Ruby, Mary Tepas, Bette Albright, Diane Morton Stout

Members Absent: Anna Marie Bailey, Joe Brenneman,

Officials Present: Superintendent Mark Flatau, Assistant Superintendent Andrea Johnson, Hedges Principal Brent Benkelman, GHS Principal Callie Langhor, FHS Principal Michele Paine, FHS Assistant Principal Mike Lincoln, Transportation Director Annie Jensen, Finance Director Gwyn Andersen, KEA President Lynn Rider, Edgerton Assistant Principal Jen Stein

Others Present: Owners Representative Erick Enz, Hedges Tech teacher Erin Landrum, Edgerton Instructional Coach Dani Roper, Rory Young from Jakola, Shane Jacobs and David Mitchell from CTA, Lane Huffman and Joe Clark from Langlas, Jen Rohweder, Hillary Mathison from Daily Inter Lake, Tom Heineke from Morrison and Maierle, Edgerton teacher Wendy Bumgarner and Ray Bumgarner, Marc and Norma James, Daniel Long, Maddie Miller Austin Strobbe-Barry, Garin Shroeder, Ben Bjork, Katelyn Corporn, Katelyn Drager, Jennifer Cox, Glen Shepherd, Laura Crow, Drew Flink, Liza Vinogradova, Parker Muonto, Brittany Boone, Bailey Nunn, Albert Tedrick, Jada Witts, Wyatt Todaro, Sierra Wilhelm, Annie Jones, Nikki Sauter, Sidney Frandsen, Ales Thompson, Bobby Lowry, Annie Simonson, Emily Pederson, Jayden Wolff, Presley Knowton, Taylore Massie, Aspenn Kennedy, Tristan Phillips, and Abby Girardot

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Isaak called the meeting to order at 6:03pm, after the conclusion of a public hearing, 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 December 12, 2017 Board meeting.

Trustee Albright made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 12, 2017 Board meeting.

Trustee Miller 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

(Presentation)

i. KMS

None

ii. FHS

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

- Semester is about to end, Final exams happening right now.
- A lot of college application deadlines have passed which is a big relief for Seniors
- Planning a fund raiser for a student with cancer, still in planning stages, student council will establish lunch tables to get the word out and organize donations. We are considering taking a portion of Winter Formal proceeds to donate to the student.
- Elsie Arntzen, MT Superintendent of Public Schools will tour the house construction project of Brock Andersen's class, this Thursday
- Winter Formal on a Friday, instead of a Saturday, theme is Yeti..Blue and White colors last school wide dance.
- Lip Sync competition sponsored by theater club tonight, 20 groups participating.
- Wrestling doing really well, crosstown on Thursday

iii. GHS

None

c. BUILDING UPDATE- Hedges Elementary

(Presentation)

Hedges Principal, Brent Benkelman, updated the Board on the happenings at Hedges. Benkelman stated that one of the recent changes is the addition of Tech teachers in our elementary schools. "It is very cool to see the advances." Benkelman then introduced Hedges Tech Teacher, Erin Landrum who gave a presentation on how tech is utilized at Hedges, as presented. Landrum stated that she is in year two of her current position and that she spent a lot of time and effort to get the things needed for tech. Hedges is one of the first schools in our district to actually reach a 1:1 ratio for students to devices (chrome books or ipads), except for Kindergarten which is a 2:1 ratio. This access to devices changes how learning is done everyday.

- In the Library students are learning web based research skills
- doing an hour of code
- Basic Skills and Life Skills students are utilizing tech as well, non verbal students have an app to help them communicate better
- all students test in their own classroom instead of having to go to another space
- Genius hour
- Tech integration PIR
- Landrum purchased a Google Expeditions Kit through Weyerhaeuser Grant (take your students on field trips your buses can't)
- KEF Grant provided: STEAM Lab (2 Hedges teachers were awarded these grants)
- Biggest challenge is time to train teachers and students on how to use the technology

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. ADOPTION OF HIGH SCHOOL BUDGET AMMENDMENT

(Action)

Finance Director Gwyn Andersen asked the Board to take action on the recommended High School Budget Amendment, as presented during the Public Hearing that took place just prior to the Board Meeting.

Trustee Tepas made a motion to approve the adoption of the High School Budget Amendment, as presented.

**Trustee Morton Stout seconded the motion.
Motion carries unanimously.**

b. CHANGE ORDER NUMBER 3 (Action)

Owners Representative Erick Enz introduced Joe Clark from Langlas. Mr. Clark introduced Change Order Number 3 stating that a change order request is developed based on different aspects of a job and that all of this, as presented. Enz stated that it is covered by the contingency fund that is budgeted into the project. Superintendent Flatau stated that this Change Order was vetted and reviewed at Finance Committee.

