

**SCHOOL DISTRICT 87 J & L BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
February 18, 2020 at 4:30 p.m.**

**Present: Ted Russette, Josh Seaton, Russell Gopher, India Blatt-Demontiney, Voyd St. Pierre, Reese Gray, Melissa Han, Amanda Lamas, Jan Mitchell, Duane Gopher, Aaron Aquino and Clintanna Colliflower.**

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

1. Roll Call: Ted Russette, Josh Seaton, India Blatt-Demontiney, Billie Jo Coffee, Russell Gopher.

Absent: Billie Jo Coffee

Meeting called to order @ 4:37 p.m.

2. Establish Agenda

Josh Seaton motioned to approve the agenda. Russell Gopher seconded the motion. Vote 4-0-0. Motion carried.

3. Welcome to Visitors

Staff, parents and visitors.

4. Student Parent Recognition

Dion Lodgepole is student of the month for December.

Sean Gibson is student of the month for January.

**B. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**None.**

**C. PERSONNEL**

1. Terminations [3]

Head Start Cook – Dwight Sunchild for violation of policy 5055 AWOL.

SPED Paraprofessional – Douglas Standing Rock for violation of policy 5055 AWOL.

K-6 Paraprofessional – Roxanne Denny for violation of policy refusal to take a drug test.

Russell Gopher motioned to ratify letter of terminations for the above-named employees. India Blatt-Demontiney seconded the motion. Vote 4-0-0. Motion carried.

2. Ratify Letters of Resignation (7)

Head Start Custodian/ Bus Monitor – Dalton Sunchild

Head Start Teacher – Shelly Viall

Custodian/Bus Driver – Corey Chandler

7-12 English Teacher – Jennifer Duncan

7-12 Industrial Arts Teacher- Jerry Coleman

4<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher- Ligia Early

1<sup>st</sup> Grade Teacher – Renee Leader

Josh Seaton motioned to ratify letters of resignations for the above-named employees. India Blatt-

Demontiney seconded the motion. Vote 4-0-0. Motion carried.

### 3. To Hire:

#### a. 90 – Day Probationary Employees

EHS Educator – Jessica Johnson

Josh Seaton motioned to hire 90-day probationary employees for regular status. Russell Gopher seconded the motion. Vote 4-0-0. Motion carried.

#### b. Head Start/EHS Positions

Recommendation to hire Kathryn Baldwin as EHS Cook.

India Blatt-Demontiney motioned to hire the above -named individuals as EHS Cook. Russell Gopher seconded the motion. Vote 4-0-0. Motion unanimously carried.

Recommendation to hire Grace Raining Bird as Head Start Teacher Assistant.

Josh Seaton motioned to hire the above -named individuals as Head Start Teacher Assistant. India Blatt-Demontiney seconded the motion. Vote 4-0-0. Motion unanimously carried.

Recommendation to hire Antonia Stump and Janae Johnson as EHS Educator.

Josh Seaton motioned to hire the above -named individuals as EHS Educators. India Blatt- Demontiney seconded the motion. Vote 4-0-0. Motion unanimously carried.

#### c. K-12 District Mechanic

Individual vote:

Josh Seaton vote- Ryan Johnson with Teri Doney as alternate.

India Blatt-Demontiney vote - Ryan Johnson with Teri Doney as alternate.

Russell Gopher vote – Ryan Johnson with Andre Bradshaw as alternate.

Josh Seaton motioned to hire Ryan Johnson as K-12 District Mechanic with Teri Doney as alternate. India Blatt- Demontiney seconded the motion. Vote 4-0-0. Motion unanimously carried

#### d. Golf Coach

Table till next board meeting.

### 4. Approval of K-12 Classroom Substitute

Approval needed for substitute list three individuals, Edward Lujan, Walker Old Bull and Wilford Sunchild.

Josh Seaton motioned to approve K-12 Classroom Substitutes. Russell Gopher seconded the motion. Vote 4-0-0. Motion unanimously carried.

### 5. Authorization of Compensated Administrators for AD Duties

Compensation requested from superintendent and principal Han with regards to duties provided during the time the district did not have an AD and duties were split between both superintendent and principal Han. Superintendent indicated this would be a stipend, figures will be emailed to board.

