

# REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Tuesday January 10, 2017

## A. Call to Order

1. **Pledge of Allegiance**: Chairwoman Miller called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm at Chinook High School in JH room N4. She asked everyone to rise and pledge allegiance to the flag.
2. **Roll Call**: Present – Scott Gunderson, Scott DePriest, Mike Copenhaver, Pauly Miller, Ernie Johnson, Mark Harshman, and Joel Pruttis. Absent: Viki Tilleman
3. **Welcome to Visitors**: Matt Molyneaux, Jon Martin, Laura Kellam, Bonnie Ortner, Sheena Barber, Shandel Fouts, Julie Terry, Meredy Phares, Beth Fox, Bobbi Mitchell, Perry Miller, John K. Schoen, Vanessa Schoen, Amanda and Ian Davies, Tammy Edwards, John M. Schoen, Jake Kleinsasser, John Waldner, Lori Swanson, Bobbi Weinheimer 7:25, Scott Friede 7:30, Mollie Rose 7:38, Adam Tilleman 7:50, Tracy McCracken 8:10
4. **Student Council Report**: None
5. **Presentations**:  
**Substitute Video** – Mr. Molyneaux presented a training video constructed by Mrs. Molyneaux's Computer Apps class for use by individuals who want to work as substitute teachers in the Chinook School system.  
**Speech and Drama Information** – Bonnie Ortner spoke about the upcoming State B/C Speech and Drama Tournament that Chinook is hosting and her need for support. 360 students are expected to attend and she is in need of judges in order to host the tournament. Judges training will be held Tuesday January 24<sup>th</sup> in Chinook at 7:00 PM and on Wednesday the 25<sup>th</sup> at MSU-N at 5:00 PM.
6. **Personnel/Staffing**: Chairwomen Miller called for items regarding personnel/staffing. None.
7. **Public Comment**: Chairwomen Miller read the public comment statement and called for public comment. None.
8. **Agenda** (deletions, corrections, or additions as allowed per policy): Mr. Hannum asked for approval of the agenda and noted that the Investment Report has been permanently deleted from the agenda since Blaine County now makes the computation themselves.

## B. Consent Agenda

1. Minutes; Regular Meeting, December 13, 2016.
2. Records Disposal: None.
3. Student Activity Warrants: 39390 to 39450. Voided 39289 to 39292, 39388
4. Electronic Payroll Warrants: -83134 to -83036 Voided -83133 and -83131  
Paper Payroll Warrants: 33158 to 33177. Voided 33142 to 33157, 33178

5. High School Electronic Claim Warrants: -99885 to -99884 December  
-99883 to -99880 January 2017  
Paper Claim Warrants: 53933 to 53987 Void 53895,53961

Chairwomen Miller asked for public comment. None.  
Motion made to approve the consent agenda items one through six.

Motion: Joel Pruttis. Second: Mark Harshman. Chairwomen Miller asked for discussion.  
No discussion. Motion passed unanimously. Chairwomen Miller asked for public comment.  
None given

6. Elementary Electronic Claim Warrants: -99886 to -99884 December  
-99883 and -99879 January. 2017  
Paper Claim Warrants: 53933 to 53986.

Motion made to approve the Elementary Claim Warrants.

Motion: Scott Gunderson. Second: Joel Pruttis. Chairwoman Miller asked for discussion.  
No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

C. **Old Business**: None.

D. **New Business**

1. **US Department of Civil Rights (USD CR) Information:** Received an email from the USD CR regarding civil rights of students. We will approach this issue the same as we would any other circumstances. We will meet with the student and parents and make a plan to best serve the student and their education. These documents will be available in the main office.

Chairwomen Miller asked for public comment. No action.

2. **Updating Required School Board Policies:** Mr. Hannum recommended that the board update Policy number 1310, 1521, 1610, 1700, 2105, 2171, 2310, 2311, 2333, 3123, 4310, 5222, 6210, 7330, 7515, 8205, 8420, and 8421. Each policy was read out loud and it was noted that some were revised policies but more were new policies. Policy Updates, an attachment to these minutes, gives details regarding each policy.

Chairwoman Miller asked for public comment. None given. Motion made to accept all policies on first reading.

Motion: Ernie Johnson. Seconded: Mike Copenhaver. Chairwoman Miller asked for discussion. No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

3. **Consider Assistant Head Tennis Coach:** Mr. Hannum recommended the High School Board offer a contract to Emily Harshman for the 2017 Assistant Tennis Coach.

Chairwoman Miller asked for public comment. None given.

Mark Harshman reclosed himself from the vote. Motion made to offer Emily Harshman the 2017 Assistant Tennis coaching contract.

No discussion. Motion passed with Trustees Copenhaver, Pruttis and DePriest opposing.

Chairwomen Miller asked for public comment. The following individuals stood and opposed the decision: Bobbi Mitchell, Amanda Davies, Scott Friede, John Schoen, Lori Swanson, Ian Davies, John M. Schoen and Vanessa Schoen. The following individuals stood and affirmed the decision: Shandel Fouts, Perry Miller, Bobbi Weinheimer, Laura Kellam, Adam Tilleman, Mollie Rose and Matt Molyneaux.

