

MARCH 23<sup>RD</sup>, 2017-REGULAR BOARD MEETING—7:00 P.M.  
SAVAGE SCHOOL  
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**PRESENT:** Charlene Jonsson, Lance Miller, Shawn Conradsen, Brandon Ler, Superintendent Lynne Peterson, Principal Angella Nelson and Clerk Diana Miller. Michelle Smith was absent.

**VISITORS:** Vicky Prevost, Jamie Becker, Tyrel Shannon, Owen Nelson, Henry Huber, Jordan Romero, Ashlind Conradsen, Alan Hoffmann, Cassandra Moos, Bryn Salsbury, Emily Reynolds, Corey Richers, Alex Couture, Jeff Moore, Holly Salsbury, Jessica Erickson, Sarah Tuttle, Erica Freas, Sydney Stonehocker and Jared Stonehocker.

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

2.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE—All joined in the Pledge of Allegiance

3.0 PUBLIC COMMENT—Diana presented the information about SB307. This bill deals with the transparency of the permissive mills in Transportation, Bus Depreciation, Tuition, Adult Education and Building Reserve Funds. The legislature has not passed this bill into law yet but is requiring school districts to pass a resolution to say that the districts may be increasing or decreasing those permissive mills this year when budgeting is done. If the trustees do not pass this resolution by April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017 then when budgeting happens they will not be able to change the permissive in any way. There is also some money attached to this bill for the future. There will be an opportunity for the districts to receive \$15,000.00 into the Building Reserve and an additional \$100.00 per ANB. This will not happen for a couple of years. There was no action taken.

4.0 CONSENT AGENDA

4.1 February Meeting Minutes

4.2 Claims and Warrants-##953055-#953085, #18718-#18730

4.3 Student Accounts Report

There was some discussion about the warrants and claims. The large Frontier bill may be covered at least in part by our ongoing insurance claim. Shawn Conradsen made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Brandon Ler seconded the motion. All present voted yes.

5.0 JUNIOR CLASS TRIP PROPOSAL

The Juniors gave a very good presentation of their plans for their Senior trip next year. They are required by Board Policy to present a plan in April of their Junior year. Following their presentation the students left.

6.0 ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR'S REPORT

6.1 Henry Huber presented the five options that MHSAA has given the districts for redistricting the Basketball teams.

1. Leave the districts as they are. This is the option that Mr. Huber likes best.

2. Change to 2 districts with 1 district of 9 and one of 7 teams.

3. Change to 2 districts with 8 and 8 teams.

4. Change to 3 districts with 5, 5 and 6 teams.

5. Change to 4 districts with 4, 4 and 4 teams

There was some discussion about traveling and playing against teams with many players while we only have a few. This will be voted on later in the meeting.

6.2 There was also a Football meeting. Billings and Butte would like to see the 6 man and the 8 man state championship games on the same day in the same city. They would help with the expenses of the games and per diem.

- 6.3 Henry also asked for the Board's input on whether or not to vote for a hard number of students or a percentage of students that will be counted in the change of school classification. This means moving from C to B or B to A etc. It was the Board's consensus that a hard number would be better.
- 6.4 Volleyball may also be changing districts. Savage may be moving from District 2C to District 1C which is south of us.
- 6.5 Golf will have 6 boys and 2 girls out to play. Boys will need to shoot under 100 to qualify for state and girls will have to shoot under 120 to qualify.

## 7.0 PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Angie Nelson reported that the Spring testing for K-6<sup>th</sup> grade is going on. Sarah Tuttle will be in charge of the MAPS and the ACT's testing.

The Elementary has chosen the new reading curriculum.

May 11, 2017 will be the Spring Extravaganza with Eighth Grade Graduation. The Elementary classes will have a combined project for that.

## 8.0 SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

8.1 The report is included with the Board minutes. There are several new policies dealing with Declaration of Emergencies, due diligence and also Gender identification that will need to be read.

8.2 The Safety Committee has met and done inspections.

8.3 We need a Title IX Policy for when we have post season play that allows our townspeople to give a team meal or something special as a reward for moving forward.

8.4 The Calendar Committee has met and is presenting two possible calendars to be adopted.

8.5 ESSA-Every Student Succeeds Act is being looked by our new State Superintendent of Schools.

8.6 Jamie Becker has given her resignation from her position.

## 9.0 ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

### 9.1 SET APRIL MEETING

The April meeting was set for April 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

### 9.2 APPROVE CONCESSION AMOUNTS FOR THE 6<sup>TH</sup>-8<sup>TH</sup> GRADES

There was some discussion about the amounts needed to begin the new year and how much to give the classes. Lance Miller made a motion to distribute \$2500.00 per class 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade for this year's share of concessions profits. Shawn Conradsen seconded the motion. All voted yes. The motion carried.

