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Board of Trustees – Executive Committee Meeting

May Butler Center | 55 S. Rodney Ave

Tuesday, March 10, 2020 – 11:00 a.m.

AGENDA

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT: *This is the time for comment on public matters that are not on the agenda. Public matters do not include any pending legal matters, private personnel issues or private student issues. Please do not attempt to address such issues at this time or you will be ruled out of order. The Board cannot enter into a discussion during General Public Comment.*

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

February 25, 2020, Executive Committee Meeting Minutes (see attached)

IV. REVIEW OF MARCH 10, 2020, BOARD MEETING AGENDA (see attached)

V. BOARD COMMENTS

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The next Executive Committee Meeting is scheduled for March 24, 2020.

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MINUTES - DRAFT

ATTENDANCE

Luke Muszkiewicz, Board Chair	John McEwen, Trustee
Terry Beaver, Board Vice Chair	Siobhan Hathhorn, Trustee
Sarah Sullivan, Past Board Chair	Tyler Ream, Superintendent
	Stacy Collette, Human Resources Director

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 11:05am by Chair, Luke Muszkiewicz.

II. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

No public was present.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

No changes were requested.

IV. REVIEW OF THE FEBRUARY 25, 2020, BOARD WORK SESSION AGENDA

Mr. Muszkiewicz said he would send an email to trustees reminding them of the meeting location. Dr. Ream added the work session at Kessler will be rescheduled for the next school year.

Dr. Ream addressed the call for election action item, which included the trustee election, operational levies for the elementary and high school districts, and a safety and security levy for the high school district. The district has until March 25, 2020, to set the parameters of the levies which may include a lump sum, a five-year levy, or a different option. According to Dr. Ream, Ms. Janelle Mickelson, District Business Services Administration was waiting on final numbers from the state prior to determining if the district would be able to run an additional levy at the high school levy. He continued that both high schools will have received safety and security update by the end of the summer from the building reserve fund. Dr. Ream said that a personnel-only levy – counselors, SROs, and nurses – was a strong levy option that could be determined prior to the March 25, 2020, deadline.

The committee briefly discussed what future levies – after May 2020, might include.

Mr. Beaver recommended running the high school levy since it increased budget authority.

Mr. Muszkiewicz said that while this agenda item met the statutory obligation, it was not necessarily the final say on whether these specific levies would be present on the May 2020, ballot. He added it was the trustees' responsibility to gauge public perception on bonds and levies.

Mr. Muszkiewicz addressed the second item for action: Approval of the Hawthorne Safety and Security Bid. Ms. Sullivan requested additional information on the project. Ms. Hathorn asked if the project was delayed could that money be reappreciated to the other elementary schools. Mr. Muszkiewicz answered the bond language specified all elementary schools receive safety and security updates within three years of the sale of the last bond. Ms. Hathorn asked if it could be completed next summer. Mr. Muszkiewicz answered that it could. Mr. Beaver questioned why Lincoln would not have to be updated. Dr. Ream answered since Lincoln didn't have students, it was considered district property, not an active school.

Mr. Beaver recommended waiting until the exterior work was done on Hawthorne prior to approving the safety and security update. Mr. Muszkiewicz outlined the following questions to address when considering the project: was the building structurally sound, was the price reasonable, and what was the cost for waiting a year.

Mr. McEwen asked for a timeline for approving bids. Dr. Ream answered that while there was required timeline, the sooner bids were presented to the board, the sooner work could start since the availability of contractors was limited.

Ms. Hathorn questioned if the contractor on the Hawthorne bid was the same as other bids. Dr. Ream answered that contractors are limited on the number of bids they are awarded since each has a different level of multi-project capacity.

Mr. Beaver questioned whether removing one classroom at Hawthorne to upgrade the safety and security was a feasible or prudent education plan for the next 40 years.

Mr. Muszkiewicz outlined the policies for second and first review.

Dr. Ream referenced the district assessment report and said the Teaching & Learning Committee has reviewed the document and recommended it be presented to the full board. He added the presentation included an additional slide on instructional framework and how it is affected by assessments.

V. BOARD COMMENTS

Ms. Hathorn asked who approved sabbaticals. Dr. Ream answered Ms. Barb Ridgway, District Chief of Staff, leads a representative review committee.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 12:17pm by Mr. Muszkiewicz. The next Executive Committee Meeting will be March 10, 2020.



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Board of Trustees Meeting

Ray Bjork Learning Center | 1600 8th Ave | Helena MT 59601
Tuesday, March 10, 2020 - 5:30 p.m.

AGENDA

- I. CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- II. REVIEW OF AGENDA
- III. STUDENT & EDUCATOR RECOGNITIONS
 1. **Christian Goetsch** (HHS): Swimming State Champion in Boys 100yd Butterfly
 2. **Parker Keller** (HHS): Swimming State Champion in Boys 200yd Individual Medley and Boys 100 yd Breaststroke
 3. **Rob Wagner** (HHS): Swimming State Champion in Boys 500yd Freestyle
 4. **Helena High Boys**: Swimming State Champion in 400yd Freestyle Relay
 - Parker Keller
 - Jacob Demmons
 - Christian Goetsch
 - Robert Wagner
 5. **Noah Kovick** (CHS): Wrestling State Champion in the 182-pound class
 6. **Lea Hohenlohe** (CHS): National Speech & Debate Meet Double Qualifier in International and US Extemporaneous Speaking
 7. **Jordyn Shaw** (CHS): National Speech & Debate Meet Qualifier in Congressional Debate
 8. **Erin Heaton** (CHS): National Speech & Debate Meet Qualifier in World Schools Debate
 9. **Hannah Muszkiewicz** (HHS): National Speech & Debate Meet Double Qualifier in Domestic Extemporaneous and International Extemporaneous Speaking
 10. **Timothy Cuddy** (HHS) National Speech & Debate Meet Qualifier in World Schools Debate
 11. **Hayden Ferguson** (HHS): National Merit Finalist
 12. **Lea Hohenlohe** (CHS): National Merit Finalist
 13. **Caroline Southworth** (CHS): National Merit Finalist

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V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Items for Action

1. Approval of Resolution of Intent to Increase Nonvoted Levies (see attached)
2. Approval of the Ray Bjork Learning Center Safety & Security Bid (see attached)
3. Approval of the Kessler Partial Re-Roof Bid (see attached)
4. Approval of the Warren Partial Re-Roof Bid (see attached)
5. Approval of the Helena High School Partial Re-Roof Bid (see attached)
6. Approval of the Central PV System Bid (see attached)
7. HSD Policy 9210: Site Acquisition (see attached)
8. HSD Policy 9350: District Wide Asbestos Plan (see attached)

B. Items for Consent

1. Board of Trustees February 11, 2020, Meeting Minutes (see attached)
2. Approval of Personnel Actions (see attached)
3. Approval of Warrants
4. Approval of Out-of-District Attendance Agreements (see attached)

C. Items for Information

1. HSD Policy 9460: Naming School Facilities, Spaces, and Programs (see attached)
2. Multi-Year Budget Projections Update

D. Reports

1. Budget & Finance Committee Report
2. Policy Committee Report
3. Facilities & Maintenance Committee Report
4. Teaching & Learning Committee Report
5. Health Benefits Committee Report
6. Montana School Boards Association Report
7. Helena Education Association Report
8. HHS / CHS Student Representatives Report

VI. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

VII. BOARD COMMENTS

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The next Board of Trustees meeting has been scheduled for April 14, 2020.