

# MISSOULA COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Tuesday, April 11, 2017 – 6:00 p.m.  
Business Building Boardroom

**Note:** If you have questions regarding the agenda, please contact the Superintendent's Office (728-2400, ext. 1023, prior to the meeting).

**Board of Trustees:** Board Chair Marcia Holland, Michael Beers, Korbin Bragstad, Grace M. Decker, Debbie Dupree, Heidi Kendall, Vice Chair Diane Lorenzen, Vicki McDonald, Jennifer Newbold, Mike Smith, Vice Chair Ann Wake

**Student Trustees:** Brianna Canning – BSHS, Adam Zimmer – BSHS, Annika Charlson – HHS, Gabby Flores – HHS, Keaton Johnson – SSHS, Ibbey Lorentz – SSHS, Dylan Haggart – SHS, Brandon Anderson – Willard Alt HS

**Trustees Present:** Marcia Holland, Ann Wake, Grace Decker, Vicki McDonald, Debbie Dupree, Korbin Bragstad, Heidi Kendall, Mike Smith, Jennifer Newbold, Michael Beers, Diane Lorenzen

**Student Trustees Present:** Gabby Flores, Adam Zimmer, Dylan Haggart; Ibbey Lorentz by phone

**Others Present:** Mark Thane, Pat McHugh, Karen Allen, Elise Guest, Megan Morris, Dave Rott, Burley McWilliams

### MINUTES

1. **CALL TO ORDER, WELCOME AND ROLL CALL** At 5:59 p.m., Board Chair Marcia Holland called the meeting to order and welcomed all. All trustees were present. Beers left the room temporarily.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** was said by all, led by student trustees.
3. **REVIEW, REVISE, AND APPROVE AGENDA** – Action Holland suggested a revision to agenda: addendum identified as item 8-A-ix, Lowell furniture fixtures and equipment, is parallel to item 8-A-v, Franklin furniture fixtures and equipment; she suggested the Board move it to follow 8-A-v. Trustees agreed. Beers returned.
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Action
  - A. **Regular Board Meeting, March 14, 2017 (page 6)** Motion by Bragstad to approve the minutes, seconded by McDonald. Trustees unanimously approved the minutes. All Trustees were present.

#### 5. PUBLIC COMMENT/CORRESPONDENCE

**Public Comment** Regarding Non-Agenda Items (3 Minutes each speaker) - Items from Audience  
**Correspondence** – Written correspondence was included in the packet. **page 19**

- Holland explained public comment: this is one of 2 opportunities at Board meetings to tell Trustees about anything that members of the public would like to bring to their attention. There will not be Board discussion because items were not noticed to the public. The Board could have the items on a future agenda.
- Gwen Jones, city councilperson for Ward 3. She has numerous kids in MCPS. She lives very close to St. Joseph School. There is an ongoing issue with the opening and closing of St. Joseph's playground, which is the old Roosevelt School playground. In 2000 Missoula

Catholic Schools began renting Roosevelt for their grade school, and they purchased it in 2005. As part of the buy-sell and later in a covenant, there was an agreement to keep the playground open as every other MCPS school playground is. Starting in 2012, there have been periodic closures due to dog waste, vandalism and other issues. Gwen has been having conversations with them and working on this for 5 years, keeping Thane in the loop. It is a huge asset in her neighborhood; she really wants it to be reopened. She spoke about the hours her kids would spend in the evenings and summer at the playground. She feels bad for the kids in the neighborhood. You can't kick a ball around at Rose Park; it goes into Brooks; Willard is on the other side of Stephens. The Rose Park Neighborhood Council had a very long 2-hour meeting in February, including the Chief of Police. Gwen has Missoula Catholic Schools' response: she appreciates that it is a little bit softer, but the bottom line is that the playground will still be closed for many of the hours it would have been open. Arguments of dog waste and vandalism are things they should have been aware of when they purchased it in 2005. The police and the neighborhood council have offered to help. Gwen hopes it is an ongoing conversation; she wanted to apprise the Board of the situation. There is an April 26 Rose Park Neighborhood Council meeting to discuss in greater detail. She knows the Board's plate is very full, but she thinks this is very important; buyer's remorse does not change a contract. She left a copy with trustees.

- Elliott Dugger, who lives in Potomac, introduced himself; he is going to be taking Debbie Dupree's school board seat in about a month. Greetings; he looks very forward to serving.

## 6. **REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS** - Information

### A. **Student Trustee Reports** - Student Trustees from the individual high schools will report on activities at their schools.

- **Hellgate:** Gabby Flores, student trustee. After spring break Hellgate orchestra had a concert March 29. Softball started their season on April 1, and track started their season April 4. April 4-5 parent teacher conferences were held. April 5<sup>th</sup> was start of District Music Festival; Hellgate bands performed for adjudicators. April 7 we did not have school but softball had a game. On April 8 tennis had matches in town; softball had 2 games. Also the Hellgate prom was held at Fort Missoula that day. Today: softball, track, and tennis all have events.
- **Big Sky:** Adam Zimmer, student trustee. Brianna is practicing for the school musical, *All Shook Up*, that will be performed next week. 30 members of Big Sky Band went to New Orleans for exposure to culture and music; they visited elementary schools in the 9<sup>th</sup> ward and had music workshops at Tulane. Aerie had their 10<sup>th</sup> annual Dana Gallery event last week. Softball has games at home today. April 28 will be the prom at the fairgrounds. HOSA competed at state: 4 Big Sky students qualified for nationals in Orlando, Florida. One student, Betsy, won an award for Aspirations in Computing for 2017, one of two girls from Montana to be recognized on the national level. Junior Health Science Academy job shadows are under way in 20 different locations all over the community. Montana State Envirothon in Lewistown competitions are coming up. IB exams are coming up; over 30 students are taking the exams. Big Sky now has online Sun Journal school newspaper. Robotics recently went to Calgary for a competition. NHS Easter egg hunt last Saturday raised over \$100.
- **Sentinel:** Dylan Haggart, student trustee. HOSA leadership conference was held in Helena: 400 students from across the state competed. The international leadership conference will be held in Orlando in June. Sentinel student Joyce Liu was elected state president. Robotics team competed in FRC competition last month. BrainBowl competed in Frenchtown on April 5; 8 schools competed with a total of 20 teams. Sentinel's teams earned 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place honors. He listed members of each team. BrainBowl will compete at the state championship at UM in April. Friday, April 7, was District Music Festival. 25 students participated in annual Journalism Day at UM March 31, winning Best Broadcast in the state, and Konah students received 2<sup>nd</sup> place recognition for AA high school newspapers. Theater and choir are

