

JANUARY 17, 2017—REGULAR BOARD MEETING—7:00 P.M.  
SAVAGE SCHOOL  
LIBRARY

**PRESENT:** Charlene Jonsson by Skype. Lance Miller, Michelle Smith, Shawn Conradsen, Brandon Ler, Superintendent Lynne Peterson, Principal Angella Nelson and Clerk Diana Miller

**VISITORS:** Paul Evanson representative of MTI, Roger Beyer and Sean Suisse from B & B Builders, Lexie Joslin and Henry Huber

1.0 **CALL TO ORDER**—Lance Miller called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2.0 **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** All joined in the Pledge of Allegiance

3.0 **PUBLIC COMMENT:** There was no public comment.

4.0 **CONSENT AGENDA**

4.1 January Meeting Minutes

4.2 Claims/Warrants Approval-#952926-#952972, #48616-#18633

4.3 Student Activities Report

There was some discussion about the minutes. An error was noticed. The word was mistyped. It should have been talk instead of take. This will be corrected in the official minutes. There were some questions about Culbertson Eastern Co-op, MDU, and Frontier checks and also how money from Fund 229 was spent this month. Shawn Conradsen made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda with the corrections listed. Michelle Smith seconded the motion. All voted yes. The motion carried.

5.0 **MTI PRESENTATION**

Paul Evanson spoke about the issue with our computer system that runs our heating system. Java is ending its support of the heating system software. This means that MTI will have to reprogram all of the systems that they currently have in eastern Montana. This is going to cost Savage School \$23,000 to \$26,000 approximately. A short term solution is to isolate the current computer from the internet and never connect it back to internet. We have already done this on the advice of Pinecove. Charlene Jonsson asked some technology questions and will research some of the answers given. Lynne Peterson asked if we could do a payment plan or if there were other options. Paul said there was. One option is to buy the equipment this year and then have the labor done next year. He will gather up figures of those items so that the administration can look them over to make a decision. This will be on the agenda at the February meeting.

6.0 **B & B BUILDING PRESENTATION**

Roger Beyer handed out a proposal and price of doing some small to medium projects. Some of the repairs are expensive but all are needed at some time soon. Roger told the Board to look over the projects and pick the ones that are a priority now. He did say there are other material options that are durable but much less expensive. He will look into getting some of those prices for us. Sean and he understand that these projects won't be happening for a while and that probably not all of them will be done this year. They will wait to hear from the Board what they will be addressing first. Roger is willing to attend the February meeting.

7.0 **ACTIVITY DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Henry Huber attended the state MHSA meeting in Great Falls on January 15 and 16. There were five proposals that were voted on. He summarized those for the Board.

7.1 MHSA wanted to amend the rule that a MTSBA representative can only serve two years on the MHSA Board from two years to four years. This amendment was approved.

7.2 An amendment was requested to allow 8<sup>th</sup> graders to be brought up to high school play with the approval coming from the local board. Eighth graders would be allowed to fill all squads not just JV and Varsity. Football was a concern so this amendment not approved.

7.3 The next proposal was to amend the transfer requirements. The 90 PI days will be based on the school schedule from where the student is coming. If it is a 4 day or 5 day school week or trimesters that will have a bearing on the 90 PI days. This proposal passed.

7.4 The next proposal was to amend the jewelry policy from the MHSA to a college policy. This was not approved.

7.5 The last proposal was to increase the amount allowable to the teams who have to travel the farthest. This also passed.

## 8.0 PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

8.1 K-6 Winter Bench Mark testing has been done.

8.2 The elementary is continuing to look into a Literacy Program curriculum

8.3 The Vistas in Sidney are looking into a county wide backpack lunch program where students can take food home for the weekend if they are not getting enough to eat at home.

8.4 Angie is on the Sidney Leadership Panel meeting in Sidney.

8.5 Early Childhood Screening has been set for March.

## 9.0 SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

9.1 Lynne attended the annual MHSA meeting in Great Falls. It was mentioned there that Booster Clubs must work with both sexes equally.

9.2 Lynne attended the Equity workshop so that will not need to be done until 2022.

9.3 There was some discussion about suing Cucancic and Spectrum.

## 10.0 OLD BUSINESS

### 10.1 ACTIVITY BUS DISCUSSION

There was some discussion about purchasing an activity bus. Both Superintendent Peterson and Clerk Miller don't feel comfortable pursuing a new bus until the end of the fiscal year June 2017. No action was taken.

