

MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION

**REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
SHIELDS VALLEY ELEMENTARY MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM
7:00 P.M., WEDNESDAY, APRIL 08, 2026**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

**JON CROSTON, BOARD CHAIRPERSON
GRAHAM GILMOUR, BOARD VICE CHAIRPERSON
NICK JERKE
REX TERNAN
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, April 8, 2026 in the Shields Valley Elementary Multi-Purpose in Wilsall with five trustees present. Superintendent Danny Johnston, Board Chairperson Jon Croston, Board Vice-Chairperson Graham Gilmour, Nick Jerke, Rex Ternan, Cleve Swandal, and Clerk Rhonda Lahaye were present the entire public meeting.

WELCOME THE PUBLIC There were two visitors present.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
NON-AGENDA ITEMS** None

CORRESPONDENCE CMR Community Meeting
Resignation Letters: Jacob Fisher
Anna Hutter
J.R. Pierce – Vo-Ag Teacher

REPORTS

**STUDENT REP.
REPORT** None

**TEACHERS
REPORT** Teddy Bostley was the teacher representative and presented the reports

**MAINTENANCE
REPORT** Mitch Marx included a maintenance report for your review

**JH/HS PRINCIPAL
REPORT** Mr. Sager presented information on student learning and achievement including FFA, spring band and choir, senior trip, AI presentation, teacher appreciation week and 6th grade orientation in Clyde Park

**SUPERINTENDENT
REPORT**

Mr. Johnston gave a report to the Board including meetings and collaboration, staffing updates, teacher evaluations, student support.

CONSENT AGENDA

The action items on the consent agenda were approved, including item 1) Mar. minutes and 2) warrant approvals, payroll warrants #33198 through #33218 3) claims warrants #70370 through #70419 4) clerk expenditure report 5) athletic/activity expenditure report

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

Motion: Rex Ternan
Seconded: Graham Gilmour
Vote: Unanimous

**ACTION ITEMS -
SINGULAR**

Consider Non-Resident Student Applications

Current non-resident students returning to SV school district

There are 55 returning out of district students for 2026-27, 32 students from Livingston School Districts, 18 students from Gallatin Co. (mandatory) and 5 from Meagher Co. There were 3 new applicants from the Livingston District, all are in Kindergarten. Cleve Swandal made a motion to approve all the applicants, Graham Gilmour seconded the motion, vote unanimous.

Consider Student Transportation Contract – Bulldog Bus Lines

Cleve Swandal made a motion to approve a 5 year contract with Bulldog Bus Lines out of Townsend, MT, Nick Jerke seconded the motion, vote unanimous 4-0, Rex Ternan abstained from voting.

Consider GC/CM for the Elementary Construction and Renovation Project

There was a well-run selection process with highly qualified applicants. The final outcome was Langlass & Associates. Cleve Swandal made a motion to approve Langlass & Associates, Rex Ternan seconded the motion, vote unanimous.

Consider Tenured Teacher Contracts

- Shannon Baukol
- Dale Dominick
- Courtney Griffen
- Debra Johnston
- Kristin Long
- J.R. Pierce
- Jeni Sager
- Zach Sutton
- Theresa Watts

Cleve Swandal made a motion to approve the above listed tenured teachers, Nick Jerke seconded the motion, vote unanimous.

Consider Teachers for Tenured Year

- Kadi Richardson

Rex Ternan made a motion to approve the above listed teacher, Graham Gilmour seconded the motion, vote unanimous.

Consider Non-Tenured Teacher Contracts

- Sam Askin
- Theodore Bostley
- Randy Kohler
- Garrett Lenderman
- Dennis Morris
- Holly Morris
- Erica West

Cleve Swandal made a motion to approve the above listed non-tenured teacher contracts, Graham Gilmour seconded the motion, vote unanimous.

Consider Third HS Assistant Track Coach – Dennis Morris

Due to the number of HS track participants, a third coach is required. Rex Ternan made a motion to approve Dennis Morris, Graham Gilmour seconded the motion, vote unanimous.

Consider Third JH Assistant Track Coach

Tabled

Consider Assistant Maintenance/Custodial Position

Tabled

**POLICY ITEMS –
FIRST READINGS**

None

**DISCUSSION AND
REPORTS**

Campaign Committee Report
Water Booster System Proposal
Roof Project – JH/HS
Kitchen Fridge/Freezer equipment replacement
ADA accessibility – JH/HS
Boiler Room updates – JH/HS

Discussion on purchase of an E-bus

**DISCUSSION ITEMS
NOT ON AGENDA**

None

ADJOURNMENT

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 13th, 2026 at the Wilsall Elementary Multi Purpose Room at 7:00 p.m.

4/09/2026

Date

Rhonda Lahaye

District Clerk

Board Chairperson