Regular Board Meeting

March 9, 2021
7:00 p.m.
Music Center Choir Room

1. Opening of meeting – call to order – present – salute to flag:

Chairwoman Cathi Cook called the board meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Music Center Choir Room (Also Broadcast via Zoom). Cathi led in the Pledge of Allegiance. Trustees present were Sean Lenahan, Ben Meyer, Michele Fauth, Billy Donaldson, Sarah Armijo, Kris McKoy and Nick Gerhard. Superintendent Bob Moore, Brian Gum, Tracey Rogstad (Zoom), Jessica Shourd, Nate Fry, Eric Larson, Chance Edman (Zoom) and Business Manager/Clerk Bill Schiele were present.

Chairwoman Cathi Cook told the Board and the audience they will have a moment of silence for the student that was killed in a car accident last Friday night.

Chairwoman Cathi Cook told the Board and the audience this will be the last zoom meeting the Board will have and that all meetings will be in person starting next month.

2. Approval of minutes

Chairwoman Cathi Cook asked the trustees if they had any questions or comments on the regular board meeting minutes held on February 9, 2021 as presented. Sarah Armijo made a motion to approve the February 9, 2021 regular board meeting minutes as presented. Sean Lenahan seconded the motion. All voted aye.

Chairwoman Cathi Cook asked the trustees if they had any questions or comments on the special board meeting minutes held on February 17, 2021 and the minutes from the continuation of the February 17, 2021 meeting which was held on February 23, 2021 as presented. After a comment about if the Board will be getting updated on the COVID cases and about wearing masks here at the district, Cathi told the Board that will be covered under the superintendent
report. Michele Fauth made a motion to approve the February 17, 2021 minutes and the minutes from the continuation of the February 17, 2021 meeting held on February 23, 2021 as presented. Billy Donaldson seconded the motion. All voted aye.

3. Approval of Claims:

Chairwoman Cathi Cook asked if there were any questions or comments on the claims or students’ accounts. Cathi told the Board the district has claims in the amount of $226,874.55 starting with claim #37682 and ending with claim #37768 and students’ accounts in the amount of $5,608.88. There were no questions or comments on claims or students’ accounts. Sarah Armijo made a motion to approve the claims and students’ accounts as presented. Sean Lenahan seconded the motion. All voted aye.

Chairwoman Cathi Cook told the Board and the audience they are going to be moving up agenda item #5 Student Recognition: Forensics/Drama at this time.

5. Student Recognition: Forensics/Drama

Chairwoman Cathi Cook and the Board congratulated Alexzandera Miller, the High School Speech and Debate coach and the students for the great job they did at the State Speech, Drama and Debate competition. Cathi read the names of the students who participated and where they placed. Cathi also presented the students with a certificate of recognition from the district.

4. Recognize Visitors/Public Comment:

Board Comment:

Sean Lenahan thanked everyone for attending this meeting. Sean talked about the CDC latest news release about wearing masks.

Public Comment:

Audience members voiced their concerns about the COVID-19 situation here at the district and the mask mandate the district has in place. Audience members Alan and Terri Lackey
presented over 500 signed petitions asking the district to lift the mask mandate at the district.

6. Consent Agenda:

A. Employment:
   i. Justin Cameron – 1.0 FTE Custodian
   ii. Nate Kieres – Middle School Girls Basketball
   iii. Andrea Mooney – Middle School Girls Basketball
   iv. Mary Osler – HS Assist. Track
   v. Clayton Curley – HS Assist. Track
   vi. Alexzandera Miller – Drama (Play)
   vii. Substitute List – Pending Background Checks

B. Resignations:
   i. Pam Brown – HS Paraprofessional

Chairwoman Cathi Cook told the Board they will now approve the consent agenda items. Cathi asked the Board if there were any questions or comments on the consent agenda items. After a comment about how coaches are selected, Cathi 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. Cathi 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. School Calendar 2021-2022

Superintendent Bob Moore told the Board that Tracey Rogstad and the calendar committee had met and came up with a new school calendar for next year. Bob and Tracey went over the new school year calendar and the start and end date of the calendar. Bob also told the Board this calendar could change due to the construction here at the district. After comments from the Board on the new school year calendar, structured recess, why only one calendar option, why end the school year in the second week of June, if the school will go back to normal school hours next year and the new calendar format, Billy Donaldson made a motion to accept the new school calendar for the 2021-2022 school year as presented. Sean Lenahan seconded the motion. All voted aye.

B. Summer School Proposal
Superintendent Bob Moore told the Board that he has included a spreadsheet in their packet that outlines this year’s summer school proposal. Bob went over that proposal and how the proposal will be funded. Chairwoman Cathi Cook asked the Board if they had any questions on the summer school proposal as presented. After comments from the Board on the summer school proposal, the time line for summer school and how many students does the district figure on having this summer, Nick Gerhard made a motion to authorize the summer school services pending the release of ESSER II funding with the final funding not to exceed $80,000.00 without Board approval. Ben Meyer seconded the motion. All voted aye.