Josh Seaton motioned to approve Compensated Administrators for AD Duties. India Blatt- Demontiney seconded the motion. Russell Gopher opposed. Vote 3-1-0

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104 **D. CONSENT AGENDA**

- 105 1. Board Meeting Minutes – January 21, 2020 Reg Board Mtg. Line 13  
106 2. Parent Policy Council (PPC) Minutes – HAVE NOT RECEIVED MINUTES FOR JANUARY  
107 3. January 2020 Financial Report  
108 4. Elementary/High School PO's – 42033-42047  
109 5. Current Warrant List 78231-78332  
110 6. January 2020 Student Activity Report  
111 7. Probationary Employees  
112 8. Positions to Advertise

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114 Josh Seaton motioned to approve consent agenda with corrections. Russell Gopher seconded the motion.  
115 Vote 4-0-0. Motion unanimously carried.

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117 **E. OLD BUSINESS**

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119 1. February Assessment Data - FYI  
120 Superintendent provided assessment data for board.

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122 2. Policy 2221P- School Closure 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading  
123 Approval needed as final reading.

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125 Russell Gopher motioned to approve Policy 2221P School Closure 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading. India Blatt- Demontiney  
126 seconded the motion. Vote 4-0-0. Motion unanimously carried.

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128 **F. NEW BUSINESS**

- 129 1. Denning Downey & Associates Entrance Government Letter - FYI  
130 Letter regarding the hiring of Denning Downey as Auditors for the district.

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132 2. FY19 Preliminary Audit Findings- FYI  
133 We received three audit findings, which include print shop billing, grant reimbursement request and  
134 enrollment.

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136 3. 2020 Spring Enrollment District Summary  
137 Count date is February 3, 2020 based on the report submitted, we have 566 enrolled students.

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139 Russell Gopher motioned to approve 2020 Spring Enrollment District Summary. India Blatt- Demontiney  
140 seconded the motion. Vote 4-0-0. Motion unanimously carried

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142 4. RBEA Request to Negotiate a Successor Contractor  
143 Contract expires on June 30, 2020. India and Billie Jo are on the board for negotiations.

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145 Russell Gopher motioned to approve RBEA Request to Negotiate a Successor Contractor. Josh Seaton  
146 seconded the motion. Vote 4-0-0. Motion unanimously carried.

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148 5. Resolution Calling for Trustee Election  
149 Two trustee positions will be on the ballots; we have elected for a poll election.

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151 India Blatt- Demontiney motioned to approve Resolution Calling for Trustee Election. Josh Seaton  
152 seconded the motion. Vote 4-0-0. Motion unanimously.

6. Approval to Engage A/E Services for Gym Floor Replacement & Publishing RFP  
MCA 20-9-204 indicates district does not need to put out a formulized bid for an architect or engineer. Mr. Levine works with Spectrum Group Architects and approval needed for him to complete the RFP.

Josh Seaton motioned to approve Engage A/E Service for Gym Floor Replacement & Publishing RFP.  
Russell Gopher seconded the motion. Vote 4-0-0. Motion unanimously carried

## 5. Reports

### a. Supervisors

### b. Deans, State & Federal Programs

## 6. Travel Approval

2020 MCEC will be held in Missoula, MT on February 18-21, 2020.

PAX Good Behavior Training held in Choteau, MT.

BPA State Leadership Conference held in Billings, MT on March 8-10.

AIBL 2020 National Leadership Conference held in Alpine, CA on April 1-5.

MCAN Conference 2020 held in Polson, MT on March 9-11.

Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training held in Billings, MT on March 30<sup>th</sup> – April 3.

## 7. Interim Travel Approval

PAX Partner Training held in Choteau, MT on February 10-11, 2020.

India Blatt-Demontiney motioned to approve all travel. Josh Seaton seconded the motion. Vote 4-0-0.  
Motion unanimously carried.

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## OPEN AGENDA

This is an opportunity for any member of the audience to bring to the attention of the board questions or relevant comments concerning school district matters not on the agenda. Please note that the board is bound by ethical practice, district policy, negotiated agreements and Montana statue to protect the rights of its employees. The Board may not take any action on matters brought to the attention of the Board unless specific notice of that matter is included in a properly noticed agenda. Therefore, in the Open Agenda portion of the meeting, the Board will not discuss or take any action, but may refer a matter presented to a future agenda.

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## G. OPEN AGENDA

**Employee spoke regarding her current wage as a bus driver. She has stated she spoke to union representative and superintendent and nothing has been done.**

## H. ANNOUNCEMENTS ABD

**1. District 1B BB Tournament – Cut Bank High School February 19-22, 2020.**

**2. Northern B Boys Divisional BB Tournament, Malta High School, February 27- March 1, 2020.**

**3. Northern B Girls Divisional BB Tournament, Shelby High School, March 5-7, 2020.**

## I. ADJOURNMENT

Josh Seaton motioned to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting for March 24, 2020 @ 4:30pm. Seconded by India Blatt- Demontiney. Vote 4-0-0. Motion unanimously carried.