

Special Board Minutes

Tuesday, September 15, 2026 @ 5:00 PM

Administration Conference Room

Present: James RunningFisher, James Evans, Kristy Bullshoe, Thomas Gervais, Terrance LaFromboise, Donna YellowOwl, Brian Gallup, Cheryl Madman.

Superintendent Rappold provided the Board with a copy of the settlement agreement reached between the Montana Office of Public Instruction and the ACLU of Montana. She stated that all school districts in Montana were required to provide the settlement agreement to parents and students. The district distributed the information through three methods: Infinite Campus Messenger, the District's Facebook pages, and by posting the information at each school.

Mr. RunningFisher called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion by Ms. Bullshoe to approve the agenda with no changes. Second by Ms. Madman. *No board discussion. No public participation.* Motion passed with James RunningFisher, James Evans, Kristy Bullshoe, Thomas Gervais, Terrance LaFromboise, Donna YellowOwl, Brian Gallup, Cheryl Madman voting for.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no public comment. Mr. RunningFisher wanted to give a shout out to Mr. Hall for the great turn out at the cross-country meet on Saturday.

ITEMS OF INFORMATION

Resignations: None

ITEMS OF ACTION

Hiring: Motion by Mr. Evans to approve the following hire pending successful background check/drug test: Penny Marceau-Assistant Cook, Supper Program. Second by Mr. Gallup. *No board discussion. No public participation.* Motion passed with James RunningFisher, James Evans, Kristy Bullshoe, Thomas Gervais, Terrance LaFromboise, Donna YellowOwl, Brian Gallup, Cheryl Madman voting for.

Contract Service Agreements: Motion by Ms. YellowOwl to approve the following contract service agreements pending pre-hire process: Jasmine Little Plume-Building-Department Mentor 2026-2027 SY (\$1,500.00). Second by Mr. Evans. *No board discussion. No public participation.* Motion passed with James RunningFisher, James Evans, Kristy Bullshoe, Thomas Gervais, Terrance LaFromboise, Donna YellowOwl, Brian Gallup, Cheryl Madman voting for.

In State Travel: Motion by Mr. Evans to approve the following in state travel: Rebecca Rappold, MT Reads Teacher Literacy Grant Presentation-Bozeman, MT (\$694.36 will be reimbursed). Second by Mr. Gervais. *No board discussion. No public participation.* Motion passed with James RunningFisher, James Evans, Kristy Bullshoe, Thomas Gervais, Terrance LaFromboise, Donna YellowOwl, Brian Gallup, Cheryl Madman voting for.

Approvals: Motion by Mr. Gallup to approve the following: Trustees' Financial Summary Report for 2025-2026; Purchases Over \$10,000.00. Second by Ms. Bullshoe.

Mr. LaFromboise stated that the Trustees' Financial Summary had been placed on the agenda for the past two Board meetings and asked whether it would be approved at this meeting. Superintendent Rappold stated that the Financial Summary has been processed and submitted, and copies of the Elementary and High School summaries are available for review. She explained that the summaries

could not be submitted until all errors had been resolved. She stated that all errors have now been corrected and that the summaries are submitted prior to official approval.

Mr. LaFromboise asked what the errors were. Superintendent Rappold explained that when a non-budgeted fund has been over expended, Impact Aid funds must be transferred to cover the overage. She also explained that the district must ensure that any increased High School budget is properly accounted for and that documentation is provided to support the increased budget resulting from increased student achievement.

Superintendent Rappold informed the Board that Mr. Miller had received an additional quote for the Mobile Device Management subscription that he would like to present to the Board. She stated that he believes the additional quote may be a better option than the proposals currently before the Board. Superintendent Rappold asked the Board to consider voting down the current item so that the matter could be brought back for consideration at the first Board meeting in October with the additional quote.

No Public Participation. Motion passed with James RunningFisher, James Evans, Kristy Bullshoe, Thomas Gervais, Terrance LaFromboise, Donna YellowOwl, Brian Gallup, Cheryl Madman voting for Trustees' Financial Summary Report for 2025-2026; Purchases Over \$10,000.00 and James RunningFisher, James Evans, Kristy Bullshoe, Thomas Gervais, Terrance LaFromboise, Donna YellowOwl, Brian Gallup, Cheryl Madman opposing Mobile Device Management Subscription.

Superintendent Rappold provided an update regarding the returns from the District's money market investments at the request of Mr. RunningFisher. She stated that she will provide a written report to the Board at the October meeting, along with the audit for Board approval.

Superintendent Rappold referenced the investment information included in her report from the previous year and reported that she met with LPL Financial this week to review the investment returns. She stated that the district has earned approximately \$1 million in returns on the total \$28 million invested. She noted that final figures will be provided in her written report to the Board in October.

Personnel: None

The board went into closed session at 5:22 p.m. for the following item: Expulsion Hearings -BHS: Consideration and possible action on recommendation for student expulsion. Meeting reopened at 6:32 p.m. Motion by Mr. Evans approved the modified recommendation of the Superintendent. Second by Mr. Gallup. *No board discussion. No public participation.* Motion passed with James Evans, Kristy Bullshoe, Thomas Gervais, Terrance LaFromboise, Brian Gallup, Cheryl Madman voting for and James RunningFisher and Donna YellowOwl opposing.

Motion by Mr. Evans to adjourn the meeting at 6:33 p.m. Second by Ms. Bullshoe. *No board discussion. No public participation.* Motion passed with James RunningFisher, James Evans, Kristy Bullshoe, Thomas Gervais, Terrance LaFromboise, Donna YellowOwl, Brian Gallup, Cheryl Madman voting for.

Respectfully submitted:

Melanie Heavy Runner, Board Secretary

James RunningFisher, Board Chairperson

Sandra Rivas, District Clerk