

**BUTTE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 18, 2021**

The Board of Trustees held a Regular Meeting on Monday, October 18, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. via teleconference with Chairperson Ann Boston presiding. Trustees present were Patti Hepola, Tom Billteen, Frank Joseph, Henry Klobucar, Kelly Lee and Quinton Queer. Trustee Susanne Dauenhauer was absent. Also present were Judy Jonart, Superintendent, Therese McClafferty, Director of Human Resource and Kevin Patrick, Director of Business Affairs.

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

WELCOME AND DIRECTIONS FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Item 1 – Regular Board Meeting, September 23, 2021

Trustee Lee made motion to approve, second by Trustee Hepola. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 2 – Special Board Meeting, October 6, 2021

Trustee Hepola made motion to approve, second by Trustee Joseph. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS

Item 3 – Emerson Elementary School Presentation

Brenda Miner, Emerson Elementary School Principal, praised her staff for the tremendous job they are doing. She is grateful for the new nurse and the Pre-K class. She showed three (3) videos of the kids. The students are doing well with masks and minimizing contact. Ms. Miner went over the Dibble scores with the Board. Ann Boston, Board Chair, thanked Ms. Miner for her and the staff's hard work. Trustee Hepola thanked Ms. Miner for the great presentation. Ms. Miner thanked the Board for doing everything they can to keep the kids in school.

Item 5 – Update on Solvent Plume

Judy Jonart, Superintendent, introduced Kevin Stone, Dan Norris, Dana Barnicoat, Charles Partridge, and Chris Wardell. These gentlemen gave an update on the solvent plume believed to originate under Unique Cleaners, on Main Street across from Butte High School.

During Naranche Stadium construction in 2007, the School District's environmental consultant, encountered PCE, commonly used in dry cleaning operations. The consultant reported it to Montana enforcement. Enforcement forwarded the report to the Groundwater remediation department in 2009.

In 2009 PCE was recorded at 12 parts per billion. The enforcement file was closed in 2011.

The Remediation Department prioritized the plume as low risk, based on no drinking water being used in the area. Over the years the Remediation Department requested money from the U.S. EPA to conduct vapor intrusion testing.

In 2017, there was a federal rule change which allowed vapor intrusion to be included in the score.

They will be air sampling at Butte High School Wednesday, October 20 and conducting more extensive sampling next month.

Ms. Jonart asked how long it would take for the results of the initial air samples to be presented back to the Board?

Dr. Partridge said they will request a short turn around.

Ms. Jonart asked if they will be presenting a mitigation plan along with the results.

Dr. Partridge explained they would discuss a mitigation plan if the samples warranted it.

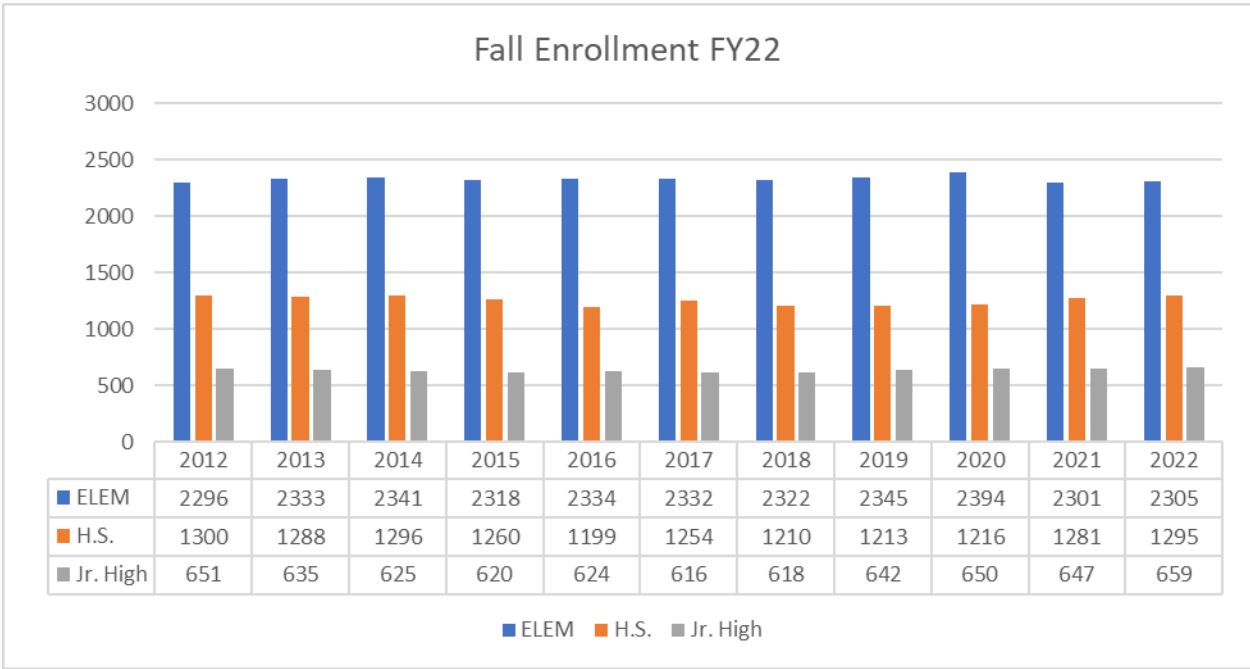
Mr. Barnicoat thanked the Board for their time and encouraged them to contact him with any questions.

