

GLENDIVE UNIFIED BOARD MEETING

DATE: MAY 11, 2009
TIME: 7:30 PM
PLACE: HIGH SCHOOL BOARD ROOM
MEMBERS PRESENT: PENNY DENNING
LANETTE SIMONTON
DAVID HILL
DARRELL SACKMAN
KENT SHEPHERD
JEANNE SEIFERT (VIA PHONE)
BRIAN STEFFEN
THOMAS EATON
STEVE ZORN

MEMBER ABSENT:

STAFF: JIM GERMANN, SUPT.
ANNE SADORF, BUS MGR/CLERK
BRUCE CLAUSEN, HS PRINCIPAL
WADE MURPHY, VICE PRINCIPAL
ROSS FARBER, PRINCIPAL
DON IDSO, PRINCIPAL (ABSENT)
STEVE LYNN, PRINCIPAL
BILL MILLER, TECHNOLOGY COORDINATOR (ABSENT)

MEDIA:

GUESTS: EMILEE BOYLES
LAURLEE MYRAN; ZELDA STAIRS; DONNETTA SCHAAF; PAIGE KAUFFMAN; JIM TEMPLE; STEVE ENGBRETSON; TIM GIBBS

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REORGANIZATION

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm

District #1 Trustee election results were canvassed. Results were as follows:

Penny Denning – 660
David Hill – 605
Patty K. Houck – 158
Dan Ruddy – 463
LaNette Simonton – 712
Carrie Skartved – 243
Tom Taylor – 308

T. Eaton moved D Sackman seconded to approve the election results and to declare Trustee candidates LaNette Simonton, Penny Denning, and David Hill duly elected for three-year terms to the Unified Board of Trustees of Glendive School District #1 and Dawson High School. All members present voted aye

P. Denning moved D. Sackman seconded to declare Kent Shepherd, representing District #367S, duly elected by acclamation for a three-year term to the Unified Board of Trustees of Glendive School District #1 and Dawson High School. All members present voted aye.

It was noted that T. Adams did not run for the position representing District #3 and no one filed a nominating petition. Pursuant to MCA 20-3-309, when a trustee position becomes vacant, the remaining members of the trustees shall appoint, in writing, within 60 days, a competent successor. If the trustees do not make the appointment within the 60-day period, the county superintendent shall appoint, in writing, a competent person as a successor and notify such person of their appointment.

County Superintendent, Steve Engebretson administered the Oath of Office to the new Trustees.

A Sadorf called for nominations for Board Chairman. S. Zorn nominated LaNette Simonton for Board Chairman K. Shepherd seconded the nomination. Tom Eaton nominated Penny Denning for Board Chairman K. Shepherd seconded the nomination. The consensus of the Board was to conduct the election by written ballot. LaNette Simonton received the majority of the votes.

Chairman L. Simonton called for nominations for Vice Chairman. D. Sackman nominated Penny Denning for Vice Chairman. P. Denning declined the nomination. P. Denning nominated Jeanne Seifert for Vice Chairman K. Shepherd seconded the nomination. With no other nominations a unanimous ballot was

cast for J. Seifert.

D. Sackman moved B. Steffen seconded to appoint Anne Sadorf as Clerk. All members present voted aye.

B. Steffen moved D. Sackman seconded to authorize Clerk to invest district funds. All members present voted aye.

The Board asked J. Germann to contact individuals from the Deer Creek area that have verbally expressed an interest in serving on the Board.

CONSENT AGENDA

B. Steffen moved K. Shepherd seconded to approve the minutes of the April 13, 2009 regular meeting. All members present voted aye.

D. Sackman moved S. Zorn seconded to approve consent agenda items 4.1 – 4.6. All members present voted aye.

T. Eaton moved S. Zorn seconded to approve consent agenda items 4.7 – 4.11. All members present voted aye.

MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT COUNCIL REQUEST

With no objections from the Board the agenda was adjusted to accommodate individuals present (Agenda item 8.1). Paige Kauffman, Washington Middle School Student Council president, requested permission to purchase a free standing flag pole for the Washington Middle School. B. Steffen moved P. Denning seconded to approve the WMS Student Council request to purchase a flag pole. All members present voted aye.

STAFFING AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

T. Eaton reported that the Building, Budget and Transportation committee recommended the elimination of route number 10. With no objections from the Board the agenda was adjusted to accommodate individuals present (Agenda item 8.3). T. Gibbs vehemently objected to the elimination of bus route 10. Following discussion P. Denning moved K. Shepherd seconded that bus route number 10 be eliminated. All members present voted aye.

D. Sackman stated he would like the Building, Budget and Transportation committee to reevaluate the proposed removal of the underground fuel storage tank. J. Germann stated no arrangements will be made to remove the tank pending further discussion by the committee.

B. Clausen reported the District has been awarded a \$3,000 grant from the Chamber of Commerce Yellowstone Caviar Project to assist with the cost of upgrading the speaker system at Perham field. Total cost of the upgrade is estimated to be approximately \$12,000. It was the consensus of the board to make the repair a priority.

