



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
4/10/2018 06:00 PM*

1. CALL TO ORDER

Members Present: Chair Isaak, Vice Chair Fallon (6:43), Trustee Albright, Trustee Morton Stout, Trustee Kornick, Trustee Tepas, Trustee Miller

Members Absent: Trustee Endresen, Trustee Bailey, Trustee Brenneman, Trustee Ruby

Officials Present: Superintendent Mark Flatau, Assistant Superintendent Andrea Johnson, GHS Principal Callie Langohr, FHS Principal Michele Paine, KMS Principal Tryg Johnson, GHS Assistant Principal Micah Hill, Edgerton Principal Merisa Murray, Edgerton Assistant Principal Jen Stein, HR Director Tracy Scott, Finance Director Gwyn Andersen, KEA President Lynne Rider

Others Present: Owners Representative Erick Enz, Sean Kelly, Vicki Buck, Vicki Robins, Merry Kelly, Lexi Mohler, Wendy Bumgarner, Langlos Project Manager Lane Huffman, DC Haas, Mike Merchant, Hilary Mathison. Edgerton students: Ethan Anderson, Tanyon Murray, Calvin Casey, Dylan Bauer, Oliver Casey, Reid Sanders, Trevor Hammer, Luke Stein, AnnaLynn Schreiner, Grody Nelson, m Rygg Roper, Morgan Kelly, Emmery Schmidt, Luke Nikunen, Kaylin Sein, Emily Graving, Torren Murray, Ben Boar, Karissa Speer, Kirsten Nelson, DecLand Schreiner, Cassidy Speer, Jared Kelly

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 March 06, 2018 and March 20, 2018 Board meetings.

Trustee Miller made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 06, 2018 and March 20, 2018 Board meetings.

Trustee Tepas 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

James Francis, eighth grader, presented to the Board on the recent happenings at KMS.

- starting SBAC testing next week, all 1050 students participating, 2 days of ELA and 2 days of Math
- Kindness projects for all homebase classes, to promote kindness and show empathy, 12-15 students participated
- Garden and orchards by teams
- Orchestra and Choir concerts
- Orchestra going to Spokane
- Peter Pan Jr. was just performed, it created a family that transcended the grades thanks to our teachers
- Spring sports, 142 in track and 77 in girls tennis
- yearbook team has worked tirelessly
- band will be having a cabaret night
- Math counts are over we received top MCTM scores ,

ii. FHS

John Hinchey, FHS Senior Class President updated the Board on recent happenings at FHS.

- Prom just happened, last time I was here I had not yet asked my date, but I am happy to report I did ask her, with the help of the whole class (I got the whole class to have an orange crush soda pop...when she walked in everyone opened their cans and I was outside wearing the Orange Crush Can suit, I walked in and said "...hey let's crush prom") she said yes!
- 360 people attended, Flathead would like to thank, Norms News, Light Touch photography, FHS art club.
- held in old gym, began demo right after the dance weekend
- starting on the half floors, school is noisy and cold, clocks are now dying
- saving pieces and bricks and selling them, made about \$2500 in fundraising so far
- Environmental Systems in Society went to Newport OR. and performed biology related labs on coast
- Choir went to Calgary this last week
- Language club went to Europe over spring break
- Had another blood drive, went well
- Myself and another student council member went out and encouraged voters for the levy, we got 10 voter cards back and others that said they would mail them in. We passed out signs too

iii. GHS

Asylyn Cleveland, GHS Junior and Student Council Member, updated the Board on recent happenings at GHS.

- Hosted District Music Festival Thursday through Saturday and over 450 students from GHS participated
- Band and Choir to Salt Lake
- Spring Sports, just came from track invite at Legends today
- Tennis has had 2 previous events canceled
- Softball in Missoula
- Graduation prep is under way, reviewing performances and speakers to make Graduation special
- Coach Grady Bennett and Stephanie Hill are in top of their categories for Varsity Brands, Film crew coming out next month
- AP testing starting
- Booster club \$10,000 raffle on April 27th, club sells 325 tickets for \$100 each. Booster club pays for dinner or lunch when we travel out of town for activities
- Glacier will host State tennis this May at the new courts at FVCC

c. BUILDING UPDATE-

(Presentation)

Edgerton Staff and Students presented to the Board on their school.

i. Edgerton

Mission Statement: All Edgerton students are accepted, appreciated, nurtured and challenged to achieve their individual successes.

Vision: High Quality instruction for EVERY child, EVERY day, in EVERY classroom and environment.

Our Community: 621 Students that CAN DO amazing things!

- 21 Preschoolers
- 100 Kindergartners
- 100 1st graders
- 112 2nd graders
- 80 3rd graders
- 114 4th graders
- 94 5th graders

<https://youtu.be/ela5s5TEW-c>

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

Erick Enz, Owner's Representative gave a Construction Update.

