

# Regular Meeting

Cascade School District 3B

Board of Trustees

May 21, 2024 - 6:00 pm

## Board Members Present

### High School Board

John Rumney - Chair

Iain McGregor

Ruth Mortag

Chris Wilson

Rick Cummings

Mark McKamey

### Elementary Board

John Rumney - Chair

Iain McGregor

Ruth Mortag

Chris Wilson

Rick Cummings

Others Present: Levi Collins, Karsen Floerchinger, Michael Wilson, Jason Raether, Lawni Raether, Jen Ward, Robin McKnight, Farrah McGregor, Savannah Collins

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.

## Informational

- A. Letter of Resignation, Alezandria Guariglia (XCELL Director)
- B. Letter of Resignation, Amanda Brown (HS Social Studies)
- C. Letter of Resignation, Rocket Durham (Custodian)
- D. Letter of Resignation, Jeff Mortag (HS Girls Basketball Head Coach)
- E. Letter of Resignation, Billy Shirley (Sub Bus Driver)
- F. Letter of Resignation, Larry Cummings (Bus Driver)
- G. Resignation, Rocky Day (Custodian)

## Staff Reports

*For full detailed reports, please see the board packet appendices available on the website.*

- H. Jennifer Ward, FFA Advisor
  - a. Greenhouse
  - b. FFA Banquet
  - c. State Fair
- I. Jason Raether, Activities Director
  - a. MHSA Classification determination - staying class C
  - b. Community work day
  - c. Scoreboard updates
  - d. BPA Nationals - placed 3rd

- J. Michael Wilson, K1-12 Principal
  - a. MAST Testing - great results
  - b. Registering for classes
  - c. Graduation
  - d. Teaching positions filled
- K. Levi Collins, Superintendent
  - a. Levies failed - need to evaluate a fee implementaiton and possible cut to programs
  - b. Admiral Beverage partnership
  - c. Moving 5th grade downstairs
- L. Karsen Floerchinger, Business Manager
  - a. Election Summary
  - b. General fund budgets are 55% expended at the end of Februry 2024 compared to the 52% 4-year average.

## **Board Report**

- A. Board Evaluation
  - a. Discussion was held about certain topics on the agenda being rushed.
- B. Board Training Hours

## **New Business**

- A. Consideration of SY2024-2025 Calendar Revisions  
Rick Cummings moved, seconded by Iain McGregor to approve the revisions to SY2024-2025 Calendar.  
Passed unanimously.
- B. Consideration of Recommendation for K1-12 Counselor SY2024-2025, Kelsey Brown  
Iain McGregor moved, seconded by Ruth Mortag to approve the recommendation to hire Kelsey Brown as K1-12 Counselor for SY2024-2025, pending background check.  
Passed unanimously.
- C. Consideration of Recommendation for HS Social Studies Teacher SY2024-2025, Abigail Sites  
Chris Wilson moved, seconded by Mark McKamey to approve the recommendation to hire Abigail Sites as HS Social Studies Teacher for SY2024-2025, pending background check.  
Passed unanimously.
- D. Consideration of Recommendation for K1-12 Librarian SY2024-2025, Savannah Collins  
Iain McGregor moved, seconded by Ruth Mortag to table the item until the July meeting to meet the requirements of the emergency authorization act.  
Passed unanimously.
- E. Consideration of Recommendation for XCELL Summer Director, Paige Dickinson  
Mark McKamey moved, seconded by Iain McGregor to approve the recommendation to hire Paige

Dickinson as XCELL Summer Director.

Passed unanimously.

F. Consideration of Recommendation for SY2024-2025 Winter Coaches

Rick Cummings moved, seconded by Mark McKamey to approve the recommendation to hire winter coaches, as listed, for SY2024-2025.

Coaches include Nick Ethridge as HS Boys Basketball Head.

Passed unanimously.

G. Consideration of SY2024-2025 Classified Salary Matrix

Iain McGregor moved, seconded by Rick Cummings to approve the the revisions to the classified salary matrix, effective July 1, 2024.

Ruth Mortag made a comment that there was a disparity between some of the raises within the positions. Aides & custodians \$0.50 compared to admin assistant and head kitchen getting larger raises. Mr. Collins explained that head kitchen is the lowest paid supervisor and it needed to be adjusted. Admin assistant handles numerous confidential matters than others. Reports directly to sup't and business manager.

Passed unanimously.

H. Consideration of Superintendent Contract SY2024-2025, Levi Collins

Ruth Mortag moved, seconded by Iain McGregor to approve the the Superintendent contract for Levi Collins for SY2024-2025.

Ruth Mortag explained that Mr. Collins negotiated 5.43% pay raise, 3 year contract. The committee will meet again at a later date to discuss the damages section of the contract.

Passed unanimously.

I. Consideration of K1-12 Principal Contract SY2024-2025, Michael Wilson

Rick Cummings moved, seconded by Chris Wilson to approve the the K1-12 Principal contract for Michael Wilson for SY2024-2025.

Passed unanimously.

J. Consideration of Business Manager/District Clerk Contract SY2024-2025, Karsen Floerchinger

Iain McGregor moved, seconded by Chris Wilson to approve the the Business Manager/District Clerk contract for Karsen Floerchinger for SY2024-2025.

Passed unanimously.

K. Consideration of Schoolhouse IT Contract Renewal, SY2024-2025

Ruth Mortag moved, seconded by Rick Cummings to approve the the renewal of services with Schoolhouse IT for SY2024-2025.

Passed unanimously.

- L. Consideration of Annual MHSA Application, Catastrophic Insurance & Concussion Insurance, SY2024-2025

Iain McGregor moved, seconded by Ruth Mortag to approve the the annual MHSA Application, Catastrophic Insurance & Insurance for SY2024-2025.

Passed unanimously.

- M. Consent Agenda (Appendix E)

- a. Minutes of Regular Board Meeting, April 16, 2024
- b. Business Claims
- c. Student Activity Account
- d. Sub List

Rick Cummings moved, seconded by Iain McGregor to approve the consent agenda.

Passed unanimously.

### **Recess 7:33pm-7:40pm**

### **Closed session 7:41-8:01**

### **Business Manager/ District Clerk Annual Evaluation (possible executive session)**

### **Board Meeting Evaluation (I)**

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

### **Announcements (I)**

- A. Regular School Board Meeting, June 25, 2024
- B. Upcoming Trainings

### **Adjournment (A)**

At 8:02 pm Chris Wilson moved, seconded by Iain McGregor to adjourn. Passed unanimously.

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John Rumney, Board Chair

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ATTEST: Karsen Floerchinger, District Clerk

Date Signed \_\_\_\_\_

*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](http://www.cascade.k12.mt.us/District/1141-Board-Agendas-and-Packet.html)*