



## 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  
3/6/2018 06:00 PM*

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Members Present: Chair Lance Isaak, Vice Chair Jack Fallon, Diane Morton Stout, Mary Ruby, Anna Marie Bailey (6:01), Frank Miller, Mark Kornick, Bette Albright

Members Absent: Jon Endersen, Mary Tepas, Joe Brenneman

Officials Present: Finance Director Gwyn Andersen, GHS Principal Callie Langohr, FHS Principal Michele Paine, Food Service Director Jana Graham, LEC Principal Jodie Barber, Peterson Principal Tracy Ketchum, KEA President Lynn Rider,

Others Present: Peterson teachers Carrie Smith and Mikayla Darrow, Brendi Westover, Erick Enz, Elle Westover, Luke Rogers, Amanda Rogers, Ali Ashkanani, Betty deHoop, Mike Merchant, Rory Young, Hilary Mathison from the DIL

#### 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Isaak called the meeting to order at 6:00 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 February 13, 2018 and February 27, 2018 Board meetings.

**Trustee Miller made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 13, 2018 and February 27, 2018 Board meetings.**

**Trustee Morton Stout 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)**

##### i. Ali Ashkanani - GHS Exchange Student from Bahrain

**(Presentation)**

Ali Ashkanani is a foreign exchange student from Bahrain attending school at Glacier High. He came to give a short presentation to the Board about his home country and what exchange has meant to him.

General Facts about Bahrain:

- Montana is 498 times bigger than Bahrain
- Climate is super hot and humid almost all year long.
- Nature: almost all of Bahrain is at zero sea level so there is not a lot of wildlife, mostly desert and also an

island

People:

- Language is Arabic (very difficult)
- 3 main ethnicities in Bahrain, Native Bahrainis, Bahraini Arabs (mostly Saudi Arabia), and Ajam Bahrainis (Bahrainis of Persian decent like Ali)

Religions:

- 99.8% Muslims ( a lot of exPats)
- 70% are Shia Muslims
- 28% are Sunni Muslims
- 2% is made up of other smaller sects of islam
- other .2 is mostly Christians , Jews, etc

Ali Showed pictures of traditional dress for women called Thoub-Nahal and for Men called Thoub

Ali showed pictures of and spoke about the Royal Family including the King, his son and his brother.

Bahrain's holidays:

- most people don't celebrate Christmas other than watching Christmas movies or listening to Christmas music
- Ramadan is a celebration much like our Christmas and lasts a whole month
- Dec 16th, is Bahrain's National Day, much like our July 4th

Cool Places in Bahrain:

- Bahrain World Trade Center
- Durrat (pearl of) Al-Bahrain (man made islands)
- Bahrain Fort
- The tree of Life (middle of desert, hundreds of years old)
- Bahrain Formula 1 circuit, a very popular event for the whole country

How exchange changed my life:

Ali stated that being an exchange student has 'changed my view of the world, how similar and different we are, it is so nice here, i want to go all over now. If there were teens here, I would encourage them to go on exchange."

In Bahrain there is no school sports, sports are played through clubs outside of schools. "I like how schools care about sports and arts and stuff. Bahrain public schools are separated by Boys and Girls and private schools are mixed."

## **b. STUDENT REPORTS**

**(Presentation)**

### **i. KMS**

None

### **ii. FHS**

Flathead High School Senior John Hinchey gave the Board an update on recent happenings at Flathead.

- Junior Anna Hedinger competed in Poetry Out Loud at the State competition in Helena in March and won First Place. She will represent Montana in Washington DC April 23rd to 25th.
- Students recently returned from a Pro Start competition in Missoula with the Family Consumer Science teacher. Pro Start is a culinary program that gets students ready for the hospitality industry.
- Students and Teachers recently participated in Glacier High School immersion night, a Language immersion evening filled with food and fun that takes place with a French teacher and french exchange students that are here for a couple of weeks.
- Career day is coming up on Thursday, All the Freshman get to meet people from the community who have stations set up in the gym to talk about different career paths and give insight into what they do. Sophomores take it one step further and actually go through mock job interviews.
- Prom is coming up on Saturday March 17th.

### **iii. GHS**

None

## **c. BUILDING UPDATE- Peterson**

**(Presentation)**

Peterson Principal Tracy Ketchum brought a presentation to the Board on current things that Peterson staff and students are engaged in. Ketchum stated that she "wanted to show things that get missed sometimes and some of the things that we believe are important."

