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Board of Trustees – Executive Committee Meeting

May Butler Center | 55 S. Rodney Ave

Tuesday, December 10, 2019

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE

Committee:

Luke Muszkiewicz, Board Chair
Terry Beaver, Board Vice Chair
Sarah Sullivan, Past Board Chair

Others:

John McEwen, Trustee
Tyler Ream, Superintendent
Josh McKay, Assistant Superintendent
Barb Ridgway, Chief of Staff

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

Minutes were approved.

IV. REVIEW OF 12.10.2019 BOARD AGENDA

Dr. Ream referenced the recognitions, stating the Capital High School State Championship Volleyball team requested to be recognized first so some of the team members could get to basketball practice.

Dr. Ream provided an overview of the safety and security upgrades to be completed at the high schools and added that the funding for the projects will come from the facilities reserve and most of the work will be completed internally. He said did not plan on producing a handout since was leery to announce security upgrades to the public, especially at the high school level. Mr. Muszkiewicz concurred with that decision. Dr. Ream described next steps as costing out the

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projects, bidding them, and presenting the package to the board in February and the community in March. He said by having hardware upgrades done internally, it allows for a future safety and security levy to address students' mental health issues through funding for additional SROs and counselors.

Mr. Muszkiewicz asked if there were any questions on the policies to be reviewed. There were none.

Mr. Muszkiewicz asked Dr. Ream if he had enough board direction on early kindergarten admission. Dr. Ream replied that he did and clarified the process.

Dr. Ream requested the board anticipate media coverage the budget amendment proclamation based on coverage in Bozeman. He added that the budget increase was due to having the second kindergarten class of over 600 students in 20 years.

Mr. Beaver asked if the technology surplus item was the same pallet of items from the previous board meeting. Dr. Ream answered that it was not.

Ms. Sullivan asked for clarification on the contents of Policy 7053. Dr. Ream said the policy had minor revisions to the cross-references section.

Mr. Beaver referenced the personnel actions and asked if a temporary assignment was able to accrue leave and receive benefits. Dr. Ream answered that he would ask Stacy Colette, district Human Resources Director, to clarify for the board.

Ms. Sullivan asked for an overview of the Enrollment and Demographics Update. Dr. Ream answered that all data was collected and compiled internally. The possibility of contracting with a third party to verify projections and make recommendations on possible boundary change scenarios remains a future possibility. The Facilities/Maintenance committee will continue to discuss developing needs and options.

Ms. Sullivan said there would not be a Teaching and Learning Committee update during the board meeting, but the next meeting had been tentatively scheduled for December 18, 2019.

V. BOARD COMMENTS

Ms. Sullivan asked for an update on the solar panel installation and whether it would be completed within the timeframe required to receive the grant. Dr. Ream said he would check with District Facilities Manager, Kalli Kind.

Ms. Sullivan asked if an RFP had been drafted for food services. Ms. Ridgway answered that she was reviewing it. Ms. Sullivan requested some of the items priorities by the Wellness committee be included in the RFP.

Ms. Sullivan asked for an update on whether administrators would be included in the early retirement benefit. Dr. Ream answered that a projected budget would be examined prior to making that decision. He added the decision would be before the middle of January.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 12:05pm by Mr. Muszkiewicz. The next Executive Committee Meeting will be January 14, 2020.