Lane Huffman, Project Manager gave a Rankin Elementary Update:

- gym floor comes in May
- North Wing painted
- cabinets in area D
- flooring starts next week
- then onto south wing then moving onto area B
- siding started on south face
- landscaping starts May 1st
- will be able to adjust little things after students are in
- accent walls have been painted, exposed duct work also painted.

Mark Flatau states that the Chamber would like to hold a luncheon on Aug. 21st at noon as a community event, then Tuesday August 28th will be the dedication at 5pm and Board meeting at Rankin at 6pm.

FHS Update:

- Old Gym demolished
- 1/2 floors being demolished tomorrow

LEC Update:

- continuing with design advisory groups and hope to have plans completed by summer and put out for bid in winter

5 Elementary Update:

- tentative start date in middle of May,
- Swank will start at Peterson for first gym

VoAg Update:

- completing construction document for Phase 1: greenhouse, pole barn, vet science building.
- out for bid May 6th.
- will have results at Finance on June 1st and Board on June 5th .
- Phase 2 will go out for bid in Winter.

6. NEW BUSINESS

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

a. ADDITIONAL FTE REQUEST

(Possible Action)

GHS Assistant Principal Micah Hill and GHS Councilor Chris Weeks presented to the board on the proposed Ascent program and a request for an additional FTE to be funded by a 2 year grant from the Montana Academy Foundation.

Hill stated that a lot of credit goes to Chris Weeks for putting this proposal together. "The question we always face is 'How do we continue to catch our at risk youth?' These are the kids that are credit deficient, have attendance issues, usually are not involved in activities."

GHS Administrators and Councilors had a conversation with folks at Montana Academy, a private therapeutic school. The MA Foundations mission is to support innovation and help with fundraising for students that attend that school. It began a conversation that we could possibly do a program similar in structure and model. "The challenge will be that we are public

school and we don't capture kids for a 24 hour period, we only have them for a few hours then they go back to their homes, friends, family."

In April, the MA Foundation sent GHS an email saying their board had voted unanimously to support a trial position for 2 years. Hill and Weeks went over the budget, as presented, stating that the idea is that the person in this position would be working with students for 2 periods of the day. "The other periods would be to circle back around and work with school, community, mentoring programs, addressing attendance from a new approach."

Weeks stated that it has "been a gift working with Montana Academy, who told us that they believe in the public schools even though they have a therapeutic boarding school, they want to fit this idea into a public school system." Weeks went on to say this is "not about disorders and medication, it is a maturity issue, students need the time to develop empathy, ethical thinking, etc. This is at the core of the philosophy." There are multiple dynamics to the program:

- Parent University, non threatening ways to get parents involved,
- Experiential part: taking students out into this beautiful landscape and doing ropes courses, rafting, canoeing, etc.
- Having guest speakers every week, mental health topics, health topics, academic topics,
- . Community service projects that student will be involved in planning.

John McKinnon,MD and John Santa,PHD, Co-Founders of Montana Academy, will be the trainers.

Hill and Weeks outlined the details of the first year: 20 students, 2 classes with 10 students each. Some of those may come back in the next year as mentors. The idea is for it to grow small and get some really good data. "We want these students to graduate and get engaged. We do not want to exclude students, we want it to have a buzz."

The question of continued funding, If it is successful, was posed. Hill stated that yes, if it is successful, GHS would be asking the Board to permanently fund the program. Adding that "if we are able to capture those kids that we would normally lose, the program will more than pay for itself through ANB." Flatau stated that if the data is significant after 2 years showing the program to be successful, the district would then roll the program out at FHS as well.

If the position is approved, Hill and Weeks stated that their is an interested candidate with a Social Work background, a therapeutic and mental health background, and ropes skills. There is no set curriculum yet, but that will be taken to the Curriculum Committee for approval of credits. This would be set up as a general elective.

Trustee Miller stated that he doesn't want the district to set itself up for believing this program will be funded after the 2 year grant is up. "The SOARS grant is also ending and that needs to be kept in mind, we have to be extremely cautious, all of these programs are good but we have to, at some point, say what are we going to sacrifice to make this happen?" Miller added that he wants to make sure there is sound data to support the program.

Hill stated that there will be an Advisory Board made up of 2 people from the MA Foundation, clinical psychologists,Hill and Weeks, a Board member and Superintendent Flatau. The program coordinators will be Hill and Weeks insuring evaluation, checks and balances, and budget pieces.

Trustee Tepas made a motion to approve this position for 2 years with no expectation that it will go on, and curriculum will be reviewed by the committee.

Trustee Kornick seconded the motion.

Trustee Miller stated that he will support the motion, but thinks it should have gone to the Curriculum Committee before being brought to the Board.