presenting *Bye, Bye Birdie* May 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> in the Margaret Johnson Theater. Sports: last Friday and Saturday, softball played Billings teams, Glacier and Flathead tonight, and Hellgate later in the week. Track: Emily Malone threw the javelin 146 feet 6 inches for the Sentinel school record, 4<sup>th</sup> best throw in nation. Track is travelling to Butte today, and they will compete in the MCPS Invitational this Saturday. Tennis is traveling to Kalispell this Saturday. He listed students in contention for the Prep Athletes of the Week. ACT will be administered to all juniors next Wednesday, April 19. 8<sup>th</sup> grade orientation is coming April 26; incoming freshmen are excited to become Spartans, get involved, and build relationships. 41 DECA members will be traveling to Anaheim in late April to compete in the International Career Development Conference. Dylan Haggart and Sara Shooshtari received the 2017 Emerging Leader Honor Award, the highest honor awarded by DECA. Dylan listed the Elks Students of the Month for February and March; he was one of those named in February. Special Olympics and varsity basketball played in the Respect Assembly on March 30. Sentinel staff will select one male and one female student per month as Spartan of the Month for the rest of the school year, choosing students who exemplify core Spartan values of respect, responsibility and engagement; winners receive a prime parking spot. He listed the students selected for April.

- **Seeley:** Ibby Lorentz, student trustee, reported by phone. Boys' and girls' track are off to a strong start. They have had 3 meets; the one Saturday was cut short for weather. Golf meet today went well. Rodeo: Iriey Anderson competes in barrel racing, team roping, breakaway roping, pole bending and goat tying; currently in the top 20 in pole and barrel racing in the state. Shooting: past weekend 3 students, including Ibby, traveled to Utah to compete in CMP Western Regional Championships. The team will move on to nationals in June in Ohio. Justin Thomas is at Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs men's junior Olympics in small bore; Ibby is doing Junior Olympics for small bore. Prom is this Friday in the new auditorium, a Vintage Hollywood theme. The Celebration of the Arts is tomorrow night; it is open to the public. Students will perform Act 1, Scene 1 of *We'll Be Right Back After This Murder*, and there will also be performances by band and choir, and creative writing class doing poetry reading. Drama will perform the full play of *We'll Be Right Back After this Murder* at 7 p.m. April 20 in the Seeley-Swan HS new auditorium. Tomorrow the government class is taking a trip to the Capitol Building in Helena; they will meet with senators, congressmen and the governor. Student Council is planning an Earth Day activity. Cora Grube won the Accepting the Challenge of Excellence Award and \$500 scholarship through Missoula County Exchange Club. Last September, group of teachers and students participated in Challenge Success; they took a trip to Stanford, created a plan for improving the school and a mission statement. Since then the entire school has participated in activities that follow the mission statement, including talking with people they don't normally talk with. Next week they will return to Stanford to meet again. Holland thanked Ibby.
- Holland told student trustees they are welcome to stay as long as they like or to leave when they need to.

B. **Announcements from Superintendent** –Mark Thane, Superintendent. At this time on the agenda, it is appropriate for the superintendent to announce items of interest. A list of upcoming important events for the District and Trustees is included in the packet. page 20

- Thane noted the Celebration of the Arts at Seeley tomorrow and encouraged anyone to attend.
- Thane would like to recognize Russ Hendrickson, who is here tonight. It is really something to have a double double. Russ had his own in the last month. There are 2 professional organizations that have to do with technology. One is META, Montana Education Technology Association: Russ was instrumental in helping form that group and led it for an extended period of time. He has been recognized as Montana K-12 School Technologist of the Year. Congratulations. Russ was planning to travel to Portland, Oregon for the NCCE

Conference (Northwest Council for Computer Education). His wife accompanied him and went to the banquet with him; he had no idea he would be recognized as the Technology Leader of the Year for the Northwest Region. We want to recognize Russ. Technology has taken on very prominent role in the district. His title is Senior Information Systems Manager; he essentially manages teams on the ground. He has taken on additional projects related to the bond project. Thane noted how pleased he is with the work; we are truly fortunate to have him and how much we value the work he does. Congratulations on the awards.

- Thane noted news releases: MCPS's Music Education Program has received the designation of Best Communities for Music Education from The NAMM Foundation (National Association of Music Merchants). Highly competitive: only 4% of the school districts across the country are named. Based on scientific research, they emphasize the importance of music in developing students' cognitive skills. Kudos to John Combs and company for completing the application and for the outstanding recognition they have received.
- April 20, the Most Inspiring Student Award Dinner will be held at the DoubleTree. It is a highlight of the year to recognize students nominated from their schools for meeting significant challenges and succeeding. Many trustees are planning to attend.
- May 2 there will be a walk-through for trustees at new facilities: at Franklin at 8, then Lowell about 9. Thane encouraged all trustees available to join us. A couple of high school trustee visits are also coming up this month. He would love to have trustees join us for the tour.
- Monday, April 24 is a professional development day for district staff. There is no school for students, but staff will be in professional learning opportunities.
- The regular Board meeting April 25 is at Seeley-Swan High School, an opportunity to see the new facility.
- Thursday, April 27 are Trustee visits at Willard Alternative High School Program and Hellgate High School. Friday, April 21 are Trustee visits at Sentinel and Big Sky.
- Special Board meeting on Thursday, May 11 at 6 p.m. with the intent to seat new trustees and have a Board work session for reorganization of the Board. It is listed as Tuesday, May 11 in the packet, but is really Thursday.
- The regular Board meeting is Tuesday, May 9, and at 5:30 that day we will meet to canvass the results of the May 2 levy election for the district.

C. **Announcements from Trustees** – At this time on the agenda, it is appropriate for Trustees to announce items of interest to them.

- Decker: April is Child Abuse Prevention Month. Latest statistics around the nation say that something like 1 in 8 children is abused or neglected. Out of every classroom of 24 third graders, that would be 3 children. Blue pinwheels will be around town to remind you it is Child Abuse Prevention Month. People are asked to wear blue or blue ribbons on Mondays throughout April. Thank the organizations for the hard work they do..
- Holland: Lowell school has a carnival every year. There was some concern that at Mount Jumbo they could not do it, but Hellgate National Honor Society offered their location. They reached out to organizations for donations for pizza, had 7 to 10 activities, and 200 kids came to the carnival along with their parents; there were probably 400 people there. It was all put together by the high school kids at Hellgate; they reached out to Kiwanis to help sponsor it. Thank you to everybody.

