Montana City School  
District No. 27 Board of Trustees  
Regular and Final Budget Meeting  
August 16, 2018

The Regular and Final Budget Meeting of the Montana City School Board of Trustees was called to order by Chairperson Marta Bertoglio at 6:30 p.m.

Trustees present were Chairperson Marta Bertoglio, Aaron Cade, Stephanie Boysen, and Jamie Wilcox.

Others present included: Superintendent Tony Kloker, Principal Daryl Mikesell, Principal Cori Trudeau, Clerk Diane Smith, Colin Blaskovich, Craig Doolittle, and Tom Grimsrud.

Jamie Wilcox made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 12, 2018 Regular Meeting as written. Aaron Cade seconded the motion and all members present voted in favor.

Aaron Cade made a motion to approve the list of warrants #61259 through #61448 totaling $401,083.10. Jamie Wilcox seconded the motion and all members present voted in favor.

Board members received a letter from Maria Pace, Superintendent of Boulder Elementary School, expressing her appreciation, as a beginning administrator, for the support received from Mr. Kloker over the past 6 years.

The board held a safety discussion with Sheriff Craig Doolittle and Deputy Tom Grimsrud. There are currently 13 county deputies answering an average of 1000 to 1300 calls per month, they are hoping the county commissioners will approve one additional deputy in the near future. Tony Kloker shared statistics on SRO officers throughout the state. Craig Doolittle said that it costs between $85,000 and $100,000 to add a deputy to their department, and he feels that there are issues when trying to share an officer between schools. A major point of discussion was response time and it was reported that response time would be short given our location and the numerous law enforcement agencies/officers in the vicinity. Board members and the officers discussed the pros and cons of designating a school employee, such as the superintendent, to be armed. There are samples of policies available on arming staff members. Sheriff Doolittle spoke about how the result of actually using a firearm against another human is a difficult place to be – either way. There was also discussion of the training involved and equipment necessary, such as a bullet proof vest. The vests have an estimated cost of $1,000 and a 2 year shelf life. Sheriff Doolittle stated that one advantage at Montana City School is we know the parents and know the kids. Sheriff Doolittle and Officer Grimsrud agreed that this is the most progressive school in the county, the board is the first to invite them to the school and begin the discussion.

Craig Doolittle and Tom Grimsrud left the meeting at 7:32 p.m.

The administration will continue to encourage staff members to attend armed intruder trainings, the Barracudas remain in all the rooms in the building, although they are against fire code, to use to break windows or as weapons, if necessary.
Board members agreed upon changes to the wording in the goals: The Montana City School Board of Trustees has entrusted the staff to incorporate a laser-focused approach embracing and striving toward the following: A safe, responsible, respectful learning environment; World class teaching/learning; Effective communication. The administrators will gather improvement ideas from staff at orientation and board members will submit at least 5 ideas before the next board meeting. A table will be set up at the Open House/Ice Cream Social to gather ideas from parents, the board wants the public to know: “The board is here for you”.

Board members reviewed policies 3311 Firearms and Weapons, and 3612 Technology Protection Measure as required for annual review. Aaron Cade made a motion to acknowledge annual review of policies 3311 and 3612. Stephanie Boysen seconded the motion and all members present voted in favor.

Board members reviewed an updated version of policy 3400 Substance Abuse. Aaron Cade made a motion to accept as first reading policy 3400, noting the reference to the DARE program is stricken. Jamie Wilcox seconded the motion and all members present voted in favor.

Aaron Cade motion to pass the Resolution to sell or dispose of obsolete personal property:

Whereas, pursuant to §20-6-604, MCA, whenever the Trustees of a district determine that a site, building or other real or personal property of the District is or is about to become abandoned, obsolete, undesirable, or unsuitable for school purposes of the District, the Trustees may sell or otherwise dispose of property in accordance with this section; and

Now, therefore the Board of Trustees of Montana City School District hereby concludes and resolves as follows:

1. The Board determined that the following items are undesirable and unsuitable for the school purposes of the District: Snow blower, Miscellaneous Furniture and Equipment, Gas Heater, Mixer
2. On that basis, the Board of Trustees hereby resolves to accept offers on the items until September 13, 2018; any items left at 4:00 p.m. on that day may be disposed.

This resolution shall not take effect until fourteen days following notice of said resolution to the public in conformance with §20-6-604, MCA. Upon the fifteenth day thereafter, this resolution shall be in effect, and the herein described action will be undertaken by the District without further Board action.

