

Regular Meeting

Cascade School District 3B

Board of Trustees

January 19, 2016 - 6:00 pm

Board Members Present –

High School Board

Rick Cummings - Chair

Charlie Hawn

Deanna Hastings

Erin Wombold

Terri Bogden

Elementary Board

Rick Cummings - Chair

Charlie Hawn

Deanna Hastings

Erin Wombold

Members Not Present - Chris Boland, Vice Chair

Others Present: Justin Barnes - Superintendent, Becky Smith - Administrative Assistant, April Pepos - XCELL!, Tieler Soumas, Kim DeFries, Kevin Sukut, Andrea Ethridge, Darcy Schwindt, Felicia O'Brien.

Rick Cummings - Board Chair, called the Board of Trustees meeting to order at 6:05pm. Mr. Cummings asked for public comment on **non**-agenda items.

Non Agenda Discussion

Old Business

Informational

Staff Report

- A. Booster Club - No report.
- B. PTSA - Andrea Ethridge - had Christmas pie social and did well. Funds go to music dept, did Santa bags. Ice cream honor roll social coming up. Doing fundraiser (dips & soups) soon. Have been helping with concessions and sales are good.
- C. Kim DeFries, K-6 Principal - Posters and flyers for APTT #2 are coming up. K-3 are Feb 2, 4-6 are Feb 9. Teachers will be helping students and parents set reading goals. Jack O'Conner of OPI was present for last APTT meetings. Teachers from Ulm did observations in classrooms, watched reading and math lessons, and shared collaborative ideas. Awards assembly is postponed to Feb 4. K-3 will be at 9am, 4-6 in afternoon. MAP testing window opened and ready for testing. All teachers will be going to other schools for observations with other teachers to expand professional development opportunities and cultivate new ideas. Ms. DeFries will be attending an

elementary principals conference in Helena the following week.

- D. Kevin Sukut, 7-12 Principal - Had some Ulm teachers present for observations which is good for collaboration and shared ideas. Our staff going outside the District brings back fresh ideas. Teacher portfolios are being done by teaching staff to go along with observations and new professional development opportunities. PT Conferences for 7-12 will be Jan 28. Mr. Tilleman has a new student teacher, Tieler Soumas, who is doing a great job. Tieler is student teaching this spring, from Jolliet and majoring in agriculture.
- E. Jeff Grimes, AD - BPA had their regional conference on Monday, Jan 18. They did outstanding and brought home many awards. Congratulations to BPA students and the time and effort put into event. FFA has KMON coming up. Wrestling will be in Conrad this weekend. GVBB is currently in 3rd place. BVBB is improving every game and a win away from 4th place. New posters are printed of the teams and look great.
- F. April Pepos, XCELL! - Opted out of last PIR activity day due to basketball and other activities. Will have next PIR activity on Feb 12 with rollerskating at Wedsworth. Applied for grant in October for Fit Kids Club and received the grant of \$1000, starting in February. Kids will benefit from cardio 3x/wk. Will also be eligible for random drawings for different products.

New Business

- A. Strategic Plan - Terri Bogden moved, seconded by Charlie Hawn to approve the District's newly formulated Strategic Plan. Passed unanimously
- B. Recommendation Special Ed Paraprofessional-Larry Durfee - Charlie Hawn moved, seconded by Erin Wombold to approve recommendation to hire Mr. Larry Durfee as Special Ed Paraprofessional. Passed unanimously
- C. Professional Development Request, Title 1 Conference - Charlie Hawn moved, seconded by Deanna Hastings to approve Professional Development Request for Title 1 Conference. Passed unanimously
- D. Consent Agenda - Terri Bogden moved, seconded by Charlie Hawn to approve consent agenda. Passed unanimously
 - 1. Minutes of Regular Board Meeting Dec 15, 2015
 - 2. Minutes of Special Meeting January 12, 2016
 - 3. Business Claims
 - 4. Petty Cash Report
 - 5. Student Activity Account
 - 6. Student Attendance Agreements
 - 7. Sub List
 - 8. Community Key List

Superintendent Report

- A. Zspace - 3D Learning Update
 - a. Staff observed the Zspace 3D learning during the last PIR and were very impressed by the technology. It's an expensive investment so there will be discussions to determine

if the District wants to implement the technology with the program and how to finance. Cascade would be the first school in state of MT to implement the technology. It would be an amazing opportunity for early grades to prep them for more advanced classes in high school. Includes science and art, but opportunities are endless and would be in high demand by students. Teachers can have control of lesson, like a dissection, to train students for lesson. Will keep staff and board updated on the program.

- B. Coffee Corner
 - a. Wednesday January 20
- C. Adoption of FY17 Calendar
 - a. Adopted in February of every school year. Ulm will adopt same dates as Cascade.
- D. Board Hours - unchanged from last month
- E. General Fund Snapshot

Committee Report

- A. Finance and Budget - Still in process of filling clerical position. Will review applications as they come in.
- B. Policy Review -
- C. Transportation - Intend to implement an end of year bonus for bus drivers, offer full insurance and pay for all physicals. Would like to start a before-school program to benefit students who need to be at school early due to parents going to work.
- D. Facilities and Grounds - Just met and went through school building and grounds to determine priority updates. Considered McKinstry project, scoping of pipes and areas in need of upgraded piping. Worst areas are becoming increasingly problematic. Discussed playground upgrades, refinishing of gym floors, building a wellness center for school and community, replacing outdoor bleachers with aluminum, and replacing hallway carpet with tile-like flooring. School will be rekeyed in the spring, which falls under school safety funds. Estimate to make all facility upgrades is approximately \$1.5 million. The wellness center is vaguely estimated at around \$500,000, depending on size and type of facility. Facility upgrades will be prioritized starting with the sewer system, following by flooring. Bleachers will likely follow (approx \$30,000), then playground and gym floor. In terms of needs, the heating system for the school is seen as top priority, but if District must fund, the priority becomes lower due to lack of building reserve funds. Facilities Committee and Board will hold future discussions on the possibility of a bond to fund long term projects.
- E. Negotiations -
- F. Technology - Email received just today that fiber for internet upgrades has been installed.

Executive Session - Enter time here

- A. Superintendent Evaluation
 - Re-entry to open meeting at 8:03. Moved back to Open Session at 8:03

Announcements

- A. MTSBA HR Symposium Feb 8, 2016
- B. Next Board of Trustees Meeting February 16, 2016

Adjournment

8:05 pm Erin Wombold moved, seconded by Deanna Hastings **to adjourn. Passed unanimously**

Rick Cummings, Board Chair

ATTEST: Justin Barnes, Superintendent

Date Signed _____