7. **OLD BUSINESS** – Information or Action

A. **FINANCE, OPERATIONS and OPERATIONS**

- i. **Audit Report for Period Ending June 30, 2016** (Information) – Pat McHugh, Executive Director of Business and Operations and Dan Parrish, Accounting Supervisor

**Background Information:** The final audit report for fiscal year 2016 was approved by Trustees at the March 28, 2017 regular meeting and is posted on the District website. A draft of the audit report was posted on the District website on March 24th. Trustees requested an additional opportunity for discussion and questions regarding the final audit report.

Holland: information only. At the last Board meeting we heard an oral summary from a representative from Anderson Zurmuehlen. It is a clean audit. Because of time constraints, the report had only been out for public review for a short time. Trustees recommended we bring it back as an information only item today. This is an opportunity for any comments, and Pat is here to answer questions. Everyone would have a chance to read it by now.

Pat, highlights: the financial report is for FY 2016. As Chair Holland mentioned, it is a clean audit report, which is good. We had a nice report by Stefani Freese of A-Z, our partner on the audit, who reviewed a number of items. She mentioned during the presentation that if people take a look at the audit report, look at the notes and Management Discussion and Analysis. If there are questions, we could bring back answers. There were no Board questions or comments and no public comment.

Holland thanked Pat for getting that to us; the report is also available on the website.

## 8. **NEW BUSINESS** – Information of Action

### A. **FINANCE, OPERATIONS and MAINTENANCE**

- i. **Permission to Respond to OPI Adult Basic Education Requests for Proposals (Sec)(Action)** – Pat McHugh, Executive Director of Business Services and Monique Fortmann, Director Adult Education Division

**Background Information:** The Montana Office of Public Instruction issued a request for proposals (RFP) for the provision of the following educational services:

- Adult Basic and Literacy Education
- English Language Civics

MCPS Adult Education Division is requesting permission to submit a response to the RFP by the April 14, 2017 deadline.

The MCPS Adult Education Division currently receives Federal and State funds to operate the Academic Success Program. The purpose of this program is to assist:

- Adults to become literate and obtain the knowledge and skills necessary for employment and self-sufficiency,
- Adults in attaining a high school equivalency diploma and prepare for the transition to post-secondary education and training through career pathways,
- English Language Learners in improving reading, writing, speaking, and comprehension skills in English and Math; and acquiring an understanding of the American system of government and the responsibilities of citizenship,
- Adults to become engaged parents, strong employees, and contribute toward an educated and competitive workforce to the benefit of all state citizens.

If awarded the funds to continue the Academic Success Program after July 1, 2017, the Adult Education Division will use the Federal and State Grant funds as well as \$49,515 of local permissive Adult Education funds as the required cash match. This is the same amount of local funds used support the current program.

Holland explained that OPI has made an opportunity available; we want to take advantage of applying for it.

Pat: this is not the first time Adult Ed has responded to an RFP. Sort of like applying for a grant, but more involved. This is new, something OPI decided to do this year.

Monique Fortmann, director of MCPS Adult Education Division, spoke. They are asking permission to respond to the RFP to continue to operate our academic success program through the Adult Education Division. State language calls it Adult Basic Education. Last time we were required to submit a formal RFP was 2008 under the Workforce Investment Act. With the new Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, it requires a new RFP process. To maintain current level of funds and services, we are responding to 2 separate RFPs. One is to continue to serve our general population of those who need to earn high school equivalency or to gain skills for employment or college prep work. The second part is to continue to provide our ESL (English as a Second Language) program: it currently serves 30-40 nonnative speakers, but with

refugee settlement we have more than doubled. We are currently serving more than anyone else in the state. It is important we get the money in our community to help those folks with English and citizenship skills.

**Board Questions:** Smith: is this a competitive bid? Do they do it by region or locality? Monique: RFP says they will award 11 different grants across the state. The state has not even received the federal allocation yet, so we have no idea what the funding will be. It is competitive. She has no idea if anyone else in our area is responding.

Lorenzen: that you continue offering these programs—is it basic funding you are trying to reestablish? Monique replied that we currently receive state and federal funds to operate the Academic Success Program. That expires June 30. To continue offering the program, we would have to be successful in this

Newbold: how many participate in annual basis? Monique: the last 3 years it is 1800, so average is 600 students per year in this venue. Some receive 400 hours of services, some 12 hours. The funds we receive for this program are about \$480 per student in federal and state funds. We wish we had more.

Bragstad: a competitive process. How confident are you that you will get the grant? Question to the administration: what happens if we do not? Considering the refugees, which will continue to evolve? Monique would like to say we are very confident we will get the grant. We have to show effectiveness in serving this population. We are one of the largest programs in the state. We are one of the primary programs that drive the state achieving what they are required to achieve. It is still a competitive bid. If we are not successful, she assumes another organization in the community would be successful and be providing those services. Not MCPS. If not, a class fee would be necessary. We would prefer to provide those services free of charge to this population.

**Motion:** Holland asked for a motion to grant permission for the MCPS Adult Education Division to submit a response to OPI's RFPs. Motion by Smith, seconded by Decker.

**Board discussion:** Smith said he hopes that we do get this; he is looking forward to it. he thanked Monique. There was no further Board discussion and no public comment.

**Board direction:** Trustees voted unanimously to approve the motion (all Trustees were present). Holland thanked Monique for coming to explain.

ii. **Smart Schools 2020** (Information) - Mark Thane, Superintendent

**Background Information:** Burley McWilliams, Operations and Maintenance Supervisor will be present to provide Smart Schools 2020 bond projects updates.

Burley: we are in a whirlwind of selecting GC/CM for a number of projects. The process is quite lengthy. Next Board meeting we will have a recommendation for GC/CM for Washington Middle School, and on May 9 a recommendation for GC/CM for Willard and Russell. Then we will be done with general contractors for a while.

There are a lot of logistics with summer moves and roofing and mechanical projects. Hellgate project this summer. Lowell and Franklin getting back; phones and FF&E stuff. A lot of little things going on.

Track: Burley said we have been in constant contact with Beynon, sister company of FieldTurf; they have been very good to work with. This has been an unfortunate process with this weather. No one is to blame with not having the track ready at this point; it is really Mother Nature. With the process so sensitive to temperatures, we have not had the opportunity to get the track surface going. They plan to send a team here after Easter for onesies—one or two days at a time, instead of a 3-5 day window. We are at the point where we have to get it going. We keep a close eye on the weather on a daily basis. Amazing how quickly it changes. It has been a frustrating process for the district, for FieldTurf, for athletes and coaches and community members. We are doing everything we possibly can.