Ketchum showed a slide show of students. Some of the activities students and teachers have been doing:

- Patriot day, students wrote letter to heroes
- 4th graders wrote to a 4th grade shooting victim they learned about who had requested letters.
- Mrs. Lister's 4th grade students raised money to give to a local missionary, they earned enough to buy a Kenyan boy a wheelchair to go to school
- Retired volunteers come into play cribbage
- 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders raised money to buy gifts for the Samaritan house residents
- 5th graders chose to donate money (instead of having a party) to either the Humane Society or the Angel trees at the Mall at Christmas time
- local knitters make hats (with yarn donated by GHS Principal Callie Langohr, in honor of her mother) for all the 5th graders
- SWAT TEAM (students working to advance technology)
- Students are learning about: Being respectful, and how to be responsible learners
- 5th Grade PRIDE: leadership organization.

Mikayla Darrow - Peterson Kindergarten teacher spoke to the Board about a new program adopted this year- Kindergarten home visits.

Darrow explained that Kinder teachers went to Polson and did a training to learn how to do home visits with their kindergarten families. That training got the staff really excited. Teachers worked on sending out a letter to parents and set up a time to visit them in their home. Teachers got to go to their students homes for a 20-30 minute visit. Some went longer. Darrow stated that it was "so nice to see the kids in their own environments, wanting to show us their rooms and all around." Parents seemed to respond really well. All felt some value of the visit. Most parents felt they were more comfortable reaching out as a result of a home visit. Parents also stated that their children were less anxious to begin school since they had already met their teacher in their own environment. Teachers feel that it is an opportunity to really see where kids are coming from and to be able to connect on another level. Peterson hopes to be able to continue the program with grant funding.

## 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. RESOLUTION TO NOTICE POSSIBLE LEVY DECREASES (Action)

Finance Director Gwyn Andersen spoke about the Permissive Building Reserve which requires districts to advertise if they are projecting any levy increases or decreases when they approve their budgets in August. There is nothing else that must be done other than a district must be able to explain why the estimate wasn't hit (either increased or decreased).

Andersen explained the requirements and how the possible increases and decreases were calculated, as presented.

Andersen stated that on the High School side, there is a projected decrease of 6.81 mills.

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**Trustee Bailey made a motion to approve a resolution to post the projected 6.81 mill decrease of the High School budget for 2018-19 school year in the Daily Inter Lake and on our school district website, as presented.**

**Trustee Ruby seconded the motion.**

**Motion carries unanimously.**

**Trustee Bailey made a motion to approve a resolution to post to the projected 8.71 mill decrease of the Elementary budget for 2018-19 school year in the Daily Inter Lake and on our school district website, as presented.**

**Trustee Morton Stout seconded the motion.**

**Motion carries unanimously with elementary trustees only.**

**b. Adopt Resolution 2018-HS5 Authorizing the Issuance and Private Negotiated Sale of General Obligation Bonds, \$2,136,000 (Action)**

Kalispell Public Schools has held and passed an election authorizing the issuance of bonds. The remaining \$2,136,000 can be issued upon action of the Board of Trustees for the purpose of high school facility projects. This resolution would allow the bond sale and issuance to proceed in September of 2018.

**Trustee Bailey made a motion to authorize the bond sale and issuance of \$2,136,000 to proceed in September of 2018 for the purpose of high school facility projects, as presented.**

**Trustee Miller seconded the motion.**

**Motion carries unanimously.**

**c. Adopt Resolution 2018-E5 Authorizing the Issuance and Private Negotiated Sale of General Obligation Bonds, \$1,917,000 (Possible Action)**

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**Trustee Ruby made a motion to table Resolution 2018-E5, as presented, citing no need at this time.**

**Trustee Albright seconded the motion.**

**Motion carries unanimously, with elementary trustees only**

**d. FOOD SERVICE TRUCK (Action)**

The Food Service Department would like to purchase a mobile food serving vehicle for use with the summer food program and other activities. Food Service Director Jana Graham is writing a grant to secure the funds to purchase the truck and she will be looking into truck options. The plan is to use the truck at four different locations this summer to increase the number of students that can have access to the summer lunch program. The District is reimbursed by the government for this program.

**Trustee Bailey made a motion to approve up to \$16,500 for the purchase of a food truck by the Food Service Department.**

**Trustee Kornick seconded the motion.**

**Motion carries unanimously.**

**e. FINAL DRAFT OF LIBRARY P&P (Information)**

Superintendent Flatau explained to the board that the Librarians are on top of things and actively reviewing and updating their policy and procedures, as presented.

Trustee Ruby stated that it is 'good look at current practices and how they improve them'

Trustee Miller found it interesting that kids really still want books in such a tech age.

