

MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Yaak School Board of Trustees was called to order by Chairperson, Trish Lauer, at 3:45 p.m. on Wednesday February 15, 2023, at the Yaak School. Trish opened the meeting, welcomed visitors, reviewed the meeting protocol, and stated that the meeting was being recorded.

Trustees Present: Trish Lauer, and David Gambill

Others Present: Diane Downey, District Clerk, Sabre' Alderete, Head Teacher, Ron Webb, Chiena Bridges, Bill Sullivan, and Kathy Huber.

Minutes:

The minutes from the January 18, 2023, board meeting were reviewed. David moved that the January minutes be accepted as presented, and Trish seconded.

Maintenance Report:

- David reported that the stove in the teacherage has been replaced.
- Water is building up at the end of the sidewalk, causing ice to form there. A student slipped and fell there last week. A trench will need to be dug to divert the water that is pooling at the end of the sidewalk off the parking lot.
- The security doors will be installed during spring break. Herb Oehlke has offered to help.
- David stated that he and Artie are working on putting in a filtering system over Spring Break. The filter will be placed before the water comes into the pressure tank; this will filter all water coming into both buildings.
- There was a water pressure issue on Monday. Artie checked the aerator on the sink in the coatroom and there was debris in it. Sabre' also had low water pressure in the teacherage Monday morning. It is working fine now but we are not sure why the pressure dropped but we will monitor the tank pressure switch as it may be the cause of the problem.
- All 27 fluorescent bulbs will be replaced with LED lights. Artie will get with Diane and order the bulbs and kits to change them out. This will be paid for with building reserve funds.

Curriculum Committee:

- Trish reported on the meeting that was held prior to the board meeting. They completed the review of Technology Integration, they feel we are complying with the standard with the exception of collaboration. We need to work on reaching outside of the school community to other schools. Sabre' is looking into some options for that.

Old Business:

- Diane reported on the plan that Sabre' has completed to submit to OPI for approval of the Playground Project. Diane read the plan aloud. She has forwarded the plan to Wendy Fawns and Rebecca Brown, and we are waiting for their response. Once we have approval of our plan we will need to put together a committee to work on this project. Sabre' noted that she had been basing her search for equipment on a much larger dollar amount. Diane explained that the number she had given Sabre' at the start of discussions about the project had included ESSER III funds. At the January board meeting Trish stated that ESSER II and Title IVA would be the funding sources. Trish suggested that Sabre' base her search on modular style equipment so if ESSER III or other funding would become available after the first part of the project is completed we could just add modules as funding permits. Sabre' asked that she be kept in the loop.

New Business:

- Diane reported that the Office of Public Instruction had contacted our Co. Superintendent informing her that OPI had discovered an anomaly in Title I, Part A allocations to school districts resulting in an overpayment of funds for the 2021-22 and 2022-23 grant cycle. The OPI is asking districts to do an amendment of their 22-23 Title IA grant to offset the error. Diane completed the required amendment which reduced our Title IA funds by \$1,612.00.
- Trish read the resolution calling for a mail ballot election to be held May 2, 2023, it was approved. Election will be administered by Diane Downey, District Clerk. Diane stated that the deadline for candidates to complete the declaration of intent is March 23, 2023, and at this time we have one candidate.
- Reporting for Spring Student Count has been done, count was 3 ANB.
- A review of the Spring-Cleaning list. Sabre' has typed up her list and will give it to Artie.

Teacher’s Report:

- Today was the celebration of the 100th day of school. Each student did a Lego project using 100 Legos and did an in-class presentation of their build.
- PowerPoint presentation of January activities was presented.
- The students got to choose if they wanted to go to Thompson Falls for another winter carnival on the weekend of February 18th and 19th. Two (2) students have chosen to go and one (1) will be staying in the valley as he and his father have built an outhouse to compete in the local outhouse races that weekend.
- An in-class spelling bee was held to determine which student would be representing our school in the County Spelling Bee on February 23rd. The entire school will be going down to Libby for the Spelling Bee to support our participant and see how the Spelling Bee works in preparation for participation in future years.

Clerk’s Report, Financials & Expenditures:

- Diane did a follow up with the State on our Transportation Budget Amendment. Donnell at OPI stated that she could not find the original email and asked that I resend the information. Information was re-sent to all parties and Diane will continue to check on amendment progress.
- Review of the 23-24 SY REAP application timeline and funds \$8,223.00. Diane advised that this may not be enough to cover the 23-24 medical benefit and the board will have to look at that at contract renewal time.
- Review of all 22-23 Grant balances. Title IA \$17,576.23, IIA \$567.00, IVA \$17,116.00, ESSER II \$40,031.03, ESSER III \$51,765.19, and REAP \$4,560.00.
- Detailed review of January expenses. We do not have balances from the Treasurer currently. Review of February to date expenditures and review of the General Fund expenditure report. (see attached for detail)

Policy Review:

1513-Management Rights no changes. 1610P-District Mission Statement/Philosophy of Education added a bullet under Our Parents will: *Acknowledge the importance of regular attendance*. Also, Sabre’ noted that policy 1610P that is posted on our website is also lacking the bullet *Motivate their children to do homework and succeed in school*. Diane will correct that. 2000-Instruction – Goals change line 32 to reflect May as the reporting month for the teacher’s annual report. 2100-School Calendar and Day no change needed. 2105-Grade Organization tabled until March meeting.

Public Comment:

The DPHHS offered each school in Montana Portable HEPA air filtering units. We got 4 units and each unit came with a 6 year supply of filters.

Next Regular Meeting: March 15, 2023 @ 3:45 p.m. Meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

_____ Diane Downey, District Clerk

_____ Trish Lauer, Chair

_____ Cheri Javorsky, Vice Chair

_____ David Gambill, Board Trustee