Thane: in a conference call with the vendor a week ago, they said they are seeking alternative solutions also. They are talking with a chemist about changing the ratio of the

catalysts in the epoxy so cure time would be reduced. You need temperatures over 50 and rising when you apply the product, and it should remain above 50 while it cures a few hours, staying above freezing at night, and no moisture. It had been 170 days between 60 degree readings in Missoula, until we hit 60 last week. The vendor is willing to work with us; they expect to see progress, perhaps as early as next week. Three coats of epoxy go down, then they stripe the track. They have shipped the product to Missoula; Burley found space in heated warehouses for the product to keep it warmer, which assists in the application. Everyone is trying to get it done, but we do not want to compromise the integrity of the surface by pushing the envelope too much.

**Board questions:** Lorenzen saw a headline that state track was moved to Laurel—is that AA? Thane: we were scheduled to host the state A and C track meet Memorial Day weekend, and this afternoon at 1:30 that was moved to Laurel.

Smith: is the onesie process going to affect the warranty? How do they back it up? Burley: they like to see a larger portion of the track completed over a couple day process. Instead of taking 4-5 hours to spread, we are hoping to keep the temperature above 50 for another 6-8 hours to cure. Instead they will spread for 2 or 3 hours, then let it cure; reduce the time they spread so there is more time to cure. Smith: it will not affect the warranty? No. Burley has been in constant contact, that everything we are doing now and looking forward will be within warranty.

Holland: this item is information only. She asked for public comment; there was none. She thanked Burley.

- iii. **Purchase of Student and Staff Device Replacements** (Elem)(Sec)Action) – Hatton Littman, Director of Technology and Communication and Russ Henderson, Senior Information Systems Manager

**Background Information:** MCPS has completed the process of requesting quotes for device replacements for the 2017/18 school year. These devices include staff and students desktop computers, laptops, tablets, Chromebooks and Chromeboxes. This purchase was made following the state WSCA/NASPO bidding process. Requests for bids were sent to 11 different companies and were separated into 10 categories: Staff Laptop, Staff Laptop w/ touch, Student Laptop, Staff Desktop, Student Desktop, Standard Chromebooks, 14" Chromebooks, Chromebox, Surface 4 Pro's, Tablet/Laptop Combo. Please note Apple products are all purchased through the educational sector which includes set pricing. Scoring of the proposals were completed by five members of the ISC department along with two teachers from the device replacement committee. The lowest priced bidder that satisfied all requirements within each category was chosen. Quotes from vendors are valid through 6/30/17.

The panel recommends:

The purchase of all staff and student laptops, staff and student desktops, tablet/laptop combos, Chromebox's and 14" Chromebooks through Information Technology Core.

The purchase of all staff and student standard Chromebooks through First Call Computer Solutions.

The purchase of all staff and student Surface 4 Pro's through CDW.

Device replacements totals for the 2017/18 school year are as follows:

147 staff laptops, 36 staff laptops w/touch, 3 staff chromebooks, 1 staff 14" chromebook, 67 staff desktops, 1 staff laptop/tablet combo, 1 staff MacBook Air, 1 staff iPad Air for a total of \$157,586.54.

85 student laptops, 183 student desktops, 143 chromebooks, 43 Chromebox's, 1 iPad air for a total of \$177,475.60.

The total device cost for 713 devices is \$335,062.14.

**Recommendation:** Administration recommends that Trustees approve the purchase of student and staff device replacements from Information Technology Core, First Call Computers Solutions and CDW.

Holland noted that we are looking at replacements for the 2017-18 school year, with a recommendation for 3 different vendors for different devices.

Russ explained that this is the culmination of a several month process with a lot of schools, going through their inventories, working with their individual school budgets. We have refined the process from last year; have made great progress this year. Greatest positive feedback received is that schools get to see their 5-year outlook and can plan accordingly. We are trying to get some sustainability. Some challenges have come up: our budget is based on a 3 to 1 device ratio. The plan is to get to 2 to 1 by 2019. The district average is already 2 to 1. Half our schools are below that; some are at 1 to 1 average. The only way to get to that is additional funding—grants, donations, Title I funding. This is the first year that schools are having to face the fact that if they are at a 1 to 1 ratio and the budget is for 3 to 1, then the budget will not cover the number of devices they want to replace. He went to Seeley: they are at 1 to 1; they talked about options to stay at 1 to 1 or if that is not part of curricular design, they can talk about other designs. They discussed that they don't really need to be at 1 to 1. They were able to realign computers they had in the school, and they don't need to purchase extra. If they had a need to be at 1:1, we could have looked at some other options. They eliminated a computer lab; the computers in the library stay. This is the plan from all the schools of what they plan to purchase for the upcoming year; you can see the breakdown. There are 3 vendors because we want it as competitive as possible. Prices came in at numbers we are quite happy with.

**Board Questions:** McDonald: are the computers distributed throughout the district, high school and grade school? Correct. McDonald: you said how they would be distributed; yes. If computers are taken away from departments, will they be replaced? You can only have computers for 5 years? Russ: the model we are using is 5 years; our philosophy is that after 5 years we need to pull them from inventory. At that age they tend to take a lot more work to maintain. There are also security issues—can it have the latest updates? Also compatibility issues with software—can it run the current software? Whatever is in the classroom at the start of school, we want to ensure will be there at the end of the year. Districts that go beyond the 5-year replacement cycle: if they die in December and you don't have funds to replace them, it is challenging. That is the reason we focus on a 5-year replacement cycle. We remove them from inventory and bring them to the ISC department. We are currently working on a donation program to the community for needy kids. Willard will be our pilot school.

McDonald: what happens with the class that has the computers that are now 5 years old, and the class is based on computers; what happens if they are taken away and they were not designated to receive new ones? Russ: that is the strength of our program: the IT department is not making those decisions; the buildings are discussing their needs and making decisions. Seeley is the one school where a lab was removed. Very seldom is a lab removed. Average device replacement of \$500 dollars, based on industry standards; laptops come in at \$599, desktops at \$442, Chromebooks at \$150; that gives the district the flexibility to go below the 3:1 ratio by using Chromebooks to supplement with lower cost devices.

McDonald: removal of devices from a room or classroom is at the discretion of the principal of the school? Correct. And does the principal have the discretion to make the decision of what will happen with the disposal of them? Russ: it is challenging for disposal because of the data privacy on the computer. We have to wipe the data; we work with a security company to make sure that they are secure. A pretty in-depth process to give a computer away. Most districts in the state just throw them away because of the process involved.

McDonald: if computers are 5 years old, is it at the discretion of the principal to remove them or is it standard practice? Russ: after 5 years they have to be removed as district procedure.

