

GLENDIVE UNIFIED BOARD MEETING

DATE: JANUARY 9, 2012
TIME: 7:30 PM
PLACE: HIGH SCHOOL BOARD ROOM
MEMBERS PRESENT: LANETTE SIMONTON
JEANNE SEIFERT (VIA TELEPHONE)
PENNY DENNING
KENT SHEPHERD
TAMMY ERICKSON
DAVID HILL
MANDY HOFFMAN
BRIAN STEFFEN (VIA TELEPHONE)
STEVE ZORN

STAFF: JIM GERMANN, SUPT
ANNE SADORF, BUS MGR/CLERK
BRUCE CLAUSEN, HS PRINCIPAL
WADE MURPHY, VICE PRINCIPAL
ROSS FARBER, PRINCIPAL (ABSENT)
STEVE LYNN, PRINCIPAL
VICKY PANASUK, PRINCIPAL
SANDY GREY EAGLE, SPECIAL SERVICES DIRECTOR (ABSENT)
BILL MILLER, TECHNOLOGY COORDINATOR (ABSENT)

MEDIA: EMILIE BOYLES; CHARLIE DENISON
GUESTS: SUSAN STREHLOW; STEVE ENGBRETSON; OLIVIA RIEGER; GARY CARLSON;
MARVIN HOWE; RITA AND GARY EDWARDS; TOM AND LINDA EATON; KASEY
ROBSON; ALLISON ZIEGLER; ALLISON COOLEY; MELISSA LYNN

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Meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by Chairman L Simonton.

CONSENT AGENDA

K Shepherd asked to strike the report of the receipt of Tom Eaton's resignation from the December 12, 2011 minutes. It was explained that the records must reflect a synopsis of the meeting events and an item can not be deliberately deleted. P Denning moved S Zorn seconded to approve the minutes of the December 12, 2011 meeting as submitted. K Shepherd voted nay all others voted aye.

T Erickson moved S Zorn seconded to approve agenda items 4.1 thru 4.6. All members present voted aye.

K Shepherd moved P Denning seconded to approve agenda items 4.7 thru 4.11. All members present voted aye.

COMMUNICATION

No communication was presented to the Board.

STAFF AND COMMITTEE REPORTS/SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH

B Steffen stated the Superintendent Search committee met at 7 pm January 10, 2012. The committee reviewed and refined the interview questions. Trustees will meet in the Board Room at 5 pm on January 19, 2012 to evaluate Superintendent applications, choose candidates to interview and discuss and approve the final interview questions.

367N TRUSTEE POSITION

P Denning and K Shepherd expressed concern that the full Board was not informed of the circumstances prior to the receipt of Tom Eaton's letter of resignation. J Seifert and B Steffen concurred that they would like the advice of legal counsel prior to taking any further action. P Denning asked if T Eaton could be appointed to the Board until the County Attorney issues a decision. Steve Engebretson indicated if T Eaton is appointed and ruled to be ineligible to represent District 367N all issues he voted on would be rendered null and void. S Engebretson also explained that due to the amount of time elapsed, T Eaton's resignation could not be rescinded pursuant to sections 2-16-502; 2-16-501; and 20-3-308 of MCA. S Engebretson stated that voter registration is one part of legal residency but there are other parts that need to be examined as well. County Attorney Olivia Rieger stated this is a very complex issue and she will provide a ruling as soon as possible. It was noted that T Eaton has been a valuable member of the Board and the question of his residency/eligibility is frustrating to all Trustees but it is a legal issue that needs to be addressed and resolved. P Denning moved J Seifert seconded to table any further action regarding the 367N Trustee position pending receipt of the County Attorney's opinion. All members present voted aye. B Steffen terminated his telephone participation. Tom and Linda Eaton and Gary and Rita Edwards left the meeting.

VOLKERT AND WEGGESSER TRUSTS

Assistant County Attorney Marvin Howe stated that he has prepared petitions to modify and expand the scope and use of the Volkert and the Wegesser Trusts. (Copies attached) With the Boards approval, M Howe will file the petitions, publish public notice of the Boards intent to modify the Trusts and schedule a hearing.

P Denning moved Mandy Hoffman seconded to authorize M Howe to petition the Court to modify the Fred Volkert Trust. All members present voted aye.