### 9.3 APPROVE THE 2017-2018 SCHOOL CALENDAR

There were two calendars presented to the Board. The Savage Education Association voted approval of Option 2. There was a lot of discussion about the calendars. Shawn and Lance had some reservations about Option 2. Brandon Ler made a motion to adopt Calendar Option 2. Charlene Jonsson seconded the motion. Charlene, Lance and Brandon voted yes and Shawn Conradsen voted no. The motion carried.

### 9.4 APPROVE NEW ELEMENTARY READING SERIES

There was a lot of discussion about the new reading series. It will be about \$26,600.00 to purchase the series. This is mostly the bare minimums that may need to be added to at a later time. Pearson will train the teachers in the use of the curriculum. Lynne would like to order 15 per classroom. Special Education additions can be purchased with Special Education money. Shawn Conradsen made a motion to approve the purchase of Ready-Gen Reading Series. Charlene Jonsson seconded the motion. All voted yes. The motion carried.

### 9.5 NON-RENEWAL TEACHER CONTRACTS

This item is just on the agenda for legal reasons.

## 9.6 RENEWAL OF TEACHER CONTRACTS

There was some discussion about how to vote on the renewals of the teacher contracts. It was decided to vote on category for teacher renewal. The first category was Non-Tenured teachers which included Amber Henwood, Julianna Evans and Tyrel Shannon. Shawn Conradsen made a motion to renew those three contracts. Brandon Ler seconded the motion. All voted yes. The motion carried. The next category is the 4<sup>th</sup> year teachers who will be given tenure. Those teachers are Sydney Stonehocker, Alan Hoffmann, and Henry Huber. Lance Miller made a motion to renew those three contracts. Shawn Conradsen seconded the motion. All voted yes. The motion carried. The last category is the tenured teachers. Those include Jill Verhasselt, Vicky Prevost, Erica Freas, Angella Nelson, Jessica Erickson, Jean Hagler, Cassandra Moos and Sarah Tuttle. Brandon Ler made a motion to renew all of those contracts. Lance Miller seconded the motion. All voted yes. The motion carried.

## 9.7 HIRE CLASSIFIED POSITION OF HEAD COOK

Lynne Peterson recommended Darcy Kessel for the Head Cook position. There was a little discussion. Shawn Conradsen made a motion to hire Darcy Kessel as the Head Cook at \$13.50 an hour with an increase of 50 cents an hour following the summer training. Darcy will have a 60 day probationary period before health insurance will be available to her. Brandon Ler seconded the motion. Charlene Jonsson, Shawn Conradsen and Brandon Ler voted yes. Lance Miller abstained due to nepotism.

## 9.8 POSSIBLE HIRE OF CLASSIFIED POSITION FOR LAWN MAINTENANCE

Instead of having students work this summer to do the lawn and other maintenance jobs, Lynne would like to hire an adult to do the lawn maintenance. There were times that the students were unsupervised or under supervised during last summer. This will actually be cheaper than having 3 students work. Lynne mentioned the need for a new lawn mower.

## 9.9 POSSIBLE HIRE OF INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR FOR BACKGROUND CHECKS

There was a lot of discussion about having Kim Widdup a former US Marshal do our background checks. He has sent us a proposal for this service. He will be very diligent with the background checks. He is working on forms and feels that he should be able to have a 48 hour turn-around time. His proposal indicates he will need a retainer fee of \$1,000.00. He will then charge \$50.00 an hour and \$60.00-\$70.00 per person he does a comprehensive background check on. He will very confidential and have no disclosure to anyone besides us.

## 9.10 FIRST READING OF POLICY #5321 AND #3210

Policy #5321 deals with the cleaning up of the Policy dealing with Discretionary days that are in the CBA. Policy #3210 deals with Transgender issues. Shawn Conradsen made motion to approve the first reading of these policies. Lance Miller seconded the motion. All voted yes.

## 9.11 BOILER LICENSE PAY INCREASE

Lynne is sending Brenda Felstet, the assistant custodian, to Boiler School. There is a Boiler School held at the Sidney High School early in June that Lynne wants to send Brenda to so that we will have two licensed boiler custodians. Lynne is asking the board if Brenda gets her Boiler License will she also be eligible for an hourly increase of 25 cents. Lance Miller made a motion to give a 25 cent and hour increase to any classified employee that gets their Boiler License. Shawn Conradsen seconded the motion. All voted yes. The motion carried.

## 10. OLD BUSINESS

### 10.1 PRESCHOOL UPDATE

There was some discussion about moving forward with having a Pre-school. The CBA says that teaching position must be offered in house first. Keri Jorgensen is interested in doing the internship for that position. The Pre-school can be created to suit the needs of the school and the community.

10.2 VOTE ON THE REDISTRICTING EASTERN CLASS C BASKETBALL\

Since Henry Huber presented the options earlier there was a little discussion. Shawn Conradsen made a motion to approve Henry to vote for Option 1 which is to leave the districts as they are at this time. Brandon Ler seconded the motion. All voted yes. The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

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Chairman

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Clerk