C. Resolution of Estimates to Increase/Decrease Levies (20-9-116, MCA)
   i. Elementary School District
   ii. High School District

Superintendent Bob Moore told the Board they need to approve SB 307 that shows any increases or decreases to the district mills for next year. Bob went over the increases and decreases in the Elementary and High School levies. Chairwoman Cathi Cook asked the Board if they had any questions or comments on the Elementary resolution for SB 307 as presented. Ben Meyer made a motion to approve the increase in the Stevensville Elementary District levies as presented. Sarah Armijo seconded the motion. Sean Lenahan, Ben Meyer, Billy Donaldson, Cathi Cook, Sarah Armijo, Kris McKoy and Nick Gerhard voted aye. Michele Fauth could not vote.

   Cathi asked the Board if they had any questions or comments on the High School resolution for SB 307 as presented. After a comment from the Board and the audience about asking taxpayers for more money and not listening to them and how special education is funded, Billy Donaldson made a motion to approve the increase in the Stevensville High School levies as presented. Kris McKoy seconded the motion. All voted aye.

D. Retirement: Nate Fry – Middle School Assistant Principal

Chairwoman Cathi Cook told the Board that Nate Fry has submitted a retirement letter and that Nate will be retiring at the end of the 2020-2021 school year. Cathi told the Board that Nate has 27 years in education with 9 of those years here at the district. Cathi thanked Nate for everything he has done for the district and that he will be missed. Sarah Armijo made a motion to accept the retirement letter from Nate Fry as presented. Sean Lenahan seconded the motion.
Sean Lenahan, Ben Meyer, Michele Fauth, Billy Donaldson, Sarah Armijo, Kris McKoy and Nick Gerhard voted aye. Michele Fauth could not vote.

E. Request to Open Contract Negotiations LIUNA

Superintendent Bob Moore told the Board the district received a request to open negotiations with the LIUNA Local 1686 union. Bob told the Board this is for their information.

F. Harlow’s Bus Contract

Chairwoman Cathi Cook told the Board the District’s bus contract with Harlow’s expires at the end of this school year. Cathi told the Board the district is looking at maybe taking over all the bus routes but with the construction and the COVID-19 situation here at the district, there has been no time to do that. Bob went over the one year extension contract. After comments from the Board on the one year contract and who would be driving the school activity buses under this contract, Michele Fauth made a motion to accept the one year contract extension for student transportation service with Harlow’s School Bus Service Inc. of Montana. Sarah Armijo seconded the motion. All voted aye.

G. Out-of-District Enrollments
   i. Elementary
   ii. High School

Vice-Chairwoman Cathi Cook asked the Board if they had any questions on the Elementary out-of-district students as presented. Sean Lenahan made a motion to approve the Elementary out-of-district students as presented. Billy Donaldson seconded the motion. Sean Lenahan, Ben Meyer, Michele Fauth, Billy Donaldson, Sarah Armijo, Kris McKoy and Nick Gerhard voted aye. Michele Fauth could not vote.

There were no High School out-of-district enrollments this month.

H. Employment of Assistant Tennis Coach – Tentative

Superintendent Bob Moore told the Board the district does not have a recommendation for the assistant tennis coach at this time.

I. Obsolete Materials – Elementary Library

Chairwoman Cathi Cook asked the Board if they had any questions on the library materials disposal list as presented. Sarah Armijo made a motion to dispose of the School District
library materials as obsolete, undesirable or unsuitable for school purpose as presented. Kris McKoy seconded the motion. All voted aye.

8. Items for Information

A. Student Representative Report

Jessica Bradford, the student representative, went over the events that have already happened and the events that will be happening in the next few weeks.

B. Superintendent Report

Superintendent Bob Moore updated the Board on the construction and remodel of the district’s facilities. Bob updated the Board on the ESSER II funding and the legislative session going on in Helena. Bob told the Board the district is starting to work on next year’s budget. Bob updated the Board on the COVID-19 virus situation, the new number of cases and the number of staff and students that are quarantined at this time. Bob also told the Board the district received notice of a pending litigation against the district.

C. Administrative Reports

Chairwoman Cathi Cook asked the trustees if there were any questions or comments on the administration reports in their packet. Brian talked about the High School prom and graduation for this year. After questions about the number of online students that came back in the Elementary School, Cathi moved onto the next agenda item.

D. Correspondence

Chairwoman Cathi Cook told the Board the district has received one correspondence and Cathi read the letter.

Trustee Sarah Armijo asked if they could discuss the mask mandate at the next board meeting.

9. Adjourn:

Sarah Armijo made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Billy Donaldson seconded the motion. All voted aye.
Board Chairman: Signed Copy on File in District Office.

Date: April 13, 2021.

School Board Clerk: Signed Copy on File in District Office.