

MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION

**REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
SHIELDS VALLEY ELEMENTARY MULTI PURPOSE ROOM
7:00 P.M., WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12, 2025**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

**JON CROSTON, BOARD CHAIRPERSON
REX TERNAN, BOARD VICE CHAIRPERSON
NICK JERKE
CLEVE SWANDAL
GRAHAM GILMOUR
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, March 12, 2025 in the Shields Valley Elementary Multi-Purpose Room in Wilsall with five trustees present. Superintendent Danny Johnston, Board Chairperson Jon Croston, Board Vice-Chairperson Rex Ternan, Nick Jerke, Cleve Swandal, Graham Gilmour, JH/HS Principal Greg Sager, and Clerk Rhonda Lahaye were present the entire public meeting.

WELCOME THE PUBLIC

There were 26 visitors present.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

Julianna Robinson commented on out of district applications.

CORRESPONDENCE

Andie Arthun presented a slide show presentation and wanting changes made to Policy 2510. There were numerous public comments on this item. No action was taken on this policy at this time.

**STUDENT
REPORT**

Student Rep. Tanner Whiting reported on recent events including, HS basketball, HS track, BPA, FFA, Prom, Sr. Sober and Sr. Trip

**TEACHERS
REPORT**

Shannon Baukol read several teachers reports that were submitted to her. Formal reports enclosed.

**MAINTENANCE
REPORT**

There is a maintenance update and report included in the Board packet which was read to the Board by Dan Johnston

**JH/HS PRINCIPAL
REPORT**

Mr. Sager presented the JH/HS Principal Report, including PT conferences, student involvement/achievement, graduation, and future important dates.

**SUPERINTENDENT
REPORT**

Mr. Johnston gave a report to the Board including non-resident student enrollment, books for bikes, PT conferences, wellness committee, open positions, bond campaign, school closure and delays, spelling bee and Montana shakes.

CONSENT AGENDA

The action items on the consent agenda were approved, including item 1) Feb. minutes and 2) warrant approvals, payroll warrants #30115 through #30139 and claims warrants #66913 through #66951, current expenditure report and athletic/activity expenditure report.

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

Motion: Rex Ternan
Seconded: Cleve Swandal
Vote: Unanimous

ACTION ITEMS - SINGULAR

Consider Letter of engagement for bond representation–Dorsey & Whitney LLP
The letter of engagement is for Dan Semmens, who will be handling the bond representation if the bonds pass. The letter outlines the estimated fees, etc. Cleve Swandal made a motion to accept the letter of engagement, Nick Jerke seconded the motion, vote unanimous.

Discussion on school delay and school cancellation protocols
Discussion only

Consider Permissive Levy Amounts

Cleve Swandal made a motion to approve the permissive levy amounts as stated in the Elementary and High School Districts for Adult Ed, Tuition, Transportation and Building Reserve. These are not set amounts, only estimates at this time, Nick Jerke seconded the motion, vote unanimous.

Consider Permissive Levy for the General Fund for the Elementary District
Cleve Swandal made a motion to add a \$13,144.36 levy for the Elementary District onto the ballot this spring, to maintain our highest budget authority in that fund, Nick Jerke seconded the motion, vote unanimous.

POLICY ITEMS - FIRST READING

None

PERSONNEL

Consider JH/HS Math Teacher – Nikolaos Theotokis

Graham Gilmour made a motion to offer a contract for the 2025-2026 school year to Nikolaos Theotokis, Nick Jerke seconded the motion, vote unanimous.

Consider Tenured Teacher contracts for 2025-2026

Rex Ternan made a motion to approve tenured teacher contracts for 2025-26 for the following teachers, Cleve Swandal seconded the motion, vote unanimous.

- Dale Dominick
- Jacob Fisher
- Ken Huff
- Kristin Long
- JR Pierce
- Jeni Sager

- Courtney Vaughan
- Shannon Baukol
- Debra Johnston
- Theresa Watts

PERSONNEL

Consider Non-Tenured Teacher contracts for 2025-2026
 Nick Jerke made a motion to approve non-tenured teacher contracts for 2025-26 for the following teachers, Cleve Swandal seconded the motion, vote unanimous.

- Anna Hutter
- Kyleen Olson
- Kadi Richardson
- Garrett Lenderman
- Holly Morris
- Dennis Morris

Consider tenure contract for Zach Sutton – 2025-26
 Rex Ternan made a motion to offer Zach Sutton a tenured contract for 2025-26, Cleve Swandal seconded the motion, vote unanimous.

PERSONNEL

Consider JH/HS Principal/AD Contract for 2025-2026
 Rex Ternan made a motion to approve the contract for 2025-26 with the details to negotiate once the teachers have settled their negotiations, Graham Gilmour seconded the motion, vote unanimous.

DISCUSSION AND REPORTS

Strategic Planning
 Building Project
 Campaign Committee Report
 Discussion of Fall Bond Election
 Discussion Transportation
 School Board Elections, we have 1 position up for re-election, Jon Croston’s position. Deadline to apply to run for the election is March 27, 2025.

ADJOURNMENT

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 9th, 2025 at the Wilsall Elementary Multi-Purpose Room at 7:00 pm.

3/13/2025
Date

Rhonda Lahaye _____

District Clerk

Board Chairperson