

MISSOULA COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Tuesday, July 10, 2018 – 6:00 p.m.
Business Building Boardroom

Board of Trustees Present: Board Chair Marcia Holland, Elliott Dugger, Heidi Kendall, Vice Chair Diane Lorenzen, Jennifer Newbold, Mike Smith, Sharon Sterbis

Board of Trustees Absent: Michael Beers, Grace Decker, Vicki McDonald, Vice Chair Ann Wake

Others Present: Mark Thane, Pat McHugh, Dave Rott, Burley McWilliams, Rachel Cooper

MINUTES

1. **CALL TO ORDER, WELCOME AND ROLL CALL** at 6:00 p.m. Chair Marcia Holland called the meeting to order and welcomed all. Roll call: Trustees Dugger, Holland, Kendall, Lorenzen, Newbold, Smith and Sterbis.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** was said by all.
3. **REVIEW, REVISE, AND APPROVE AGENDA** – Chair Holland asked trustees if they had any modifications to the agenda. No changes to agenda.
4. **APPROVE MINUTES**
 - A. **Board of Trustees Special Meeting June 26, 2018:** Trustee Sterbis requested an amendment to the minutes. Trustee Smith made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 26, 2018 special meeting, and Trustee Kendall seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by all trustees present.
 - B. **Board of Trustees Regular Meeting June 26, 2018:** Trustee Sterbis requested a correction to the minutes. Trustee Lorenzen made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 26, 2018 regular Board meeting, and Trustee Smith seconded the motion. All trustees present passed the motion unanimously.
5. **PUBLIC COMMENT/CORRESPONDENCE**
 - A. **Public Comment** – Eric Hulteng, president of Hulteng Inc. and MCPS Owner’s Representative for the bond projects, noted the number of committee members and hours involved in the selection and planning process for each construction project since the Smart Schools 2020 bond passing in 2015. Mr. Hulteng noted the number of projects awarded to businesses throughout the selection process and thanked Superintendent Mark Thane, Burley McWilliams, Pat McHugh, the Executive Regional Directors and the MCPS Board of Trustees for their participation in past and current construction projects.
No further public comment.
6. **REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**
 - A. **High School Activities Reports, Spring and Year-End 2017-18:** The high school activities report for 2017-2018 is included in the packet. Superintendent Thane noted an addition to the written report adding Seeley Swan High School’s activity information.
 - B. **Announcements from Superintendent:** Superintendent Thane announced the regularly scheduled board meeting on July 24, 2018, has been cancelled. Noted that the executive summary for the Zero Waste Committee that had been omitted from a previous board packet was included in the July 10, 2018, board packet. Reported on the number of MCPS teachers participating in summer professional learning, number of students participating in summer credit recovery and number of students

participating in the summer's Global Innovation Institute, a collaboration with the University of Montana and Missoula County Public Schools

- C. **Announcements from Trustees** – Trustee Holland announced the second board meeting in August would be too late to meet the budget adoption deadline. Proposed to cancel the meeting scheduled for August 28, 2018 and schedule a meeting on Thursday, August 23, 2018 to comply with the budget adoption deadline.

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. FINANCE, OPERATIONS and MAINTENANCE

- i. **Topic: Homevale Property Sale Discussion:** Superintendent Thane noted MCPS will be seeking an appraisal of the property and will bring forth a resolution to the Board of Trustees at a later date. Pat McHugh noted the property's zoning status; provided further information on the potential resolution; and noted where the potential sale proceeds would be deposited. Trustee Lorenzen inquired if the District would be obligated to the consultant and wanted more information on the proceeds deposit and use. Mr. McHugh responded that the District is under no obligation. The resolution, sale of the property, and funds received from a potential sale would all be under the discretion of the Board. There were no further questions or discussion.
- ii. **Topic: Approve NorthWestern Energy Ground Lease for Solar Panels:** Superintendent Thane provided background information, detailed information on the solar panel installations on the urban high schools' property, and the educational benefits provided from NorthWestern Energy's \$1 million dollar research project and its partnership with MCPS over the next 5 years. Trustees Kendall and Dugger questioned why the District would not be receiving any energy benefits. Superintendent Thane further detailed the educational benefits and monetary commitment from NorthWestern Energy. The Board was asked to approve a form of the lease and MOU to allow MCPS to affirm their commitment to NorthWestern Energy. A completed lease and MOU will be presented to the Board at a later date. Trustee Lorenzen made a motion for the execution of the lease and MOU to NorthWestern Energy. Trustee Newbold seconded the motion. Trustees Lorenzen, Smith and Dugger provided comment. There was no public comment. All trustees present voted for the motion with the exception of Trustee Dugger. The motion passed.
- iii. **Topic: Approve Property and Liability Insurance 3-Year Commitment to Montana Schools Property and Liability Insurance Plan (MSPLIP):** Pat McHugh provided the background information and noted the benefits of a 3-year commitment that would provide certainty for MCPS budgeting purposes, rate cap of 6% and builder's risk coverage. Trustees Lorenzen, Newbold and Holland posed questions to McHugh regarding MSPLIP's affiliation with OPI or MTSBA; the District's negotiating position; and if this commitment renewal had been done previously. Mr. McHugh responded the program is not affiliated with the entities; a local agent represents the District for negotiating, and this will be the District's second term. Trustee Lorenzen made a motion to approve the 3-year commitment to the Montana Schools Property and Liability Insurance Plan. Trustee Smith seconded the motion. There was no board comment and no public comment. All trustees present passed the motion unanimously.
- iv. **Topic: Authorize Engagement of C.S. Porter Middle School General Contractor/Construction Manager Selection:** Burley McWilliams provided background information. Trustee Newbold asked for an update on the scope of the project. Mr. McWilliams provided the information requested and noted a presentation of the completed design would be presented to the Board later. Trustee Lorenzen made a motion for the selection of the Jackson Contractor Group, Inc. as the GC/CM for C.S. Porter Middle School. Trustee Newbold seconded the motion. There was no board comment and no public comment. All trustees present passed the motion unanimously.

B. PERSONNEL, NEGOTIATIONS & POLICY

- i. **Topic: Approve Personnel Report** – Dave Rott noted some corrections to the report. Trustee Lorenzen inquired if all the principal positions had been filled. Mr. Rott responded that interviews for the Big Sky assistant principal are scheduled. Trustee Lorenzen made a motion to approve the Personnel Report. Trustee Sterbis seconded the motion. There was no board comment and no public comment. All trustees present passed the motion unanimously.

8. **PUBLIC COMMENT** – There was no public comment.

9. **ADJOURN** – Chair Holland adjourned the meeting at 7:13 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.

Tracy Long, Minutes Recorder

Marcia Holland, Board Chair

Pat McHugh, District Clerk