Newbold asked Russ to explain Chromebooks and Chromeboxes. Russ: Chromebooks are low-cost laptops; Chromebox is the desktop version of that; same operating system. Meadow Hill



was the first school in the district to adopt a lab of Chromeboxes. If you have a location where all the students come to work, a laptop is not a good scenario. The Chromebox gives you the low-cost advantages of a Chromebook but with a keyboard and monitor. Lithium batteries die. If you don't need mobility, you don't need a laptop.

**Motion:** Holland read the detailed recommendation printed in the packet. The recommendation is that Trustees approve the purchase of student and staff devices from Information Technology Core, First Call Computer Solutions, and CDW. Motion to approve purchase of student and staff devices from these 3 vendors by Newbold, seconded by Bragstad. There was no Board discussion and no public comment.

**Board direction:** Trustees voted unanimously to approve the purchase of student and staff device replacements through these 3 vendors, Information Technology Core, First Call Computer Solutions, and CDW (all Trustees were present). Holland thanked Russ for being here and congratulated him on the accolades. Thank you to the staff involved in the process; looks like it was time-consuming.

iv. **Award Bid for Districtwide Copier Service (Elem/Sec)(Action)** – Dan Parrish, Accounting Supervisor, and Pat McHugh, Executive Director of Business and Operations

**Background Information:** The District received six bids from two different vendors in response to the call for bids for copier services. For the first time, the District requested that all bid copiers be networkable to take advantage of low cost printing from these machines. The District called for bids for both fax capable copiers and non-fax capable copiers. The results of the bid opening were:

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Cost per Copy First 4.8M Copies/ After 4.8M</u>	<u>Annual Cost for 4.8M Copies</u>
Office Solutions & Service – without fax, low feature copier	\$ .0108/\$.0042	\$ 51,840
Office Solutions & Service – with fax, low feature copier	.0112/ .0046	53,760
Office Solutions & Service – without fax, feature rich copier	.0116/ .0042	55,680
Office Solutions & Service – with fax, feature rich copier	.0120/ .0046	57,600
Kelley Imaging – without fax	.0119/ .0049	57,120
Kelley Imaging – with fax	.0123/ .0049	59,040
Prior 4 year lease	.0132/ .0052	63,360

Administration recommends the non-fax, feature rich copiers even though they are slightly more expensive. The most significant additional features include the following: a dual scan document feeder that can scan up to 170 pages per minute(ppm) compared to 56 ppm with the basic copier; built in Wi Fi; slide out keyboard; 10.1” customizable screen (only 7” on basic copier); and double the print resolution. The additional features are an important piece to taking full advantage of the copier fleet.

**Recommendation:** Administration recommends Trustees award the bid for copier services for four years to Office Solutions & Services for the non-fax, feature rich copiers.

Holland: Dan and Pat are here to explain why we choose a vendor that is not the lowest bidder, but a very good reason for choosing that vendor over others.

Pat: we asked 4 vendors to provide responses at various alternatives, without fax, low feature; with fax, low feature; without fax, feature rich; and with fax, feature rich. We had 2 responses to the RFP, OS2 and Kelley Imaging. The recommendation is for the OS2 without fax feature rich copier. Differences between basic and feature rich model are explained in the background: greater speed, copies per minute, built in Wi-Fi, slide out keyboard. Bids were excellent. We are looking at over \$7000 per year less in cost for the lease with these greater features. Also we anticipate opportunity for savings within the buildings because these are networkable copiers. The buildings have capacity to minimize or eliminate printers. Printers are supported by maintenance and toner costs by building-level discretionary funds. By using the

networked copiers, that opportunity exists. We look at replacement every 4-5 years; we are pleased for the opportunity. Thanks to Russ and Dan for their work in running this bidding process.

**Board Questions:** Decker: district has central printing facility and copiers in the building—is this central or in the buildings? Pat: these are in the buildings. Are we placing all the machines in buildings? how many? Dan: 35, like the one at the end of the hall. Decker: staff are encouraged to use the central facility because it is cheaper, but this makes it easier to print in buildings too? Pat: yes. We can't eliminate copiers in buildings. What is shown here is that these will be really competitive with the print shop. For larger projects the print shop is definitely the place to go. One issue with printing to a copier in the past has been the confidentiality of information sent to a central printer. These have the ability to input a 4-digit code; nothing is printed until you arrive at the copier and put in the code.

Decker noted the price break after 4.8 million copies; how many are there per year? 5 million per year with the 35 copiers total across the district.

Holland: if these printers can network, is it possible to put a printer in a central location so they can be networked, and not have as many in the buildings? Russ: correct. He had a conversation with Dan: these are printers in offices; they may not be necessary if we have them networked; we may be able to net reduce that fleet; we may also be able to reduce the IT department copiers, dropping costs by a third to possibly a sixth.

**Motion:** Holland read the recommendation that the trustees award the bid for copier services for four years to Office Solutions & Services for the non-fax, feature rich copiers with the price breakout that is in our agenda. Motion by Smith, seconded by Lorenzen.

**Board discussion:** Smith said he is going to vote for this even though he really hopes we can get by without faxing. He hopes we still have Morse code.

Holland: it is amazing to figure out how technology has changed; prices are so different from 5 years ago. There was no public comment.

**Board direction:** Trustees unanimously approved the motion (all Trustees were present). Holland thanked everyone for all the hard work.

v. **Award Bid for Franklin Elementary Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment (Elem)(Action)** – Burley McWilliams, Operations and Maintenance Supervisor

**Background Information:** The District received three bids for the Franklin furniture, fixtures and equipment. The low bids are:

**Classroom & Seating:** Montana School Equipment – Bid Amount \$161,000

**Library/Shelving:** Montana School Equipment – Bid Amount \$31,500

**Administrative:** 360 Office Solutions – Bid Amount \$6,917.71

The FF&E will be funded with the 2016 bond issue.

**Recommendation:** Administration recommends that Trustees award the above referenced vendors for Franklin's furniture, fixtures and equipment.

Holland: elementary only item. She read the background information. Different things will be awarded to different folks.

Burley: the district had L'Heureux Page Werner, the design firm for Franklin, assist Amy with their FF&E package. Many hours going over their needs for the facility. They went through and looked at what they could take with them, things in good shape. The bids we received they are only taking some of it. He thinks you will be pleased by how much new furniture they received. 3 total bids, with Lowell and Franklin, and all 3 companies got some part of it.

**Board Questions:** Lorenzen sees Franklin lists the company of Montana School Equipment and 360 Office Solutions—are those local companies, franchises? Burley knows Montana School Equipment has a local presence; he thinks they are based out of Great Falls; they have someone who worked here for 20 years, and a new person replacing retired person. 360 Office Solutions is also a local company, not sure if they are a franchise, but local to Missoula.

