

Regular Meeting

Cascade School District 3B

Board of Trustees

July 18, 2023 - 6:00 pm

Board Members Present

High School Board

John Rumney - Chair

Iain McGregor (via phone)

Ruth Mortag

Rick Cummings

Chris Wilson

Mark McKamey

Elementary Board

John Rumney - Chair

Iain McGregor (via phone)

Ruth Mortag

Rick Cummings

Chris Wilson

Others Present: Levi Collins, Karsen Floerchinger, Amanda Brown, Matt McKamey, Mrs. Molen, Lawni Raether, Merrill McKamey, Jeanne McKamey, Tami Snyder, John Nelson, Josh Pepos, Brenden Hensley, Farrah McGregor.

John Rumney - Board Chair, called the Board of Trustees meeting to order at 6:00 pm. The Board said the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Rumney asked for public comment on non-agenda items. There was no public comment.

Staff Reports

- A. Levi Collins, Superintendent
 - a. Certified & Admin staff all hired - still lacking in transportation and custodial

Board Report

- A. Facilities Committee Report
 - a. Chris Wilson recapped the policy committee meeting - minutes can be found in the appendices.
- B. Policy Committee Meeting
- C. Board Training Hours

New Business

Ruth Mortag moved to move item P to item A. Mark McKamey seconded the motion.
Passed unanimously.

- A. Consideration of Student Attendance Agreement Denials
Ruth Mortag moved, seconded by Rick Cummings to deny the student attendance agreements for SY2023-2024 as listed.

At 6:15 pm, Chairman John Rumney convened the meeting in executive session. The meeting was reopened to the public at 7:01 pm.

Rick Cummings, Ruth Mortag and Iain McGregor voted in favor of the motion. Chris Wilson and Mark McKamey opposed the motion. Motion passed.

B. Consideration of Recommendation for JH/HS Science Teacher, Kodey Hansen

Ruth Mortag moved, seconded by Mark McKamey to approve the recommendation to hire Kodey Hansen as JH/HS Science Teacher for SY2023-2024.

Ruth Mortag presented data from MUS that only 22 science teachers were graduated in 2022 and there were 52 science teacher openings in Montana.

Passed unanimously.

C. Consideration of Recommendation for SY2023-2024 Fall/Winter Coaches

Chris Wilson moved, seconded by Ruth Mortag to approve the SY2023-2024 Fall/Winter Coaches as listed.

Passed unanimously.

D. Consideration of Recommendation for SY2023-2024 Advisors

Rick Cummings moved, seconded by Mark McKamey to approve the SY2023-2024 Advisors as listed.

Passed unanimously.

E. Consideration of SY2023-2024 Student Activities/Athletic Handbook Updates & Revisions

Chris Wilson moved, seconded by Mark McKamey to approve the updates & revisions to the SY2023-2024 Student Activities/Athletic Handbook.

Ruth Mortag presented the proposed updates and revisions to the Activities/Athletic Handbook updates and revisions.

Mark McKamey would like to add that if 8th graders are brought up to HS, the JV spots must be filled before the Varsity. 8th graders may not start varsity over high school athletes.

Chris Wilson agreed with McKamey on starting/jv participation. Inquired about wrestling participation.

Iain McGregor does not agree with McKamey on starting/jv participation - too much micromanaging - give coaches discretion.

Rick Cummings agrees with Iain on micromanaging - go with MHSA and let coaches decide whatever they want on 8th grade participation.

Ruth Mortag does not want to limit coaches. If a person is brought onto a team, their grade shouldn't matter. If the kid is brought up, the coach can play them however they want.

John Rumney said it adds an undue burden on the coaches to have to moderate playing time.

Mark McKamey prepared and presented a speech - academics should be a priority over athletics and MHSA history.

Board will not be adding language Mark McKamey proposed.

Iain McGregor would like to amend the changes to let 8th graders participate in wrestling.

Rick Cummings says let them wrestle if MHSAs says they can.
Rick, Iain, Chris, Ruth are for allowing 8th graders to wrestle.
Josh Pepos made public comment.
Ruth Mortag said to change XC from 4 participants to 3.
Chris asked if we're putting ourselves at a disadvantage not allowing 8th graders compared to other schools in our area.
Could leave it all up to administrators - do not want to put burden on administrators.
Rick Cummings says let coaches decide if they want to bring 8th graders up.
Chris Wilson said administrators need to monitor that coaches are being fair.
It was decided that 8th graders can participate in wrestling at the coaches discretion if they meet the minimum weight requirement.
Add students are required to provide grades on a weekly basis for MTDA, AP and Dual Credit courses to the MTDA/Dual Credit teacher.