Ms. Jonart and Ms. Boston thanked them for their time.

Item 6 – Update on Enrollment

Kevin Patrick, Director of Business Affairs, presented the following to the Board.

FY	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022			FY21-FY20	FY22-FY20	FY22-FY21
ELEM	2296	2333	2341	2318	2334	2332	2345	2394	2301	2305				-93	-89	4
H.S.	1300	1288	1296	1260	1199	1254	1210	1213	1216	1281	1295			65	79	14
Jr. High	651	635	625	620	624	616	618	642	650	647	659			-3	9	12



Judy Jonart, Superintendent, told the Board that the trend of declining elementary numbers is state wide.

Item 7 – First Reading Policy 7400 – Credit/Procurement Card Use

Kevin Patrick, Director of Business Affairs, explained this policy included guidance for P card use.

Item 8 – Board Goals Discussion

Ann Boston, Board Chair, informed the Board that Marci Sheehan, Board Secretary, would send them last years approved goals to prepare for a discussion next month.

Item 9 – First Reading Policy 5122 – Fingerprints and Criminal Background Investigations

Therese McClafferty, Director of Human Resource, explained that a Department of Justice audit recommend these changes to ensure every step in the process is outlined. We have been using Forms 1-4 and are adding Forms 5-10.

Item 10 – First Reading Policy 1420 – School Board Meeting Procedure

Judy Jonart, Superintendent, explained this was a required update to a required policy.

Item 11 – First Reading Policy 2167 – Correspondence Courses

Judy Jonart, Superintendent, explained this policy is being updated due to a newly adopted law regarding the number of credits allowed from correspondence courses.

Item 12 – First Reading Policy 2170/2170P – Digital Academy Classes

Judy Jonart, Superintendent, explained this policy is updated to reflect changes to the State cost sharing plan. If the class is an elective, the fee is passed on to the student. If the class is a requirement, there is no fee to the student.

Item 13 – Public Comment on Items Not on Agenda

None

CONSENT AGENDA

Item 14 – Approval of Payroll, Claims, Expenditure Report, Revenue Reports and Activity Fund Reports