Holland, about procedure: you got 3 bids, and companies could bid on different parts of the materials they would be providing. One is low on classroom seating, one on library shelving, one on administrative—they each might have put in bids on all categories, but you determined which was lowest on each category? Burley: yes, and there was a 4<sup>th</sup> category for signage, but no one bid on it. We broke it down into categories, but it does not mean every company bid on all 3. Some companies bid on only one. Missoula Office City got the Lowell administrative bid, the only bid they put in.

**Motion:** Holland read the recommendation and the winning company for each category. elementary only. Motion by McDonald, seconded by Decker. There was no Board discussion and no public comment.

**Board direction:** Elementary Trustees unanimously approved the motion (all elementary Trustees were present).

#### **Addendum Item**

##### **Item 8-A-v-a**

**Award Bid for Lowell Elementary Furniture Fixtures and Equipment (EL)(Action)** – Burley McWilliams, Operations and Maintenance Supervisor

**Background Information:** The District received three bids for the Lowell FF&E. Administration recommends approval of the following low bids:

**Classroom & Seating:** Montana School Equipment – Bid Amount \$224,000

**Library/Shelving:** 360 Office Solutions – Bid Amount \$32,175.69

**Administrative:** Missoula Office City – Bid Amount \$9,533.92

The FF&E will be funded with the 2016 bond issue.

**Recommendation:** Administration recommends that Trustees award the above referenced vendors for Lowell's furniture fixtures and equipment.

Holland: same information for Lowell: she read the recommendation and the winning bidders' names. Holland asked Burley if anything is different than slightly different vendors; Burley said no.

**Motion:** Motion by Decker to award the above referenced vendors for Lowell's furniture fixtures and equipment, seconded by McDonald. There was no Board discussion and no public comment.

**Board direction:** Elementary trustees voted unanimously to approve the motion (all elementary Trustees were present).

- vi. **Award Bid for Partial Reroof at Lowell Elementary School (Elem)(Action)** – Burley McWilliams, Operations and Maintenance Supervisor

**Background Information:** The District received two bids for the partial reroofing project at Lowell Elementary. The bid results are as follows:

<b>Contractor</b>	<b>Total Cost Base Bid and Alternates</b>
Miller Roofing	\$148,000.00
Schrock Roofing	\$130,777.00

These services will be funded with the 2016 bond issue.

**Recommendation:** Administration recommends that Trustees award Schrock Roofing with the partial reroofing project at Lowell in the amount of \$130,777.00.

Holland: Elementary only. Two bids; Holland read the amounts and the recommendation. Seeing a lot of reroofing. She asked burley for specific info.

Burley: you don't see some of the regular names we see with roofing projects: this is shingles rather than flat roof. He thinks it brought out different contractors. There were no Board questions for Burley.

**Motion** from elementary trustee to award Schrock Roofing with the partial reroofing project at Lowell in the amount of \$130,777.00. Motion by Lorenzen, seconded by Kendall. There was no Board discussion and no public comment.

**Board direction:** Elementary Trustees voted unanimously to approve the motion (all elementary Trustees were present).

- vii. **Grant Permission to Seek Quotes for Districtwide IP Telephone System** (Elem)(Sec)(Action) – Burley McWilliams, Operations and Maintenance Supervisor

**Background:** Administration requests permission to seek quotes for the purchase of a districtwide IP telephone system using the National Joint Powers Alliance (NJPA), a cooperative purchasing program. The new IP phone system would be implemented or phased with bond projects as they are completed. Currently the district is using a Mitel system that has outlived its life expectancy and is no longer being serviced or updated by the Mitel Corporation. Due to the size of the district and the complexity of phasing the phone system, the district issued a Request for Information (RFI). The purpose was to see if other manufactures could offer a seamless transition with their purposed system working alongside the district's current Mitel system. We found that it would be very difficult to have two systems operating side by side without limitations or significant challenges. The district would seek bids from numerous Mitel vendors using the NJPA program. Following this process we will return to the Board with a vendor recommendation. This purchase would be funded with the 2016 bond proceeds.

**Recommendation:** Administration recommends Trustees grant permission to seek quotes for a Districtwide IP Telephone System using the NJPA program.

Holland: what is IP telephone system?

Burley: voice over internet protocol, an IP computer-based system rather than an analog telephone; it is 21<sup>st</sup> century.

Holland: background info: initially you were looking to see if you could have redundant systems in place; it looks like that is not really possible. We currently use a Mitel system and you found something that can replace it?

Burley: yes, a confusing story. We worked with Access Consulting in our design process. We currently have a Mitel system; we want to phase in ip system over 3-4 years with the bond projects. The Mitel system we have is no longer supported with software or with service; it has been that way for some time; kudos to his trade guys for keeping it up and running; quite a feat. We did a request for information, RFI, to see if someone could run their system simultaneously with our Mitel system, a fluid process. We followed up with questions; consensus of the committee was that it was not workable. Pretty clear that they could not run it side by side fluidly with no interruptions; we would lose all of our caller ID function, with safety aspects to it. So we chose to go through this NJPA (National Joint Powers Alliance), a national pre-bid for services for this process. We would put that out to Mitel and all Mitel dealers could independently bid on it; we would get 7-10 responses within the Pacific Northwest and beyond; expect good competition for that. Holland thanked. No questions for Burley.

Holland: the recommendation is to grant permission to seek quotes using NJPA program, a cooperative purchasing program, for a district-wide IP telephone system. Is that right? Burley: yes, and we would bring quotes back to board once we receive them.

**Motion:** Holland asked for a motion to grant permission to seek quotes for a Districtwide IP Telephone System using the NJPA program. Motion by Smith, seconded by Newbold. There was no Board discussion and no public comment.

**Board direction:** Trustees unanimously approved the motion.

- viii. **Approve Resolution 2017-10(E) Authorizing Execution of all Documents to Close the Purchase of Property for New Cold Springs School** - (Elem)(Action) – Pat McHugh, Executive Director of Business and Operations

**Background:** The Board of Trustees authorized the District to enter into a Buy Sell Agreement for the purchase of the new Cold Springs site during the November 29, 2016 regular Board of Trustees meeting. The property consists of approximately 8 acres located in the Lower Miller Creek area. The final Certificate of Survey (COS) has been approved and will be filed at closing. A copy of the COS is attached to Resolution 2017-10(E). The purchase of the property from Wilbur H. Ginter and Shauna M. Ginter will be funded with bond proceeds. The purchase price of the property as set forth in the Buy Sell Agreement will be \$500,000. The closing of the purchase is scheduled for April 12, 2017.

**Recommendation:** Administration recommends that Trustees adopt the attached Resolution 2017-10(E) authorizing the Superintendent or his designee to execute closing documents associated with the purchase of the subject property.