**7. OLD BUSINESS**

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

**a. POLICY UPDATES - SECOND READING**

Policies pass second reading

**i. Policy 3416 - Administering Medicine to Students**

**ii. OUT OF DISTRICT ENROLLMENT**

Flatau explained that the Policy committee took a look at the tuition increases and decided to utilize a two year incremental increase to make it less of a dramatic jump in price.

**b. CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS (Possible Action)**

Rory Young, Project Manager from Jackola addressed the construction contracts for the Linderman Education Center.

Young stated that in December of last year he came before the Finance Committee to talk about the bond language, needs, money available and how far apart those last two items were. Young stated that the original request was for 1.5 million dollars and that Jackola worked really hard on getting just the fundamental needs and what had to be done according to bond language. At that time it was asked that we hold off a few months. In the intervening months there have been a couple of changes that have solidified a lot of FHS costs and specific changes to LEC. The Northwest Educational Coop is moving from the building and the Alternative Attendance Center is being relocated.

Young went over three separate lists of priorities, as presented. Priority A is what could be done within the original bond amount, Priority B is what was requested to help LEC function for the next 20 years, Priority C is what is valuable to the school now, the absolute needs, not the wants.

There was some discussion about a meeting that Owners Representative Erick Enz had on the VoAg Monday where he reviewed the budget with Morrison Maerle and L'Heruex Paige Warner. In regards to the new Veterinary Sciences building, Enz is recommending that be bid out along with the storage building, greenhouse, and relocation of septic system and some utility work. Bidding these at stand alone projects which will save us money. Finance Director Gwyn Andersen feels that the work at the LEC can move forward and still leave enough in the bond monies for what the VoAg needs as well.

**Trustee Bailey made a motion to move forward with the full amount of Priority C, as presented, for the Linderman Education Center Construction.**

**Trustee Fallon seconded the motion.**

**Motion carries unanimously.**

**c. CONSTRUCTION UPDATES**

**(Information)**

Owners Representative Erick Enz updated the Board on the bond construction projects.

- Rankin Rally: over 200 people, gave tours, very clean and safe job site. very positive feedback from community. Flatau thanks Langlas, 8 employees. went above and beyond and really help us.
- 2 Bid packs out right now for Rankin: FFE (Furniture, Fixtures, and Equipment) and Landscape. Both will bid on March 13th.

Wade Steiner, Project Engineer with Langlas is here to say a few words as Lane is in Billings.

- feel really good about major milestones and hurdles. in cruise control mode
- all the masonry is done
- putting on final touches of wall components to get ready for siding
- framed in the big entrance and roofed it today
- Inside is a busy place, 30-40 people per day there, going counter clockwise around the building.
- North wing: dry walled and covered, will begin taping in 2 days.
- Should have painting done in 2 months and that will start mill work
- grinding concrete floor in 2 weeks

Enz then followed up with the FHS Demo and Addition, as presented and the five elementary projects, as presented

**8. CONSENT AGENDA**

**(Action)**

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

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

**Trustee Kornick 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**

9. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS AND REPORTS

(Information)

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

a. TRUSTEE REPORTS

(Information)

Trustee Ruby: Quarterly meeting for MTSB on Thurs. Strategic Planning on 15th and 16th of March

Trustee Albright: Want to thank all the board members that participated in "I love to Read Month", wonderful being up there in front of those kids. Mark Kornick and Frank Miller had their pictures, Lance Isaak too. I was amazed at the Super K, and Miss Darrow at Peterson. I hope this becomes a yearly project of the Board. Diane Morton Stout, Mark Flatau and myself visited Russell school and it was a nice tour. Chamber meeting and Interlake meetings too, informing and promoting the levy, please attend these things, the public needs to see it

Trustee Morton Stout: I went to a school budgeting meeting that was fascinating.

Trustee Fallon: I want to reinforce the practice that we just went through with the budgeting and the building from the ground up. All parties were challenged more than they ever have been and that is real impressive, biggest accomplishment of the whole process. It is difficult to relay that to the public but I don't know how you can emphasize it enough.

b. ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS

(Information)

i. Superintendent

Please check your email at least once daily and I will update you with the Levy speaking schedule. At the march 20th meeting we will have more structure and clarification. There will be specific presentations where we will want to insure Board presence and identify those trustees that can be available and speak to the needs. We are creating a small group of middle school and high school students that will be trained up. will have more detail on how every one can contribute in two weeks.

ii. Assistant Superintendent

c. CONFIRMATION OF COMMITTEE AND CONSTRUCTION PLANNING MEETINGS

10. ADJOURNMENT

(Action)

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

Trustee Kornick made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Trustee Miller seconded the motion.

Motion carries unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:53pm

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Chair of the Board

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11. ACCOMMODATIONS