

SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF DISTRICTS 11 & 2
DRUMMOND PUBLIC SCHOOLS
January 14, 2019

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm in the FCS room by Chairman Struna.
Board Members present: Bob Suthers, Sandra Kroll, Scott Struna and Alex Verlanic by phone
Admin: Supt. Barbachano, Principal Parke
Clerk: Toby Wetsch
DTO Reps: Jim Oberweiser replaced Mikaela Martin; Bill Wagner was not present due to illness
Others Present: Shona Bradshaw, Alex Bolotsky, Carlee Piippo, Nikki Graybeal

Consideration of any changes or amendments to the agenda

None at this time.

Recognition of individuals, delegations and correspondence

None at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The chair read the statement as presented on the agenda. No public comment at this time.

CONSENT AGENDA

Suthers made a motion to approve the consent agenda, motion seconded by Verlanic. Consent agenda consisted of the following items: #1 Claims and #2 Minutes. All voted aye, motion passed.

Approve Out of District Agreements (closed session)

At 6:06pm Chairman Struna called the meeting into executive session, because the rights of privacy clearly exceed the merits of public disclosure. The meeting reopened at 6:13pm. Kroll made a motion to approve the out of district agreements, Suthers seconded the motion. All voted aye, motion passed.

Suthers made a motion to move the agenda item for Hiring Special Education aide, Verlanic seconded the motion. All voted aye, motion passed

Recommendation for Hiring Special Education Aide

Supt. recommendation for this agenda item is Nikki Graybeal. The need for this position happened a few months before Christmas. The student that would need this service is no longer in the district however there are 2 more students in the elementary that could be needing special education services. The schedule will be fluid and may start off light at the beginning. Kroll motioned to hire Nikki Graybeal for the stated position, Suthers seconded the motion. All voted aye, motion passed.

Athletic Director's Report

See attached report from AD Tim Anderson. There was a softball meeting today for girls. The basketball season is going well and the teams will be home for a while now.

Maintenance Report

See attached report from Alex Bolotsky for highlights.

The gym water issue was fixed and the expense will hopefully be less.

Comfort Systems came out about a month ago and suggested the Elementary water heater be replaced with a power fan type.

There is a leak in the boy's bathroom in the recessed ceiling; supt. will keep the board informed of where it is coming from, supposedly the roof.

Suthers asked Mr. Bolostsky the status of his boiler certification.

Principal's Report

Mr. Parke handed the I-Pad around for pics. The Christmas program was good.

Bear Aware presented last Thursday.

Spelling Bee is scheduled February 26th in Hall.

Most of the STAR testing is done in the elementary.

Business Manager/Clerk Report

W-2's and 1099's will be printed and sent to employees/vendors the week of 1/21/19 and appropriate files sent to the IRS and State. Mrs. Wetsch will begin to work on election items and SB307 resolution for the next budget year.

Drummond was approved to share a Food Corp person w/ Philipsburg and Mrs. Wetsch is going to propose the need for this person to the Granite County Medical Foundation to help cover the cost of the employee. Half the cost is \$3750 and it would be for 850 hours.

Superintendent's Report

See attached report for highlights.

Student numbers went from 142 to 150 since the beginning of the year.

Verlanic asked how easy it would be to have an AmeriCorp person for the school. Supt. stated that we need to have a Montana Campus Compact Partner, and since we dual credit w/ Helena College, supt. is going to use that channel to help with writing the application for this program.

Eight graders have access to Algebra I, Mrs. Graveley will be teaching the class and Supt. Barbachano will be teaching 8th grade art.

Recommendation for Hiring a Substitute

Supt. recommends Lindsey Casado for being a substitute teacher for the district. Verlanic made a motion to hire Lindsey Casado as a substitute. Suthers seconded the motion. All voted aye, motion passed.

Approve Trustee Resolution for May 2019 Election

The clerk is requesting a mail ballot for the May 2019 election for the one (1) trustee position for Drummond School District 11 & 2. Suthers made a motion to approve the Trustee Resolution for Mail Ballot for the Trustee Election 2019. Verlanic seconded the motion. All voted aye, motion passed.