Holland read the topic. Elementary only. She read the recommendation. Closing of the purchase is scheduled for tomorrow. There were no Board questions.

**Motion:** Motion from elementary trustee to adopt the attached Resolution 2017-10(E) authorizing the Superintendent or his designee to execute closing documents associated with the purchase of the subject property for the new Cold Springs School. Motion by Newbold, seconded by Lorenzen. There was no Board discussion and no public comment.

**Board direction:** Elementary trustees unanimously approved the motion (all elementary Trustees were present). Thane reminded elementary trustees that Pat needs signatures from each elementary Trustee before you leave.

## **B. PERSONNEL, POLICY AND NEGOTIATIONS**

### **i. Personnel Report (Elem/Sec)(Action) - David Rott, Director of Human Resources**

The monthly Personnel Report was included in the packet (page 23).

Holland: the agenda indicates information only, but it is really an action item. We do not have trustee or public comment on particular individuals, but we do take questions for Dave or general comments. There were no Board questions.

**Motion:** Motion by Newbold to approve the items on the provided Personnel Report, seconded by Decker. There was no Board discussion and no public comment.

**Board direction:** Holland: this is for last month? Dave: correct. Trustees unanimously approved the Personnel Report (all Trustees were present).

### **ii. Approve Seeley Swan High School 2017-2018 School Year Calendar (Sec)(Action) – David Rott, Executive Director Human Resources** **page 31**

**Background Information:** The proposed Seeley Swan High School 2017-2018 school year calendar is submitted for Trustee approval.

**Administrative Recommendation:** Administration recommends that Trustees approve the Seeley Swan High School 2017-2018 school year calendar.

Holland: secondary. We adopt calendars for the high schools, elementary schools, Seeley-Swan, and Willard; they don't always completely line up.

Dave: correct. We had 2 outstanding ones to approve, this and Willard, which will be at first May meeting. Seeley calendar is different, 4 day schedule. They met and made sure they have the criteria, 1080 hours.

**Questions:** Kendall: given that it is a 4 day week, what does it mean on those days when it says staff development – prep day - no school, like Oct. 20? Thane: those are MEA days. Dave: October 19 and 20 are MEA days. Kendall: so kids just wouldn't go to the building. Correct. Kendall: but they talked to us about how kids come on Friday, but they would not? Correct.

**Motion:** Holland asked for a motion to approve the Seeley Swan High School 2017-2018 school year calendar. Motion by Dupree, seconded by Bragstad. They live closer to Seeley. There was no Board discussion and no public comment.

**Board direction:** Trustees unanimously approved the Seeley Swan High School 2017-2018 school year calendar (all Trustees were present).

iii. **Topic: School Day Committee White Paper** (Information) - Mark Thane, Superintendent

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**Background Information:** The School Day Study Committee held five two-hour facilitated sessions from November 2016 through February 2017. The objectives of the group were to explore the effects of school starting times on high school students and create a report for the superintendent and the school board with recommendations for future action regarding the Missoula County Public Schools high school start time. The White Paper summarizing the process is included in the packet and will be posted on the MCPS website for public comment. This item will be included on the May 9, 2017 board agenda for discussion and possible action.

Holland asked Thane to walk us through more detailed background.

Thane: most of you are well aware that over the last 5 months we have had a committee studying the school day, particularly high school start times. The Board and the administration have been approached a number of times in recent years to address this question. Tendency we have had was to identify significant hurdles, not discuss merits. We were approached last spring: he determined that we should study the issue and set the hurdles aside so we could determine if there were compelling reasons to consider a different school day, especially later start time. We retained Ginny Tribe to facilitate the group, identified the different interests that we thought should be represented at the table—certified, classified, parents, students, variety of departments around the district. We invited the high schools to participate; the 3 urban high schools, since Seeley and Willard operate with alternative calendars and days. We had spirited discussions and spent a lot of time reading the literature. One of the most important decisions we made was the creation of four guiding principles, which Thane highlighted. One: we believe our community values the healthy development of our children. Two: we believe the academic growth, physical health, and social and emotional well-being of all students are priorities of MCPS. Three: we make decisions based on research and data. Four: we recognize that a schedule change such as a later start time will create challenges for which we are willing to work diligently to find solutions. We could have had the committee get into the nuances of potential hurdles; instead, we identified that they exist. We came back to the question: is there a compelling reason to consider a change in the high school start time? His interest was to approach this as we would a significant change in policy: to present it as an information item so we could get it in your hands so we can post it to the website for the public. On May 9 the committee will make a presentation. Then we will engage Trustees and the general public in conversation. We had a lot of divergent opinions when we began meeting as a committee; by the end of the process, we had unanimous consensus in support of the White Paper as presented in the packet. Rather than first broach it at the school board meeting we wanted to have conversations in each of the urban high schools, where we would see the greatest impact. The last 3 weeks, Janice Bishop, committee member, retired teacher and retired MEA president, went with Thane to each of the 3 urban high schools. They were joined by Gary Stein at Sentinel and Britt Hanford at Hellgate, both members of the committee. They did a brief presentation, asked all staff in advance to read an article from the Journal of the American Academy of Pediatrics, and engaged discussion about the article and the White Paper. They took a survey of staff members in each high school and found overwhelmingly strong support from staff in the high schools for consideration of an alternative start time. We will wait about a month to have this conversation in front of the Board. He would envision that once you have the conversation, he would like you to consider directing the administration to pursue this or not to pursue it. There are hurdles to overcome; he likes the guiding principle that we are willing to tackle them. We also recognize there may be financial hurdles, e.g. altering bus schedules, a consideration the Board would ultimately have to weigh. He would like to leave it at that, give you a month to review the White Paper and the article from the American Academy of Pediatrics. Other groups have weighed in: he listed a number of organizations, including the American Medical Association, Centers for Disease Control, American Academy of Child and Adolescent

Psychiatry—and all those groups say that a later school start time is important for adolescents. We made a concerted effort as a committee to find opposing perspectives—we did not find them. He would entertain questions in the interim. He encourages the viewing audience to view the White Paper; we will post it tomorrow so they can engage in the conversation.

**Board discussion:** Holland invited comments and questions—information only item.

Decker, comment: she complimented the process. She thinks many of the things we learn over time about what is best practice with children are often fraught, different from the way things have been done. Change is hard. She is very encouraged by the process that tried to set those things aside and ask what the science is telling us about best practice; that is a process that applies to many other situations. Thank you for the process.

McDonald, questions: how would that compromise after school sports, considering the time it gets dark? Thane: that will be one of the considerations. There are a number of potential hurdles we have identified; he thinks there are solutions to the hurdles. We will fully discuss those in May: make notes, keep the questions. He would like to have committee members present also for the conversation in May.