M Hoffman moved T Erickson seconded to authorize M Howe to petition the Court to modify the Ethel Wegesser Trust. All members present voted aye.

T Erickson moved M Hoffman seconded to appoint P Denning and or J Seifert to testify at the modification hearings which will be scheduled in February. All members present voted aye. Marvin Howe and Olivia Rieger left the meeting.

IMAGE- MISS MONTANA PAGEANT

J Germann stated that the IMAGE group requested the use of DCHS for the period of June 3 thru 17, 2012. J Germann suggested a flat fee of \$300 be charged for utilities and incidentals. P Denning moved M Hoffman seconded to allow IMAGE to use DCHS as requested for the fee of \$300. All members present voted aye.

SCHOOL BUS PURCHASE

Transportation Director Gary Carlson explained that the insurance company representing the individual that hit the yellow school bus in early December notified the District that the bus would be declared a total loss. The company paid the District a total of \$17,836. G Carlson reported he received a quote of \$96,500 for a 2012 BlueBird from Harlows Bus and \$79,552 for a 2011 Thomas from I-State Truck. He explained that the Thomas is new and available immediately as a school had ordered 2 buses but only took possession of 1, but it would be 5 or 6 months before the BlueBird is available. G Carlson stated that the buses were similarly equipped. P Denning moved S Zorn seconded to purchase the 2011 Thomas. All members present voted aye.

2012-2013 SCHOOL CALENDAR

J Germann reported that having school run past Memorial Day adds a paid holiday for classified staff which would cost in excess of \$5000. The 2012-2013 calendar was returned to committee. L Simonton asked GEA President Sue Strehlow to have the calendar committee take another look and see if there is any way to get out of school before Memorial Day 2013.

POLICIES - SECOND READING

For policy 1420, P Denning moved K Shepherd seconded to adopt Option 1 (2/3 vote of the Board) on page 3 under Rescind a Motion. All members present voted aye.

M Hoffman moved P Denning seconded to approve the second readings of BP 1005; BP 1007; BP 1113; BP 1210; BP 1400; and BP 1531. All members present voted aye.

POLICIES – FIRST READING – REVISED POLICIES

T Erickson moved M Hoffman seconded to accept the first readings of revised policies BP 2510; BP 3612P BP 5010; BP 5140; BP 5450, and BP 5500, with the following changes noted: adopt BP 2510 Alternate #2; include the optional Use of Electronic Mail section on Policy 3612P. All members present voted aye.

NEW POLICY 5460

P Denning moved T Erickson seconded to approve the first reading of BP 5460 and to remove BP 5328P. All members present voted aye. J Germann will work with administrators to clarify exceptions for BP5460 before the next meeting.

MHSA ANNUAL MEETING PROPOSALS

B Clausen reviewed the MHSA proposals and explained the intent and purpose of each proposal and how he intends to vote on each proposal. L Simonton left at 9:20 P Denning assumed the role of chairman.

DISPOSAL OF OBSOLETE ITEMS – ITV LAB

J Germann explained that our ITV lab is no longer functional and he has been approached by Miles Community College to see if they can obtain any usable parts for the schools that still have functional labs. M Hoffman moved S Zorn seconded to declare the equipment in the lab obsolete. All members present voted aye.

REPORTS

B Clausen noted that he had erroneously indicated in item 7 of his report that the Glendive Education Foundation is not a corporation but in fact it IS a 501(c)(3) corporation. B Clausen also reported that he will be taking a pickup and trailer to Billings to pick up a couch for the library purchased with proceeds from coffee sales.

S Lynn added to his report that the Geo Bee will be held Wed, Jan 11 and invited any interested Trustee to stop by. S Lynn also noted that the Lincoln School Mall fundraiser will run the week of Jan 9 – Jan 13, 2012

J Germann noted that an oil and gas meeting will be held in Sidney on March 29. Any Trustee interesting in attending can contact the Clerk.

VOLKERT AND WEGESSER

A Sadorf reported the annual court hearings for the Volkert and Wegesser funds were held December 19, 2011 and Decrees of Settlement have been received for both funds. It was noted that Deputy County Attorney Marvin Howe successfully petitioned the court to allow the purchase of automated external defibrillators for the schools. The AED's have been received.

With no further business to come before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 9:45pm

CHAIRMAN

CLERK