Trustee Albright made a motion to approve the Change Order Number 3, as presented.

Trustee Ruby seconded the motion.

Motion carries unanimously, with Elementary Trustees only.

c. RANKIN ELEMENTARY - MASCOT SELECTION (Action)

Superintendent Flatau explained to the Board that each elementary school could nominate a mascot and school colors. Flatau repeated the nominations: Raptors received 2 nominations, Racoons were nominated 2 times and Ravens were nominated once. The recommendation from Rankin Principal Merisa Murray is for the mascot to be the Raptors and the school colors to be Purple and Silver/White. There is a possibility of utilizing High School students to come up with a logo for the new school.

Trustee Miller made a motion to name the Rankin Mascot the Raptors and to accept the school colors as Purple, Silver and White.

Trustee Tepas seconded the motion.

Motion carries unanimously with the elementary trustees only.

d. RANKIN ELEMENTARY - ROAD NAME SELECTION (Action)

Superintendent Flatau stated that the Committee that reviewed nominees for naming of the new elementary school also knew there was a need for a name of the road on the property. The recommendation from that committee is to name the road 'Wise Way', after Doug Wise. Wise was a landowner, former student of KPS and owned and operated Sykes Diner for 64 years.

Trustee Tepas made a motion to name the road on the property of Rankin Elementary, Wise Way, in honor of Doug Wise.

Trustee Albright seconded the motion.

Motion carries unanimously with Elementary Trustees only.

7. OLD BUSINESS

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

a. FHS DEFERRED MAINTENANCE REVIEW (Information)

Tom Heineke from Morrison and Maierle updated the Board on the FHS Deferred Maintenance project. Heineke stated that a committee of interested parties worked through the FHS deferred maintenance list to identify those items that would still need to be completed and added some necessary items to the list leaving a balance that could be allocated to other areas of the high school bond projects, as presented

The first piece is items that Maintenance Director Jason Betterley and Owners Representative Erick Enz will be administering for the project, identified by item and price for a total of about 1.9 Million dollars.

The second piece are items to be performed under contract with Ameresco, for a total of about 1.8 Million dollars.

The third piece are items to be performed during the construction project for about a Million dollars. The Grand Total of all the Deferred Maintenance is about 4.8 Million dollars. The total of the Bond is 6.1 Million dollars leaving a difference of about 1.4 Million dollars.

Heineke then pointed out the Prioritized Items, as presented and items previously Identified but not required by codes. The total deferred maintenance that is not required is about 1.8 Million dollars.

Orange items are things not identified in the original deferred maintenance list total about 1 Million dollars.

Heineke concluded by saying there are some additional costs that Ameresco is working on, "once we have that amount we will know what those final cost are".

b. 5 ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION (Action)

Shane Jacobs and David Mitchell with CTA gave the Board a quick overview and timeline of the Five elementary Construction projects, as presented. Jacobs stated that they are staggering each of the 5 projects and pointed out notable changes to Hedges in response to discussion at a previous board meeting: "There was previously a dark blue area over the current stage, that area was slated for heavy remodel. We now have added an addition on the north side of building to make a multi purpose room to satisfy the bond language."

Jacobs pointed out that there is a 1.3 Million deficit from "where we started and where we are today."

There are 1.9 Million in Bond premiums for the elementary. The State Legislature passed Senate Bill 307 for deferred maintenance, new money dedicated to that.

CTA recommended a Design, Bid, Build delivery system to spur competition adding that if we wait until bidding season starts, when contractors already have jobs lined up, they don't need the work and can raise the price. Trustee Fallon added that we "sold bonds last fall to get the projects all rolling, there is still some bond authorization that can be tapped at anytime, this summer or this fall, recognizing that we are going to need to use those funds. we can wait and see what the costs really are, plenty of money to cover all the costs that will incur between now and then."

c. BOND PROJECT UPDATE

(Information)

Owners Representative Erick Enz and Lane Huffman from Langlas walked the board through a photo presentation of the progress of the new school, Rankin Elementary.

- First floor is 100% framed , Second will be by next week
- Scheduling Tours again around January 26th
- Sheetrock gong on the walls.
- Tentatively scheduled a Rankin Rally, once families have been identified, for Sat. March 3rd at 10am.

Others projects updated as presented

- FHS: bidding out asbestos abatement this month, whole project in Feb
- LEC: on hold until FHS budget is final and deferred maintenance costs are calculated
- 5 elem: CTA is giving presentation to Russell and Elrod tomorrow at 3:40
- VoAg, bi weekly meetings, in schematic phase

d. ELEMENTARY REZONING - PLAN F

(Action)

Transportation Director Annie Jensen presented Elementary Rezoning Plan F.