**E. Announcements, Communications, Information**

- Correspondence: Chinook Education Association wrote a letter to request negotiation of some of the terms within the Professional Negotiations Agreement.
- Announcements from the Chair: None

**F. Superintendent's Report: Mr. Hannum reported:**

1. The legislature has several different bills before them regarding schools including the main school expenditures bill HB-3. The main focus of the legislature is to reduce spending, balance the budget and increase the surplus.
2. The Office of Public Instruction, (OPI) is experiencing changes with many long time employees resigning, taking years of accumulated knowledge with them. As a result it is difficult to get answers from OPI on our questions.
3. MSU Bozeman has reached out to Chinook Schools (and other schools) on a new project. They would like to train one of our teacher's with a Master's Degree, equipping them to teach our students a dual credit class in the field of Education.
4. He is holding a general budget class for the staff, trustees and anyone else that is interested on Thursday January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017 in the board room where we are currently meeting.

**G. Principal's Reports:**

Meadowlark School: Mr. Martin gave a hand out reporting the following items:

1. Missoula Children's Theater will hold a whole school assembly January 16, 2017 at 2:00 pm.
2. An MBI assembly will be held January 23<sup>rd</sup> at 2:30 at the Meadowlark.
3. February 2, 2017 will be the date for the District Spelling Bee at the Meadowlark in the afternoon.
4. NAEP testing for fourth graders will be February 8<sup>th</sup>.
5. Students are working on MAPS and DIBELS testing.
6. Current enrollment, K-6, is 193 students.

Hartland Colony: Mr. Martin reported:

1. Students are currently studying the novel Red Kayak.
2. Students will do MAPS testing at the Meadowlark School on January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2017.
3. 7 Students are enrolled at Hartland.

Chinook Jr. / Sr. High School: Mr. Molyneaux gave a hand out reporting the following items:

1. Semester testing is January 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>.
2. The Junior High ski trip is on January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017.
3. Third quarter begins January 16<sup>th</sup>.
4. Missoula Children's Theatre will use the school the week of January 16<sup>th</sup> through the 21<sup>st</sup>.

Motion: Scott Gunderson. Seconded: Joel Pruttis. Chairwoman Miller asked for discussion. No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

4. **Consider High School Gym Custodian:** Mr. Hannum recommended the board offer a contract to Neil Cole for the gym custodian position. This is a part time position with Neil working four to six hours a day for the last eight to ten weeks. Mark Harshman inquired if the job had been advertised. Mr. Hannum said yes. Scott DePriest asked if the job had been advertised with in the school system. Mr. Hannum said yes. Joel Pruttis asked if the job was advertised as part time or temporary. Mr. Hannum said part time.

Chairwoman Miller asked for public comment. The question was asked if the employee was required to have a background check. Mr. Hannum responded yes.  
Motion made to hire Neil Cole.

Motion: Ernie Johnson. Seconded: Scott Gunderson. Chairwoman Miller asked for discussion. No discussion. Motion passed with Mark Harshman opposing.

5. **Consider Bear Paw Transportation Agreement:** The Bear Paw School closed which allows us to enter into a mutual agreement with them for operating our school bus in their school district boundaries for student pick up. Discussion ensued regarding amending the transportation contract, writing an individual transportation and amending the transportation budget.

Motion was made to table this agenda item.

Motion: Scott Gunderson. Seconded: Mike Copenhaver. Chairwoman Miller asked for discussion. None. Motion passed unanimously. Chairwomen Miller asked for public comment. None given.

6. **Consider Bus Route Change:** The proposed addition of mileage on route three adds an additional 11.6 miles two times a day increasing the daily route from 84.2 miles to 107.4. The yearly accumulative change will be to increase the miles from 302.2 miles to 325.4. Elementary School board moved to approve the bus route change.

Motion: Scott Gunderson. Seconded: Ernie Johnson. Chairwoman Miller asked for discussion. No discussion. Chairwoman Miller asked for public comment. None given.

7. **Superintendent Evaluation:** Chairwoman Miller as presiding officer, determined that the following discussion relates to a matter of individual privacy that clearly exceeds the merits of public disclosure. At this time she asked that all persons present other than the affected employee, the employee's representatives, the administration and the representatives of the administration and/or board to leave the room. The board went into closed session at 8:40 pm. Chairwoman Miller reconvened in open session at 9:42 pm.

8. **Consider Superintendent Contract:** Motion made to offer a two year contract to Mr. Hannum at the current pay level.

Motion: Ernie Johnson. Second: Scott Gunderson. Chairwoman Miller asked for discussion.

5. BPA Regional is in Sidney on January 18<sup>th</sup>.
6. Divisional Speech and Drama is in Big Fork on January 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>.
7. State Speech and Drama is in Havre hosted by Chinook January 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>.
8. Divisional wrestling takes place February 4<sup>th</sup> in Shelby.
9. Montana High School Association meeting proposals that Mr. Molyneaux will be voting on when he attends their annual meeting are:
  - a. Revising policy to allow the MTSBA member to serve more than two terms. This will require a two-thirds vote. Ernie, Matt and the board were in favor of this proposal.
  - b. Allowing eighth graders to play on High School teams for all sports. Discussion ensued.
  - c. Standardizing the language and/or formula for allowing students to participate in MHSA activities when they have transferred schools.

H. **Adjournment:** Motion: Scott Gunderson. Second: Mike Copenhaver. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourn at 10:17 pm.

  
Nellie Jo Nicholson, District Clerk

  
Pauly Miller, Board Chairperson