### 10.2 DRIVER'S EDUCATION CAR

There was some discussion about a new driver's education car. Lynne has asked Nate Creek to look into a car at Gem City. Lynne also asked the Board if a sponsored car would work. No one seemed to have a problem with that. No action was taken.

## 11.0 ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

### 11.1 SET THE FEBRUARY MEETING DATE

The meeting was set for February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

### 11.2 APPROVAL FO NEW BUS DROPOFF/PICKUP SPOT

There was some discussion about the new drop off. Some board members felt it was on private land and also not convenient or safe. An alternate spot was mentioned across the highway on the county road by Ryan Fischer's house. Lynne was directed to speak to Struckman's and Salsbury's and also Doug Pust. No action was taken.

### 11.3 FINAL APPROVAL SENIOR TRIP

The Senior trip will take place on April 5-April 10 to Orlando FL. The money has been raised and the plans are in the final stages. Shawn Conradsen made a motion to approve the Senior Trip as presented. Michelle Smith seconded the motion. All voted yes.

### 11.4 FIRST READING OF POLICY #2221.

Policy #2221 deals with school closure during extreme weather or other emergency in compliance with established procedures for notification. Michelle Smith made a motion to approve the First Reading of Policy 2221. Shawn Conradsen seconded the motion. All voted yes. The motion carried.

### 11.5 HIRE GOLF COACH FOR SPRING 2017

There were two applicants. Superintendent Peterson recommended Henry Huber as the best candidate. Brandon Ler made a motion to hire Henry Huber as the Head Boys and Girls Golf Coach for Spring 17. Shawn Conradsen seconded the motion. All voted yes. The motion carried.

**11.6 HIRED DRIVER'S EDUCATION TEACHER FOR THE 2017 SCHOOL YEAR**

Jeff Mead has been teaching Driver's Education at Savage School for 11 years. Shawn Conradsen made a motion to hire Jeff Mead as the Driver's Education teacher for the 2017 school year. Terms of the contract will remain the same at \$18.50 an hour and \$12.40 a round trip to teach the class. Michelle Smith seconded the motion. All voted yes and the motion carried.

**11.7 COMPENSATION AND DETERMINATION OF WAGES FOR NEW HEAD COOK**

Lynne Peterson suggested that the applicants for the head cook position should job shadow in the kitchen a couple of days to see if the position is something they would like to pursue. Lynne is proposing that the applicants be paid \$8.15, minimum wage for those days. . Michelle Smith made a motion to pay the job applicants minimum wage of \$8.15 an hour during the job shadow. Brandon Ler seconded the motion. All voted yes. There was then some discussion about the wages for the head cook training and the permanent position. An amount of \$13.50 with an additional 50 cent increase when summer training is completed was mentioned. No action was taken about those wages

**11.8 APPROVE HEALTH SAVINGS ACCOUNT FOR CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEE**

Shawn Conradsen made a motion to approve a \$650.00 contribution to a Health Savings Account for Brenda Felstet. This is a benefit for classified staff. Michelle Smith seconded the motion. All voted yes and the motion carried.

**11.9 APPROVE MULTI-DISTRICT AGREEMENT FOR HEALTH CARE**

Michelle Smith made a motion to approve the multi-district agreement for health care. Brandon Ler seconded the motion. All voted yes and the motion carried.

**11.10 SUPERINTENDENT'S EVALUATION AND RENEWAL OF CONTRACT**

At 9:14 p.m. the Board and Superintendent went into Executive Session for the superintendent's evaluation. Ms. Peterson gave a self-evaluation and discussion followed that topic. At 9:52 p.m. the Executive Session ended and the regular meeting reconvened. Shawn Conradsen made a motion to renew Lynne Peterson's superintendent contract for 1 year with corrections and details to be determined at a later date. Charlene Jonsson seconded the motion. Lance Miller called for further discussion, and then called for a vote. Shawn Conradsen, Lance Miller, Brandon Ler and Charlene Jonsson voted yes and Michelle Smith voted no. The motion carried.

The regular meeting adjourned at 9:58 p.m.

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Chairman

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Clerk