Public Comment:

Merril McKamey stated his opposition to the changes to the handbook.
Josh Pepos stated his support to the changes to the handbook.
Amanda Brown stated her opposition to the changes to the handbook.
Jeanne McKamey stated her opposition to the changes to the handbook.
John Nelson stated his support to the changes to the handbook.

Ruth Mortag, Rick Cummings, Chris Wilson, Iain McGregor voted in favor of the handbook changes, as revised. Mark McKamey opposed. Motion passed.

Recess 8:33-8:38

- F. Consideration of SY2023-2024 Coaches, Sponsors, Advisors, Activities, Athletic Handbook Updates & Revisions
Ruth Mortag moved, seconded by Rick Cummings to approve the updates & revisions to the SY2023-2024 Coaches, Sponsors, Advisors, Activities, Athletic Handbook.
Iain McGregor, Ruth Mortag, Chris Wilson, Rick Cummings voted in favor. Mark McKamey opposed. Motion passed.
- G. Consideration of SY2023-2024 Student Handbook Updates & Revisions
Rick Cummings moved, seconded by Chris Wilson to approve the updates & revisions to the SY2023-2024 Student Handbook.
Passed unanimously.
- H. Consideration of SY2023-2024 Certified Handbook Updates & Revisions
Rick Cummings moved, seconded by Chris Wilson to approve the updates & revisions to the SY2023-2024 Certified Handbook.
Passed unanimously.

- I. Consideration of SY2023-2024 Classified Handbook Updates & Revisions
Chris Wilson moved, seconded by Mark McKamey to approve the updates & revisions to the SY2023-2024 Classified Handbook.
Passed unanimously.
- J. Consideration of SY2023-2024 Transportation Handbook Updates & Revisions
Rick Cummings moved, seconded by Mark McKamey to approve the updates & revisions to the SY2023-2024 Transportation Handbook.
Passed unanimously.
- K. Consideration of SY2023-2024 Board Handbook Updates & Revisions
Chris Wilson moved, seconded by Rick Cummings to approve the updates & revisions to the SY2023-2024 Board Handbook.
Passed unanimously.
- L. Consideration of Required Policy Adoption
Chris Wilson moved, seconded by Rick Cummings to approve and adopt the 1st reading of the policy 1650.
Passed unanimously.
- M. Consideration of Required Policy Revisions and Updates
Rick Cummings moved, seconded by Ruth Mortag to approve and adopt the 1st reading of the policy updates and revisions as listed.
Passed unanimously.
- N. Consideration of Required Policy Terminations
Rick Cummings moved, seconded by Ruth Mortag to terminate the Emergency Policies.
Passed unanimously.
- O. Consideration of Policy Revisions and Updates - 1st Reading
Mark McKamey moved, seconded by Rick Cummings to approve the 1st reading of the policy updates and revisions as listed.
Passed unanimously.
- P. Consideration of Student Attendance Agreement Approvals
Ruth Mortag moved, seconded by Rick Cummings to approve the student attendance agreements for SY2023-2024 as listed.
Passed unanimously.
- Q. Consent Agenda (Appendix D)
 - a. Minutes of Regular Board Meeting, June 27, 2023
 - b. Business Claims

- c. Student Activity Account
- d. Sub List
- e. Individual Transportation Contracts

Chris Wilson moved, seconded by Mark McKamey to approve the consent agenda.
Passed unanimously.

Board Meeting Evaluation (I)

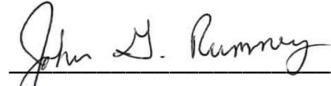
- A. Complete evaluation and turn into Mr. Collins.

Announcements (I)

- A. Regular School Board Meeting, July 18, 2023
- B. Upcoming Trainings

Adjournment (A)

At 9:23 pm Iain McGregor moved, seconded by Ruth Mortag to adjourn. Passed unanimously.



John Rumney, Board Chair



ATTEST: Karsen Floerchinger, District Clerk

Date Signed 08/22/2023

For additional details on items presented in the minutes of the meeting, please see the coinciding board agenda found on Cascade Public Schools' webpage: www.cascade.k12.mt.us/District/1141-Board-Agendas-and-Packet.html