Motion carries unanimously

b. VERIZON TOWER LEASE AGREEMENT

(Information)

Superintendent Flatau stated that he is just checking back in with the Board to see if there is any interest in accepting the proposal from Verizon Wireless to place a cell tower on top of FHS. The decision does not need to be made right away. There is a design for the tower but there needs to be a balloon test to make sure it can't be seen from the ground. Flatau stated that this is a possible action item and he just wanted to provide a little more information. Finance Director Gwyn Andersen was able to get an increase in the original offer and thinks its a sound business decision. Flatau stated that he would like to allow for a 30 day comment period because there have been some concerns raised for safety adding that a representative from Verizon is willing to come and present any data. The contracted price would be \$24,000 annually instead of what is presented in the packet.

Michele Paine, FHS Principal, stated that there have been a couple of community concerns and comments. "I don't see any concerns and we really understand the need for something that generates revenue." IT Director Rich Lawrence has quite a bit of research that shows there really is no significant threat.
The revenue funds would be on the High School side.

Trustee Albright stated that "any money that comes into the schools, is used in that school. we discussed this at finance and we have to look at that."

The question was raised as to whether or not this would have to be permitted through the FFA for the tower height? Flatau stated that that was not known, but since this would be going through a city permitting process, the city should know that, but the district will make sure. The design and drawing show the tower to be unobtrusive.

The Board agreed to open the issue up for a 30 day comment period, as a courtesy.

c. ESSA (Information)

Assistant Superintendent, Andrea Johnson gave the Board an update on ESSA, or Every Student Succeeds Act, which replaced No Child Left Behind, as presented.

d. ACCREDITATION (Information)

Assistant Superintendent, Andrea Johnson updated the Board on Kalispell Public Schools recent Accreditation report.

- All elementary have Regular accreditation status.
- The state looks at every section, every classroom, to see if we have licensed teachers in all our schools.
- Regular is the best score
- KMS: Regular
- FHS: Regular (with a minor deviation) ...Only 2 Librarians, they counted the LEC students in ratio to the librarians. Flatau stated that "just as we weren't too concerned with one student over in a PE class at the middle school last year, we are not concerned about the librarian, we can take care of it."
- GHS: ADVICE (Assistant Principal Micah Hill immediately got on it and got an answer today from OPI who said it was an error and they will be reviewing it and will send a revised certificate to Superintendent.

e. NOTICE OF INTENT (Information)

Just the SB 307 requirement for the newspaper. we are projecting a decrease and it was published within timeline required and is also on our website.

7. OLD BUSINESS

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

a. POLICY UPDATES - THIRD AND FINAL READING (Action)

i. Policy 3416 - Administering Medicine to Students

Vice Chair Fallon made a motion to approve the Third and Final reading of Policy 3416.

Trustee Miller seconded the Motion.

Motion carries unanimously.

ii. Out of District Tuition Fee

Trustee Miller made a motion to approve the Third and Final reading of the Out of District Tuition Fee.

Vice Chair Fallon seconded the motion.

Motion carries unanimously.

b. MONTHLY BUDGET REPORT (Information)

Finance Director Gwyn Andersen presented the Monthly Budget Report, through February, as well as giving an update on Food Service and the District Health Insurance Plan.

- 33% of year remaining. we have more budget authority remaining than there is year left.
- on revenue 67% remaining and we are in the 50% collection in those funds.
- won't receive the state revenues and won't reach 100% this year,. we will get in the 90% but shortfalls at state level will keep us from 100%
- same on High School side for both

Food Service update:

- District requires that our program be self supporting. Thus far this year the revenue exceeded expenditures by \$23,000.
- Grant has come through and several community donations to purchase the Summer Food Program Food Truck, but have not found the truck yet.
- Kudos to our Food Service for being self funded, that is not the state norm, and we are very proud.

Health ins plan update:

- Details as presented
- continues to struggle.
- expenses have exceeded revenue.
- The District would be very fortunate to get to a Zero balance at the end of the year. but it is moving in the right direction

8. CONSENT AGENDA

(Action)

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

Trustee Tepas 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. CONTRACT APPROVALS (Consent Agenda)
- h. MISC (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)

Chair Isaak: MTSBA has an opening, Mary Ruby is stepping down. If there is anyone who wants to serve on that please let them know. It would be great to have a voice on that Board .

- b. CONFIRMATION OF COMMITTEE AND CONSTRUCTION PLANNING MEETINGS

Board Governance Committee Meeting has been changed to tomorrow at 1:30-2:30pm and there will be a Personnel Committee Meeting on Friday, after the Finance Committee Meeting.

- c. ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS (Information)

- i. Superintendent

- Systems of Support restorative practices update

- Levy update

ii. **Assistant Superintendent**

Curriculum and Instruction Update, as presented.

10. ADJOURNMENT

(Action)

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

Trustee Morton Stout made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Vice Chair Fallon seconded the motion.

Motion carries unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:39pm

Chair of the Board

Date

Clerk of the Board

Date

Secretary of the Board

Date

11. ACCOMMODATIONS