Weighted GPA

There are students currently now that are taking less rigorous classes for fear of not getting an A so their GPA does not get lowered. Having a weighted GPA will allow these students to take the academic risks that we would like to see these students take. The supt. is reviewing the grading being 4.0 for non-weighted classes vs a 4.5 for the weighted classes.

Supt. would like to apply the weighted GPA to Honors classes in the district as well as Dual Credit courses and MTDA Honors course. All high school teachers are going to be asked to submit an honors course for the discipline they teach so that we can have choices for the students.

This summer the school will be looking at merging SchoolMaster w/ Infinite Campus and this will allow for weighted GPA's to be recorded more easily.

Mrs. Piippo voiced as she is helping fill out college applications, how honors classes would be greatly needed as these students go through high school.

High School Diplomas

Supt. would like to have 2 different diplomas for the school. Current graduation is 23 credits and would be the regular diploma. The 2nd diploma would be an Honor's Diploma that would have more than 23 credits required and a certain amount of honors classes and dual credit classes would be required. Mr. Oberwieser and Chairman Struna voiced that in the past the school has just done the minimum amount to get students through the school system and this would allow them to better themselves and show the community that there are options at Drummond for academic success. Verlanic asked what honors diploma would get students. Supt. answered that she feels the honors diploma would hopefully better

prepare them if they were to get accepted at a top notch college, as the state standards for graduating in MT are lower than other states.

Work Release Program

This item is for students that do not want to take extra electives or are not off to a higher education or need funds for the higher education. Juniors would have 1 hour of work release and seniors would get 2 hours of work release. The student has to be eligible just like athletes and/or extracurricular activities, and there would be a facilitator and application process for being allowed for work release. The facilitator would ensure that the students did have valid employment and completed application. The supt. thoughts on the facilitator would be Mr. Angelo and this is a vital step for our community members to succeed.

Softball Participant Numbers

There was a girls softball meeting today w/ Mr. Tim Anderson, Mr. Parke and Mr. Adler, 13 girls showed up and there are a few that are not eligible and will probably not be eligible for the season. There is a definite 11 then, you can start with 10 as the bare minimum, 9 are needed to field the team. This is the last year for softball to be a sport without wrestling, Title VII issues would go into effect if there is no male sport next year. Struna states that if there is interest and 4 seniors are returning then they should allow the sport to happen this year. Shona Bradshaw asked if the softball team starts and then at some point they cannot play their season what happens to the team. There was no action needed at this time as the board feels that 11 members are enough to play softball.

JH Referee Pay

There is an issue w/ the amount of money that JH referees make and it's too low per the athletic director. The current wage per the master contract is \$15/night regardless of how many games. In the future all referees will be background checked and be employees of the district. Currently this item will be tabled as it will be addressed during negotiations.

Superintendent Evaluation (Closed Session)

At 7:58pm Chairman Struna called the meeting into executive session, because the rights of privacy clearly exceed the merits of public disclosure. The meeting reopened at 9:57pm. This was a discussion only, so no motion was needed at this time.

Consideration of Superintendent Contract

Struna made a motion to offer Christina Barbachano a 2 year contract, with salary of \$72,000 starting 7/1/2019 with full health benefits effective February 1, 2019. Kroll seconded the motion. All voted aye, motion passed.

FUTURE AGENDA/ACTION ITEMS

- Weight equipment and how to denote whose responsibility is each piece/donation form
- Job Descriptions for classified staff
- Stipend for coaches, remove from master contract @ negotiations
- JH referee pay be increased and removed from the master contract @ negotiations along with all other athletic duties that are in the master contract.
- Phase 2 Construction Process
- Hire softball coaches

ADJOURNMENT:

Suthers made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Verlanic motion seconded by at 10:00pm. All voted aye; motion passed.

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Scott Struna
Board Chair

Date

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Toby Wetsch
District Clerk

Date