

## **MINUTES**

The Regular meeting of the Yaak School Board of Trustees was called to order by Chairperson, Pam Fuqua, at 4:10 p.m. on Tuesday February 15, 2022, at the Yaak School. Pam opened the meeting, welcomed visitors, explained the protocol for the meeting, and stated that the meeting was being recorded.

Trustees Present: Pam Fuqua, Trish Lauer, and Ron Webb

Others Present: Diane Downey, District Clerk, Lynn Edwards, and Craig Johnson

### **Minutes:**

The minutes from the January 24, 2022, regular meeting were presented. Pam stated that the Trustees had reviewed them, and the public was welcome to see them. Trish moved that the minutes be accepted as presented, Pam seconded, and Ron concurred.

### **Maintenance Committee:**

- Distilled water for the humidifiers is running low. We have a distiller on the counter in the kitchen area we just need to keep on top of running it daily. Diane will show Artie how to use the distiller.
- Pam and Trish will get with Sabre' for the list of Spring Break cleaning she would like done.
- Invoice for Purchase of the propane tank came, and it is more than the \$3,500.00 they quoted. Diane called and they will be sending a new invoice.

### **Technology Committee:**

- Diane filed a 471 request for bids for internet service for next year. This is just in case the microwave project does not get completed on time. Pam asked if Nicole had applied for an extension, Diane stated that she has emailed Nicole and asked her if that had been done. She has not heard back from her yet. Craig Johnson asked if EL Internet NW ever got back to the school regarding questions that were asked at the Special Meeting. Pam stated that she thought all the questions had been answered, but if Craig or anyone else in the community had more specific questions, they needed to submit them to the school so we can pass them on to EL Internet NW. Craig asked for the link to the recording of that meeting so he could review it and see if there are unanswered questions. He will send them to Diane so she can forward them to EL Internet NW.
- Tech contracted services will be paid at \$16.00 per hour

### **Old Business:**

- Policy 1905 section on face coverings was reviewed. Trish recommended we stay with our face covering policy. Ron agreed and suggested we mandate testing for anyone entering the building that has been exposed or shows symptoms of illness. Craig thanked the board for looking at the type of masks the school is using and providing masks that will slow the spread. He stated that there are proven adverse health issues to wearing masks, but it is up to the parents if they are okay with their children wearing masks. Trish mentioned that Sabre' is making sure the students are having time during the day during which students can remove their masks while they are maintaining a proper distance from each other. Craig mentioned that tests were not reliable, his granddaughter's school is requiring 3 negatives before allowing students to return. As we have students and staff that are either sick or have been exposed, the Board decision was that all students will be tested prior to entering the school each morning. Any student whose parents prefer their child not be tested must remain home for five (5) days from the date of exposure and if no symptoms arise, they may return after the five (5) day quarantine. Those returning from being out sick must test negative twice within a 24-hour period before being cleared to return to class. Lynn will start a log of tests that are going out to be used by parents for the morning testing. Trish suggested that this was a good plan, and the board will work on the wording for testing in policy 1905 and revisit it at the March meeting.

### **New Business:**

- New Transportation contract was signed. This contract has caused a deficit in the Transportation Budget. The Board approved the resolutions for a budget amendment in the amount of \$309.54

with Ron moving to approve, Trish seconding, and Pam concurring. As the required public notice was posted for adoption of the Budget Amendment on this date, place, and time the Board unanimously voted to adopt the Transportation Budget Amendment in the amount of \$309.54.

- The 1<sup>st</sup> Semester TR-5's were approved.
- Spring Student Count was 7 students. Diane reviewed the FY 2022-23 Per-Student Entitlements.
- The resolution to hold a Trustee Election by mail ballot was read and approved.
- The board approved the new federal mileage rate of .585 per mile to be used to reimburse employees for mileage. It was the board's decision to keep the meal per diem at the present rate of \$10.00 breakfast, \$15.00 lunch, and \$25.00 dinner.
- The Indirect Cost application for the 2023FY was reviewed. Our rate for the 22-23 SY is 29.47%.

**Teachers Report:**

As Sabre' was out sick Pam read her report which she had emailed.

*Hello, I will not be calling in tomorrow. It is hard to understand me and I am not sure I will feel up to it. Two (2) new students registered. One (1)- 3rd grader and one (1)- 6th grader. 6th grader in school for one week - now living with dad but we have not had a records request on him. He will remain on our books until he registers at another school. It seems like yesterday we had our last meeting so, nothing else at this point.*

*Thank the parents and community for their support while I am out. The parents/kids have called to check in with me as well as several community members to see if I need anything and I really appreciate it.*

Lynn asked who will be reaching out to the families regarding testing and return to school protocol. Pam stated that she would make those phone calls.

**Financials & Expenditures:**

- The Civil Rights Data collection has been completed. Sabre' and Diane will be working on the two remaining sections of the ESSER Data Collection upon her return. Diane has given Sabre' the total of remaining library funds and asked her to please get her a list of books for grades 6-8 reading levels as our library is sorely lacking books for those grade levels.
- The balanced to the Treasures Office Financials for the months of January were reviewed. Trish moved that the January Financials be accepted as presented and Ron seconded, and Pam concurred. February expenditures to date were reviewed. The expenditure General Fund budget is sitting at 43.67% remaining

**Policy Review:**

It was decided to table policy review until the March meeting.

**Public Comment:** None

**Next Regular Meeting:** March 16, 2022 @ 4:10 p.m.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

\_\_\_\_\_ Diane Downey, District Clerk

\_\_\_\_\_ Pam Fuqua, Chair

\_\_\_\_\_ Trish Lauer, Vice Chair

\_\_\_\_\_ Ron Webb, Board Trustee