Superintendent Flatau stated that in the online survey feedback the district received approximately 58 who responded and left some level of comment. Most of those folks requested going back to Plan E, and Flatau stated that nothing is etched in stone at this point.

Jensen went over the changes in Plan F, as presented, stating that she dropped Edgerton boundary down to Hwy 2, it has less of Northridge and a little bit of Empire Loop. Jensen tried to get all of Northridge in Russell but because it is such a large neighborhood it is not possible to get them all in the same school. Cleaned the boundary between Peterson and Rankin at Foy's Lake Rd. Changed the border between Hedges and Rankin as well, specifically Buttercup Loop was split in half. Final numbers presented: Showed some problems with previous plan numbers.

Plan E 5.0 were very minor tweaks to Plan E, one sticking point was Rankin and the numbers being just a little uncomfortably too high. Once you start tweaking one, it tweaks another. Results in some level of minor change in every enrollment area. "Trying to maintain socio economic equity as much as we could and working to improve that in some."

There was a little discussion surrounding the numbers and the previous plans. When it was pointed out that the numbers at each school do not reflect the kids from that school that actually attend one of our behavior or special needs classes at another school, and therefore those schools that house those classes numbers aren't truly reflected, **Trustee Tepas decided to make a motion to move forward with Plan F as the newly adopted elementary boundaries.**

Trustee Morton Stout seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously with elementary trustees only.

e. MONTHLY BUDGET REPORT

(Information)

Finance Director Gwyn Andersen gave the Board the monthly budget report, as presented.

f. POLICY UPDATES - SECOND READING

Policy Update 4210 - School-Support Organization, Boosters and Fundraising and new additions to Policy 8425, 8425F and 8425P, - Service Animals passed second reading.

i. Policy 4210 - School-Support Organizations, Boosters and Fundraising

ii. New Additions to Policy 8425 - 8425F and 8425P - Service Animals

g. POLICY UPDATES - THIRD AND FINAL READING

Policy updates to 1130P - Committees passed third and final reading.

i. Policy 1130P - Board of Trustees, Committees

8. CONSENT AGENDA

(Action)

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

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

Trustee Albright 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 (Consent Agenda)
- g. NEW COURSE OFFERINGS (Consent Agenda)
- h. CONTRACT APPROVALS (Consent Agenda)

9. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS AND REPORTS

(Information)

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

a. TRUSTEE REPORTS

Trustee Miller: I am the Board rep for Legends Wall of Fame, we met and did not approve any applications this year, one of the issues we are running into is that nominees are from a ways back and to get all the info you would like to have about them, is a little bit more difficult, we will probably redo the application to include letters of recommendation.

Trustee Ruby: I head to Helena for MTSBA Board Meeting and will have new stuff when I get back

Trustee Morton Stout: Thank you to Mark for presenting on KPS at Leadership Flathead

Trustee Albright: Note from OPI has designated Feb. as "I love to Read" month to encourage people in the community to spend time in the schools reading. We thought it would be nice if Board Members could spend some time to read a book with the kids. Sign up and we will get you scheduled.

Vice Chair Fallon: I would like to thank all the Trustees that are involved in all the different committees and having trustees involved in those parts is fantastic and gives a lot more insight and creates additional discussion that I think is very healthy.

b. CONFIRMATION OF COMMITTEE AND CONSTRUCTION PLANNING MEETINGS

Flatau presented a reminder list of upcoming meetings related to construction planning.

c. ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS

(Information)

i. Superintendent

Superintendent Flatau showed the Board the FHS Principal brochure. in draft form, as presented.

Trustee Kornick asked "who is the audience and is this printed?" Flatau responded that it is electronic, and that it will be placed where ever the District decides to advertise open positions.

Mike Lincoln, FHS Assistant Principal, asked to speak to things the Flathead Administration would like to see addressed or changed in the brochure. Chair Isaak asked Mr. Lincoln to schedule a time to meet with Mr. Flatau to discuss those items directly.

ii. Assistant Superintendent

10. ADJOURN INTO CLOSED SESSION, In Accordance with Section 2-3-203, MCA

(Discussion)

Chair Isaak adjourned the meeting into Executive Session for the purpose of discussion of the Superintendent's Evaluation at 7:50pm.

11. RECONVENE INTO REGULAR SESSION

Chair Isaak reconvened into regular session at 8:29pm.

12. ADJOURNMENT

(Action)

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

Trustee Albright made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Trustee Kornick seconded the motion.

Motion carries unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.

Chair of the Board

Date

Clerk of the Board

Date

Secretary of the Board

Date

13. ACCOMMODATIONS