Lorenzen: what is zero period, how commonly is it used, how much earlier does it start? Thane: zero period is presently used in two of our high schools. It is the period before first period. First period in urban high schools starts at 7:50 a.m. Those who travel great distances board the bus before 7; arrive 7:25-7:30. Zero period begins at 7 a.m. and runs until 7:50, when first period begins.

Kendall would love to say more but will not. She echoed Grace's comments and thanked Thane for doing a great job with the committee. A really interesting process, great committee. Ginny Tribe is so wonderful to work with; she brings out the issues and makes it fun for everybody. Kendall thought it was really well done, glad to have been a part of it; look forward to community discussion.

Smith echoed Kendall. Thanks to everyone on the committee and especially to Ginny Tribe – five 2-hour meetings and a lot of homework.

**Public Comment:** Atticus Lonski, freshman at Hellgate High School. He is tired during school; it is difficult to concentrate when he is tired. It makes him mad, because he wants to do the best he can in school. This decision is an opportunity for the school board to show they truly care about students and their success. Studies supported by the American Academy of Pediatrics, American Medical Association, American Sleep Association, and Centers for Disease Control show that when school starts after 8:30 a.m., students do better in school. They have better attendance, improved learning, fewer traffic accidents, and less substance abuse. If the school board sets later start times, it will show students they really care about them and improve their lives in the future.

Hugo Lonski, Washington Middle School 7<sup>th</sup> grader. Tonight is a night for people to decide if they care more about convenience, or if they look at the studies and do what is best for children and their education. He hopes the board will consider setting back the school start times. He would like for the next generation to be smart, critical thinkers who make positive change; they can't do it if they are not educated to their maximum potential. Studies show that later start times improve attention spans, memory, health and safety. They show that kids who get more sleep are less likely to use drugs or alcohol. Even if school start times are later, student bedtimes do not change; they get more sleep. Starting later will help Missoula students, and that is your responsibility as trustees.

Julie Merritt, parent of a 7<sup>th</sup> grader. She thanked the administration for bringing this issue to the forefront, and all the members of the committee for all the hard work. A topic that is probably going to get some pushback. She made the regrettable decision of reading the Facebook comments on the last Missoulian article on this topic: a lot of people who said they walked uphill in the snow both ways to school, and lazy teenagers today should do the same. She applauds you for looking at the possibility of doing something different. Change is hard;

there will be some challenges. But she thinks it is in the best interest of our kids. Excited to see what comes next.

Jennie Dixon was invited by Superintendent Thane to be part of the committee. Really great experience. There will be challenges inevitability. She is the chapter leader of Start School Later Missoula. She runs a Facebook page: for the last year and a half, a post every two days, educational, to let people know what the studies show. She wants the community to be aware of that. She runs a web page for Start School Later Missoula that lets people see what is going on nationally, sign a national petition, and learn about the benefits of starting school later. You will be looking at this closely the next couple of months. She has started to put together an online petition, not to rush things, but to help inform you and give you some support as you move forward if you can see a strong voice in the community supporting this, that will help you as you move forward. She started it last week, being very respectful of the process that Superintendent Thane put together. In less than a week the petition has performed better than 90 percent of online petitions, with over 130 signatures. She will keep pushing for more, to get the word out, so people get a knowledge base. There were divergent opinions at the beginning of the committee, unanimous agreement by the end. Ginny asked her at the beginning if she could be neutral on this topic. She can't—because once you learn about this, you cannot deny it. She hopes that is your experience as well. She knows there will be people who don't agree. She would like to publicize it on the Facebook page for Start School Later Missoula. She is trying to work with different schools; a number of students have signed the petition. If there are any questions she can help with, she is happy to answer now or anytime online.

Holland: this item is information only now; at a later point it will be a potential action item. Everyone appreciates that it is a big issue that needs to be thoughtfully considered. We will begin the conversation in earnest at the May 9 meeting.

9. **PUBLIC COMMENT** – Regarding Non-Agenda Items (3 minutes each speaker)

- Julie Merritt: she heard a rumor that the Franklin playground equipment is going to remain at Jefferson and that new equipment is going to be put in at Franklin School. She knows that this is not the venue to answer questions. For anyone who doesn't know, she is half the team that raised over \$65,000 to purchase and install that equipment at Franklin School, and they were promised when the construction process started that the equipment would get back to Franklin. She and Julie McLennan spent close to 3 years raising those funds. The McGraths donated \$25,000 of those funds; their name is on the sign that was put up when the playground was installed. They donated because their daughter had been a student teacher at Franklin School and had a very wonderful experience there. When they heard about the playground fundraising, they wanted to donate. A personal thing—they made a very significant donation. Regardless of where the equipment ends up, she would hope that the McGraths' name is still associated with the playground equipment that is at Franklin, because that was their desire, to donate to Franklin School. She wanted to share with the Board for those who are not familiar with the background.
- Melanie Charlson, president Missoula Educational Association. She is vice president of Missoula Education Foundation. There is an event coming Saturday, May 5, a fundraiser for Missoula Education Foundation, from 2 to 5:30 at the Missoula Country Club, tickets are \$45, Kentucky Derby theme, hat contest. Go to [www.missoulaedfoundation.org](http://www.missoulaedfoundation.org) – it is a new website for them; there is a link for tickets. Great opportunity to support a foundation that is giving back to our Missoula County School teachers and students.
- Ashley Nerbovig, new education reporter. She will be at these meetings; she is replacing Chelsea who she hears is a great act; she is at Chelsea's old number.

Holland announced that the Board will go into Executive Session to approve some minutes from earlier Executive Sessions; she will take minutes during the Executive Session.



Board Chair Marcia Holland adjourned the public portion of the meeting at 7:48 p.m.

As recording secretary for this Board meeting, I certify these minutes to be a true and correct copy of what was taken at the meeting.

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Elizabeth Serviss, Minutes Recorder

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Marcia Holland, Board Chair

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Pat McHugh, District Clerk

**10. BOARD of TRUSTEES**

- i. **EXECUTIVE SESSION** –Executive Session Minutes
- ii. **REGULAR SESSION** – Approve Executive Session Minutes

Having moved out of executive session, Chair Holland asked if there was a motion to approve the minutes of the executive session from the February 18, 2017 board meeting and the minutes from the executive session from this meeting. Trustee Wake moved to approve both sets of minutes, seconded by Trustee Lorenzen. The motion passed unanimously.

**11. ADJOURN**

Chair Holland adjourned the meeting.

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Marcia Holland, Board Chair

**Tuesday, April 11, 2017**