Dated this 16th day of August, 2018, upon approval of a majority of a quorum of the Board of Trustees.

Jamie Wilcox seconded the motion and all members present voted in favor.

The new Retirement/COBRA Insurance Fund, Fund 189, will be used to receive and disburse premium payments received from former employees who have retired or terminated employment and elect to continue participation with the school’s group in health/dental/vision insurance. Aaron Cade made a motion to set up the Retirement/COBRA Insurance Fund, Fund 189 for the Montana City School District. Stephanie Boysen seconded the motion and all members present voted in favor.

The project from the 2013 bond issue is complete. Aaron Cade made a motion to close out the Building Fund, transferring the current balance to the Debt Service Fund. Jamie Wilcox seconded the motion and all members present voted in favor.
Aaron Cade made a motion to acknowledge Jennifer Nettleton did not accept/return the teaching contract offered her in June. Jamie Wilcox seconded the motion and all members present voted in favor.

Aaron Cade made a motion to acknowledge that Mr. Kloker accepted the resignation of KJ Klass. Jamie Wilcox seconded the motion and all members present voted in favor.

Aaron Cade made a motion to acknowledge Mr. Kloker accepted Jane Erickson’s resignation and Katie Starr’s contract as full time teacher. Jamie Wilcox seconded the motion and all members present voted in favor.

Aaron Cade made a motion to hire Kelly Connolly as full time classroom teacher for the 2018-2019 school year and Richard Fuzesy as a full time classroom teacher for the 2018-2019 school year. Jamie Wilcox seconded the motion and all members present voted in favor.

The board discussed the end of year spending of the General Fund Budget, and the decision made at the December 2017 meeting to cut spending in the General Fund by $10,788 due to cuts in state funding. An increase in unanticipated revenue from penalty and interest on delinquent taxes, interest earnings, “other” local revenue, and cancelled purchase orders from prior years totaling $13,342 allowed the district to spend out the 2017-2018 General Fund Budget. The 2017-2018 Trustees’ Report includes an end of year purchase order/encumbrance for $15,747 to Northside Welding. Tony Kloker presented the option to the board to reduce the spending of 2017-2018 by removing that purchase order and taking the expense from the 2018-2019 budget. Aaron Cade made a motion to approve the 2017-2018 Trustees’ Financial Summary as presented. Stephanie Boysen seconded the motion and all members present voted in favor.

Board members reviewed the line item budgets for 2018-2019 in all funds. Aaron Cade made a motion to adopt the 2018-2019 all funds budgets as presented. Stephanie Boysen seconded the motion and all members present voted in favor.

Aaron Cade made a motion to adopt the 2018-2019 Final Budget Report. Jamie Wilcox seconded the motion and all members present voted in favor.

Communication Needs: Tony Kloker had sorted through piles of information and documents to prepare a condensed document to be released to the public. Board members discussed the document, and urged the administration to share as much as possible. They suggested having copies available at the Open House/Ice Cream Social, and posting on Facebook. Jamie Wilcox made a motion to approve the message on the information sheet. Aaron Cade seconded the motion and all members present voted in favor.

Administrator’s Reports

The administrators gave a joint report on the new Silverback purchase, and the 2 components. Ten teachers came in for the Mileposts training in July and they will be trainers and mentors to the other staff members. Mileposts is the hub, a way to communicate, track behavior, qualify for the high ability program, as well as gather all of the assessment data to strategize areas for instruction. The “Teacher Vitae” component will aide administrators and teachers with evaluations. Teachers can maintain their own portfolios, and be able to set at least one goal at the beginning of the year to work on with their instructional coach. Silverback stores the data and it is very interactive and user friendly.
Daryl Mikesell has scheduled the common planning periods and staff meetings for the year.

Cori Trudeau attended a 4 day training with the Montana Educational Curriculum Consortium over the summer. She found the training helpful, showing the big picture and feels we are on the right track with the curriculum mapping completed this past year.

Cori Trudeau has been working on evaluating the gifted and talented program and would like to follow the same plan, with some tweaks, for one more year. She plans to hold a committee meeting and bring an update to the September meeting. She plans to focus at looking for options in the program, with and without financial support.

Chairperson Marta Bertoglio adjourned the meeting at 9:10 p.m.

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