Yaak School District
Board of Trustees Meeting
June 24, 2026
3:45 PM

Board Chair Pamela Fuqua call to order the meeting at 3:46 p.m., Vice Chair Bob Zaccheo, and Trustee David Henderson are present.

Guests were welcomed.

Meeting Minutes: Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of May 20, 2026, were read, approved and motion carried. Minutes of Special Meeting of May 22, 2026, were read, approved, and motion carried.

Clerk's Report & Expenditures: A change in order of agenda items was requested by Diane Downey, consultant for Yaak School who is filling in until new Clerk has been hired. Diane reported she has been working on trying to clean up the miscoded items that are causing the general fund to be grossly in the red. Changes were made and now the General fund is in the black. Discussion was held on the fund 187 check clearing fund. It is off but not by much will know more when June is reconciled. Diane will continue to investigate the difference.

Continuing Business:

Maintenance report: Walk through with maintenance was done and a list of items that need to be fixed has been done. Maintenance on the playground equipment needs done, repairing windows and painting window frames are on the list. There is wear starting on the logs so sometime down the road they will need to have some filler work and re-stained. Discussion on brush clearing and cleaning up. There is concern about the closer device on each of the three doors. They're supposed to stay open five to seven seconds and then the last two seconds close gently, so a child doesn't get their fingers smashed. They're all old, need to be replaced. The heating element in the hot water tank has been replaced and a new sink in the boys' bathroom was put in. Discussion held on the Teacherage.

Technology report: The Sonic Wall for the SIPA requirements. Sonic Wall is the company that keeps the internet safe for student use. There is a call in to them to see if there is any money owing. Will update next month on this.

Fundraising committee: A donation from Dallas Days in the amount of $3,000 was donated so the children can go to Silverwood. This is to pay for the trip plus the teacher's salary for the day. Two more friends had helped refurbish the guitars, strings replaced, tuned and then placed them in travel bags.

Curriculum Committee.
Joyce and Sam Moore are doing an incredible job of going through all of our curriculum materials and essentially there were several packing sheets of curriculum that was purchased this year. And there are missing boxes from those. The missing items are being identified by Joyce and Sam. Update on what happened and what is going on was given. From now on a Purchase Order will need to be submitted and have it signed before any items are ordered.

New Business:

Clerk Interviews: The Clerk has resigned as of June 19th. Will be interviewing one person who is interested. We have reached out to MASBO, McCormik School and they are able to help a little if needed.

Discussion was held regarding switching from the school's current software program to Black Mountain Software, was informed it is used more across the county and state and it is more user-friendly.

Teacher Interviews. There are six international applications. They are all from the Philippines. Teachers from there have been placed in lots of places across Montana. Been informed that their teaching and student relationship has been exceptional in the places that they've been mentored by folks out of MSU. A professor at MSU looked at the six applicants that we have were given a good recommendation for three of them. Discussion was held on what the pros and cons are.

Review Building and General Liability Insurance Renewal SY26-27: The renewed policy is with MSGIA, and the yearly cost is $5,000. Discussion held on rates throughout the area.

Review Unemployment Insurance Renewal Rate SY26-27: Unemployment insurance renewal rate is now, as of October 1st, is 0.21% of all salaries that are paid.

Discussion was held on the Clerk's Duties. It was decided that Bob Zaccheo would be acting clerk until new Clerk is hired.

Public comments: Someone asked if they would hire a paraprofessional and if so, how many positions there are. There is one open and an application would need to be submitted. Discussion was held on the special needs that are required for one student.

Next meeting is July 15, 2026, and meeting is adjourned.

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Pamela Fuqua, Board Chair

ATTEST:

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Bob Zaccheo, Vice Chair, Acting Clerk