Regular Board Meeting

November 10, 2020 7:00 p.m.  Via Zoom

1. Opening of meeting – call to order – present – salute to flag:
   Vice Chairwoman Cathi Cook called the board meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom.
   Cathi led in the Pledge of Allegiance. Trustees present were Sean Lenahan, Ben Meyer, Sarah Armijo, Billy Donaldson, Michele Fauth and Kris McKoy. Superintendent Bob Moore, Brian Gum, Tracey Rogstad, Jessica Shourd, Nate Fry, Eric Larson, Chance Edman and Assistant District Clerk Samantha Mewes were present.

2. Approval of minutes of previous meeting:
   A. Special: October 7, 2020
   Vice Chairwoman Cathi Cook asked the trustees if they had any questions or comments on the minutes from the special board meeting that was held on October 7, 2020 presented. Sean Lenahan made a motion to approve the October 7, 2020 special board meeting minutes. Sarah Armijo seconded the motion. All voted aye.

   B. Regular: October 13, 2020
   Vice Chairwoman Cathi Cook asked the trustees if they had any questions or comments on the minutes from the regular board meeting that was held on October 13, 2020. Vice Chairwoman Cathi Cook pointed out a spelling error on page 3, between lines 26 and 27. Sarah Armijo made a motion to approve the October 13, 2020 regular board meeting minutes with the change. Sean Lenahan seconded the motion. All voted aye.

3. Approval of Claims:
   Vice Chairwoman Cathi Cook asked if there were any questions or comments on the claims or students’ accounts. Cathi told the Board the district has October claims in the amount of
$1,261,423.57 starting with claim #37291 and ending with claim #37397 and students’ accounts in the amount of $17,043.75. Ben Meyer clarified to the Board and public, after talking with Superintendent Bob Moore that claim #37386 was for overnight travel before the Board voted on no overnight travel due to COVID-19. Michele Fauth made a motion to approve the claims and students’ accounts as presented. Billy Donaldson seconded the motion. All voted aye.

4. Recognize Visitors/Public Comment:

   Board Comment: There was no Board comment
   Public Comment: There was no Public comment

5. Recognition: Business Manager of the Year Award-Bill Schiele

Vice Chairwoman informed the Board that Superintendent Bob Moore is delaying Mr. Schiele’s recognition this month in hopes that there will be a face-to-face meeting in December.

6. Consent Agenda:

   A. Resignations:
      i. Minda Kneedler-District Office Secretary
      ii. Kyla Paulsen-HS Volleyball Coach

   B. Employment:
      i. Nicole Sylvester-K-3 Paraprofessional
      ii. Kyla Paulsen-MS Girls Basketball
      iii. Jaci Knutsen-MS Girls Basketball
      iv. Dave Gross-MS Boys Basketball
      v. Nate Kieres-MS Boys Basketball
      vi. Substitute List

Vice Chairwoman Cathi Cook told the Board they would now approve the consent agenda items. Vice Chairwoman Cathi Cook asked the Board if there were any questions or comments on the consent agenda items. Vice Chairwoman Cathi Cook asked the Board if there were any consent agenda items they would like to remove from the list. There were no items to be removed. Vice Chairwoman Cathi Cook told the Board the consent of any trustee pertains only to the items they have the authority to decide on and if there is no objection the agenda items will be adopted by unanimous consent. There was no objection and the consent agenda items were approved by unanimous consent.

7. Business: Items for Action:
A. Open Trustee Position

i. Interviews

Vice Chairwoman Cathi Cook told the Board, Trustee candidates and the audience that Superintendent Bob Moore would be asking the candidates a series of questions and that after the interview process the Board would discuss and select a new Board Trustee. Superintendent Bob Moore asked the four candidates, six questions and alternated between which candidate answered first, second, third and fourth. After the candidates answered the questions, Vice Chairwoman Cathi Cook moved onto the next agenda item.

ii. Selection

Vice Chairwoman Cathi Cook asked the Board members if anyone would like to make a motion to select a candidate. Ben Meyer made a motion to select Danielle Offerdahl as the new Board Trustee. There was no second motion and Sean Lenahan made a motion to select Nick Gerhard as the new Board Trustee. Kris McKoy seconded the motion. All voted aye.

B. Board Policy

i. Credit and Transcript for High School Courses Completed Before Grade 9

Superintendent Bob Moore told the Board that there has been several requests to review this policy and that the policy does not give credit on students’ transcripts if they complete high school courses prior to grade 9. Superintendent Bob Moore also explained that administration and the Policy Committee have discussed the policy and are recommending a procedure for this policy. Several parents and students spoke to the Board and explained why they think the credit should count. After discussion from parents, students, and the Board, Sean Lenahan made a motion to send the policy back to administration to reevaluate adding credit to transcripts for high school courses taken before grade 9. Kris McKoy seconded the motion. All voted aye.

ii. Second Reading Policies 1900 and 8301

Superintendent Bob Moore explained that policies in the 1900 series have a sunset of June 30, 2021 and policy 8301 is an update to grant the Superintendent authority to adopt reasonable safety measures due to COVID-19. Michele Fauth made a motion to approve the second reading of policies 1900 and 8301. Ben Meyer seconded the motion. All voted aye.
C. Sinking Fund Investments
   i. Reinvestment
   ii. Investment of November County Payment

Superintendent Bob Moore told the Board that the CD at Clearwater Credit Union will mature this month, and that Ravalli County will be depositing tax collection and the Board needs to decide on how to reinvest the money. Superintendent Bob Moore talked about the Ravalli County STIP and explained that Business Manager Bill Schiele will provide rate quotes from local financial institutions and Ravalli County. Superintendent Bob Moore recommended the Board invest the money for a term no longer than six months at the highest rate possible. After some discussion from the Board, Billy Donaldson made a motion to have Bill Schiele make the investment with the institution that provides the highest rate for six months. Sarah Armijo seconded the motion. Vice Chairwoman Cathi Cook moved to the next agenda item.

D. COVID-19 Action Items as needed

Nurse Connie Johnson updated the Board on the current COVID-19 cases and quarantines in the District. She informed the Board they are still working on completing contact tracing, but are confident that it will be complete before the reopening of school on November 18, 2020, if nothing changes with our current cases and quarantines. Superintendent Bob Moore told the Board he has been in contact with several of the schools in the valley to see what their cases and quarantine situations are. He explained that after meeting with administration and supervisors if our current COVID-19 situation does not change that there will be enough available staff to get the building cleaned and be here for our students return on November 18, 2020. After discussion from the Board there was no motion made to extend our current reopen date.

8. Items for Information:

A. Superintendent Report

Superintendent Bob Moore talked about ACT scores, the substitute situation at the district and provided an update on the outdoor bleachers and construction progress. After some discussion from the Board, Vice Chairwoman Cathi Cook moved on to the next agenda item.

B. Administrative Report
There were no questions or comments from the Board to administration.

C. Correspondence

Superintendent Bob Moore told the Board that three staff members have lost parents and that he is having a plant and sympathy card sent to each of those staff members. Bob explained that he originally wanted the Board to sign the cards; however, he was not sure, when they would be all together again. Vice Chairwoman Cathi Cook provided condolences and asked Superintendent Bob Moore to sign the cards on behalf of the Board.

9. Adjourn

Sean Lenahan made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Sarah Armijo seconded the motion. All voted aye.