J. Germann reported that bids for the DCHS window and fascia will be opened at 2:30pm on May 18. J. Germann also stated he contracted with Prairie Engineering to perform an energy audit. The results of the audit will be available for the May 18 special meeting.

P. Denning reported she is optimistic that the IBB will reach an agreement soon. The next meeting is scheduled for 7pm May 18 in DCHS room B203.

L. Simonton stated the Salary and Benefits committee will meet May 19 at 7:30 pm in the DCHS Board Room.

BUDGET AMENDMENT PROCLAMATION

B. Steffen moved P. Denning seconded to approve the attached budget amendment resolution for the Elementary School District #1 in the amount of \$250,000. All members present voted aye.

K. Shepherd moved S. Zorn seconded to approve the attached budget amendment resolution for Dawson High School in the amount of \$230,000. All members present voted aye.

GEOLOGY CLASS TRIP TO DEVIL'S TOWER, WYOMING

J. Temple stated that, weather permitting, the geology class would like to travel to Devil's Tower WY on May 18. P. Denning moved B. Steffen seconded to allow the trip. All members present voted aye.

MIDDLE SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

J. Temple stated the Washington Middle School 7th and 8th grade classes were surveyed to establish what sports they would like to try. J. Temple distributed the results of the survey and noted that a number of students indicated they would like to try Cross Country. J. Temple requested permission to start a Cross Country program at the Middle School to run concurrently with the High School program. He submitted a list of meets scheduled this fall and suggested the Middle School students attend meets only on Saturday or on days when there is no school. P. Denning moved B. Steffen seconded to allow a Middle School Cross Country program to run concurrently with the High school program and attend the meets as outlined by J. Temple. All members present voted aye.

09/10 EARLY HS GRADUATION

B. Steffen moved T. Eaton seconded to approve early graduation for the following students: DeLona Mitchell; Whitney Ripley; and Gemine Trejo. All members present voted aye.

FEDERAL PROGRAMS

P. Denning moved S. Zorn seconded to approve participation in Federal Programs: Title I, Title II, Title IV, Title V and other Federal programs. All members present voted aye.

OBSOLETE ITEMS

P. Denning moved D. Sackman seconded to donate designated athletic equipment to the City of Glendive and to declare the attached list of items obsolete. All members present voted aye.

AASA GOVERNANCE MEETING

P. Denning moved D. Sackman seconded to allow J. Germann professional leave to attend the American Association of School Administrator's meeting in Seattle, WA July 14 thru 17. All expenses will be paid by the association. All members present voted aye.

DONATIONS

D. Sackman moved T. Eaton seconded to accept a \$3,000 donation from the Yellowstone Caviar Project for Perham Field sound system improvement and \$500 from the Red Devil Booster Club for track software. All members present voted aye.

D. Sackman moved D. Hill seconded to accept the donation of an Austrian Pine and a green ash tree from Key Club- \$200; a green ash tree from DCHS student council - \$150; and a Canada Red Tree from the Class of 2009 - \$90. All members present voted aye.

STAFFING

K. Shepherd moved D. Sackman seconded to hire Aaron Tuma as a Spanish teacher for the 2009-2010 school year. All members present voted aye.

P. Denning moved B. Steffen seconded to hire the attached list of High School classified staff for the 2009-2010 school year. All members present voted aye.

D. Sackman moved P. Denning seconded to hire the attached list of High School coaching and extracurricular staff for the 2009-2010 school year. All members present voted aye.

D. Sackman moved S. Zorn seconded to hire the attached list of Elementary classified staff for the 2009-2010 school year. All members present voted aye.

P. Denning moved S. Zorn seconded to hire the attached list of Elementary coaching and extracurricular staff for the 2009-1020 school year. All members present voted aye.

D. Sackman moved B. Steffen seconded to hire the attached list of teachers and para-educators for the Summer Reading Camp. All members present voted aye.

P. Denning moved T. Eaton seconded to hire the attached list of District staff for the 2009-2010 school year. All members present voted aye.

REPORTS

Reports were given by Superintendent and Principals. J. Germann reported the number of registered kindergarten children does not justify offering a separate ½ day class. He will work with the parents and explore a 1:00 dismissal option for kindergarten students.

J. Germann reported Jeff Weldon will conduct Board training from 6 pm to 9 pm at the Dawson County High School on June 3 and encouraged all Board members to attend.

Committee assignments were discussed. David Hill will join the Salary and Benefits committee. The rest of the committees will be assigned at a future date.

The meeting closed at 9:30 pm to consider Volkert and Wegesser requests. The meeting opened at 9:40 pm.

The meeting closed at 9:41 pm for the right of privacy of an individual.

The meeting opened at 10:00 pm and with no further business to come before the Board the meeting was adjourned.

CHAIRMAN

CLERK

