

Special Board Minutes (Draft)

Tuesday, May 16, 2023 @ 5:00 p.m.

Administration Conference Room

Present: Brian Gallup-Chair, Donna YellowOwl, Steve Conway, James RunningFisher, Michael Hoyt, Rae TallWhiteman, Lockley Bremner. Via telephone: James Evans.

Mr. Gallup called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m.

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Ms. YellowOwl to approve the agenda with no changes. Second by Mr. Conway. Motion passed with Brian Gallup, Donna YellowOwl, Steve Conway, Michael Hoyt, James RunningFisher, Rae TallWhiteman, James Evans voting for. Lockley Bremner opposed.

Public Comment: Mr. Gallup stated this meeting is subject to the provisions of the Montana Open Meeting Law under Section 2-3-103 and Browning School Policy #1441 for Public Participation at Board Meetings. Mr. Gallup stated each person will have 5 minutes to comment. Lockley Bremner stated that he and Michael Hoyt brought an item to be placed on agenda. This is not subject to the chairs discretion and should have been on this agenda. The agenda item was not put on the agenda and all they got was a response from the lawyer and not the chair. If the chair is leaving an item off the agenda, then he should be giving the courtesy to state why and state the law. Mr. Bremner brought the request in according to the board policy. Mr. Gallup stated this agenda item was brought by administration and thanked Mr. Bremner for his comments.

ITEMS OF ACTION

Hiring: Motion by Mr. RunningFisher to approve hiring Michael ComesAtNight, Elementary Teacher 2023-2024 pending successful background check/drug test. Second by Mr. Conway. No public participation. No board discussion. Motion passed with Brian Gallup, Donna YellowOwl, Steve Conway, Michael Hoyt, James RunningFisher, Rae TallWhiteman, James Evans, Lockley Bremner voting for.

Approvals: Motion by Ms. YellowOwl to approve a Contract Amendment for Kylie Rutherford, Special Services Nurse 2022-2023. Second by Mr. Conway. *Board discussion:* Mr. Bremner asked what policy is for this. Superintendent Hall stated Ms. Rutherford is a RN. This position was created for special services and specifically could be a LPN. Dana Bremner stated in accordance with the master contract all nurses must be registered nurses and this is a contractual obligation. Ms. YellowOwl asked if the board should be hiring this person. Superintendent Hall stated that Ms. Rutherford was in this position all last year during covid and she is being transferred into special services department as a LPN. Ms. TallWhiteman stated the question is, does the contract say Ms. Rutherford needs to be a RN. Superintendent stated she is not part of the certified contract her position was created as professional technical. No further discussion. Motion passed with Brian Gallup, Donna YellowOwl, Steve Conway, Michael Hoyt, James RunningFisher, Rae TallWhiteman, James Evans, Lockley Bremner voting for.

Personnel: Motion by Mr. Conway to approve Non-Renewal of Melody Small, Elementary Techer 2023-2024 SY. Second by Mr. Evans. Mr. Gallup stated that this meeting is subject to the provisions of the Montana Open Meeting Law under Section 2-3-203 and asked Melody Small if she wanted a closed or an open session. Ms. Small requested a closed session at 5:13 p.m. Mr. Evans left the meeting. Meeting convened to open session at 5:38 p.m. Mr. Gallup asked for those in favor to non-renew Melody Small's elementary teacher contract for 2023-2024. Motion failed with Brian Gallup, Donna YellowOwl, Steve Conway, Michael Hoyt, James RunningFisher, Rae TallWhiteman, James Evans, Lockley Bremner voting opposed.

Mr. Gallup asked for those in favor of renewing Melody Smalls elementary teacher contract for 2023-2024 SY. Motion passed with Brian Gallup, Donna YellowOwl, Steve Conway, Michael Hoyt, James RunningFisher, Rae TallWhiteman, James Evans, Lockley Bremner voting for.

Motion to adjourn by Ms. TallWhiteman at 5:40 p.m. Second by Mr. Bremner. Motion passed with Brian Gallup, Donna YellowOwl, Steve Conway, Michael Hoyt, James RunningFisher, Rae TallWhiteman, James Evans, Lockley Bremner voting for.

Respectfully submitted:

_____ Carlene Adamson, Board Secretary

_____ Brian Gallup, Board Chairperson

_____ Crystal Tailfeathers, District Clerk