

MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION

**REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
SHIELDS VALLEY ELEMENTARY MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM
7:00 P.M., WEDNESDAY, MAY 14, 2025**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

**JON CROSTON, BOARD CHAIRPERSON
REX TERNAN, BOARD VICE CHAIRPERSON
NICK JERKE
GRAHAM GILMOUR
CLEVE SWANDAL
DANNY JOHNSTON, SUPERINTENDENT
GREG SAGER, JH/HS PRINCIPAL
RHONDA LAHAYE, DISTRICT CLERK**

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ATTENDANCE

The regular school board meeting of the Board of Trustees convened at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, May 14, 2025 in the Shields Valley Elementary Multi-Purpose in Wilsall with five trustees present. Superintendent Danny Johnston, Board Chairperson Jon Croston, Board Vice-Chairperson Rex Ternan, Nick Jerke, Graham Gilmour, Cleve Swandal, JH/HS Principal Greg Sager and Clerk Rhonda Lahaye were present the entire public meeting.

WELCOME THE PUBLIC

There were 2 visitors present.

CONSENT AGENDA

The action items on the consent agenda were approved, including item 1) April minutes and 2) warrant approvals, payroll warrants #30161 through #30180 3) claims warrants #67002 through #67047 4) clerk expenditure report 5) athletic/activity expenditure report

The Board made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Motion: Cleve Swandal

Seconded: Rex Ternan

Vote: Unanimous

CORRESPONDENCE

None

STUDENT

REPORT

Asha Jerke reported about the Sr. trip, track, national BPA, student council elections, Elementary track meet, FFA banquet, and graduation.

TEACHERS

REPORT

JR Pierce presented the teachers reports.

MAINTENANCE

REPORT

Mitch Marx included a maintenance report for your review.

JH/HS PRINCIPAL

REPORT

Mr. Sager presented information on teacher appreciation week, athletics, student programs, handbook review and changes, senior trip and graduation. Nick Jerke will be the Board Representative at graduation this year.

**SUPERINTENDENT
REPORT**

Mr. Johnston gave a report to the Board including proficiency based grading, track and field day, food program, audit, Juanita Bueter as nurse of the year, capital campaign Miss MT USA visit and OC therapist interview

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

None

**ACTION ITEMS -
SINGULAR**

Consider IT Service Contract, Help Desk Montana Inc.

Rex Ternan made a motion to renew the contract for Help Desk Montana for IT services in 2025-26, Cleve Swandal seconded the motion, vote unanimous.

Consider JH/HS Student Handbooks

Mr. Johnston presented a couple of changes in the handbook including add wellness policy info and an increase in activity ticket prices and lunch prices. Cleve Swandal made a motion to approve the handbooks as presented, Nick Jerke seconded the motion, vote unanimous.

Consider JH/HS activities Handbook

Nick Jerke made a motion to approve the JH/HS activities handbook as presented, Rex Ternan seconded the motion, vote unanimous.

PERSONNEL

Consideration Fourth Grade Teacher – Erica Evanson

Rex Ternan made a motion to approve a contract for 2025-26 for Erica Evanson, Graham Gilmour seconded the motion, vote unanimous.

Consider District Clerk Job Description

To meet the requirements of the new STARS act, the Board was presented with the MTSBA approved job description for the District Clerk. Rex Ternan made a motion to approve the job description, Graham Gilmour seconded the motion, vote unanimous.

Consider Non-Renewal of teacher with Emergency Authorization – Randy Kohler

Mr. Kohler has not fulfilled his requirement to renew his certification at this time, he is working on it. Rex Ternan made a motion to non-renew his contract, Cleve Swandal seconded the motion, vote unanimous.

Graham Gilmour made a motion to approve the following personnel contracts:

Zach Sutton – Head HS Cross Country Coach

Dennis Morris – Head HS Football Coach

Jesse DeFord – Head HS Volleyball Coach

Kelsi Arthun – Assistant HS Volleyball Coach

Shannon Jenkins – JH Volleyball Coach

Kelly Johnson – JH Football Coach

Devin Stallard – Assistant JH Football Coach

Zach Sutton – JH Boys Basketball Coach

Seth Swandal – Elementary Boys Basketball Coach

Rex Ternan seconded the motion, vote unanimous

Consider Extended Contract – JR Pierce

Graham Gilmour made a motion to approve a summer contract for JR Pierce for FFA, Rex Ternan seconded the motion, vote unanimous

Consider to continue offering an Annuity Benefit for classified staff

Tabled

Consider classified staff renewals:

Rex Ternan made a motion to offer numbers a-h and j-l (as listed) renewal contracts for 2025-26 school year, Nick Jerke seconded the motion, vote unanimous.

Graham Gilmour made a motion to “lay on the table” letter (i) as listed, Rex Ternan seconded the motion, vote unanimous.

Cleve Swandal made a motion to approve a summer contract for Zach Sutton for lawn care maintenance, Nick Jerke seconded the motion, vote unanimous.

Canvas votes for the 2025 Election Results

Cleve Swandal made a motion to canvas the votes as presented, with both bonds failing to pass, Rex Ternan seconded the motion, vote unanimous.

Re-organization of the Board:

Cleve Swandal made a motion that Jon Croston remain the Board Chairperson, Rex Ternan seconded the motion, vote unanimous.

Rex Ternan made a motion that Graham Gilmour be appointed Vice Chairperson, Nick Jerke seconded the motion, vote unanimous.

POLICIES

Second Reading – Wellness Policy – 2510 FY 2025-2026

Rex Ternan made a motion to approve the Wellness Policy as presented, Cleve Swandal seconded the motion, vote unanimous.

**DISCUSSION AND
REPORTS**

Bond Election – Andy Becker joined via Zoom

**DISCUSSION ITEMS
NOT ON AGENDA**

None

ADJOURNMENT

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 11th, 2025 at the Wilsall Elementary Multi Purpose Room at 7:00 p.m.

5/15/2025

Date

Rhonda Lahaye

District Clerk

Board Chairperson