<u>Date</u>	<u>Memo</u>	<u>Reference</u>	<u>Bank Account</u>
<u>8/31/2021</u>	<u>Please transfer from the funds listed below into the CLAIMS CLEARING FUND to cover warrant #7000785187 to warrant # 7000785002</u>	<u>Transfers</u>	
<u>Account</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Debit</u>	<u>Credit</u>
<u>7760.000.1010.00.000</u>	<u>101/ELEMENTARY GENERAL FUND</u>		<u>258,604.70</u>
<u>7760.000.1010.00.000</u>	<u>110/ELEMENTARY TRANSPORTATION FUND</u>		<u>9,286.28</u>
<u>7760.000.1010.00.000</u>	<u>112/SCHOOL FOOD SERVICE FUND</u>		<u>42,360.31</u>
<u>7760.000.1010.00.000</u>	<u>114/ELEMENTARY RETIREMENT FUND</u>		<u>203.85</u>
<u>7760.000.1010.00.000</u>	<u>128/ELEM. TECHNOLOGY FUND</u>		<u>1,858.91</u>
<u>7760.000.1010.00.000</u>	<u>134/INDIAN ED GRANT</u>		<u>1,092.69</u>
<u>7760.000.1010.00.000</u>	<u>138/C SCT</u>		<u>141,490.71</u>
<u>7760.000.1010.00.000</u>	<u>143/RSVP GRT LOCAL FUNDS</u>		<u>1,076.92</u>
<u>7760.000.1010.00.000</u>	<u>149/RSVP</u>		<u>928.65</u>
<u>7760.000.1010.00.000</u>	<u>153/IDEA PART B</u>		<u>1,003.84</u>
<u>7760.000.1010.00.000</u>	<u>160/ELEM BUILDING FUND</u>		<u>731,968.03</u>
<u>7760.000.1010.00.000</u>	<u>161/ELEMENTARY BUILDING RESERVE PERMISSIVE</u>		<u>26,950.00</u>
<u>7760.000.1010.00.000</u>	<u>189/COBRA</u>		<u>11,412.58</u>
<u>7760.000.1010.00.000</u>	<u>187/CLAIMS CLEARING ACCOUNT</u>	<u>1,228,237.47</u>	
<u>7760.000.1010.00.000</u>	<u>201/HIGH SCHOOL GENERAL FUND</u>		<u>205,763.15</u>
<u>7760.000.1010.00.000</u>	<u>210/HIGH SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION FUND</u>		<u>4,573.09</u>
<u>7760.000.1010.00.000</u>	<u>214/HIGH SCHOOL RETIREMENT FUND</u>		<u>100.40</u>
<u>7760.000.1010.00.000</u>	<u>218/H S TRAFFIC EDUCATION FND</u>		<u>736.99</u>
<u>7760.000.1010.00.000</u>	<u>232/ESSER</u>		<u>36,205.49</u>
<u>7760.000.1010.00.000</u>	<u>234/ESSER II</u>		<u>47,315.00</u>
<u>7760.000.1010.00.000</u>	<u>241/TITLE II-A TCHR TRAINING</u>		<u>1,475.00</u>
<u>7760.000.1010.00.000</u>	<u>262/H.S. PERMISSIVE BUILDING RESERVE</u>		<u>13,380.00</u>
<u>7760.000.1010.00.000</u>	<u>284/CO-CURRICULAR</u>		<u>116,049.32</u>
<u>7760.000.1010.00.000</u>	<u>187/CLAIMS CLEARING ACCOUNT</u>	<u>425,598.44</u>	

REIMBURSEMENTS

Letter #5A

MONTH: SEPTEMBER 2021

DATE: October 8, 2021

CLAIMS	ELEMENTARY	HIGH	TOTAL
*****GENERAL FUND*****			
Reimbursement for Montana State Fund OP	\$4,117.71	\$2,028.12	\$6,145.83
Reimbursement for Ecolab Account Cleanup	\$64.88	\$31.95	\$96.83
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$4,182.59	\$2,060.07	\$6,242.66
*****TRANSPORTATION*****			
	NONE		
TRANSPORTATION TOTAL	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
*****FOOD SERVICES*****			
Reimbursement for Ecolab Account Cleanup	\$199.22		\$199.22
FOOD SERVICE TOTAL	\$199.22	\$0.00	\$199.22
*****FEDERALS*****			
	NONE		
FEDERAL TOTAL	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
TOTAL REIMBURSEMENTS	\$4,381.81	\$2,060.07	\$6,441.88

Trustee Hepola made motion to approve, second by Trustee Joseph. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Item 15 – Review and Approval - COVID-19 Emergency Measures – Students, Staff and Community Health and Safety – Policy 1905

Judy Jonart, Superintendent, requested the Board to continue the COVID-19 Emergency Measures. Ms. Jonart appreciates the Board’s willingness to put the safety of students, staff and the community first. She is thrilled to be able to keeps schools open.

Ann Boston, Board Chair, asked if anyone had any questions or would like to speak on this Agenda item.

Ashley Johnson spoke in favor of keeping the mask mandate. There has been increased stress on teachers as they are stretched thin with a shortage of substitutes. It is also rough for kids to catch up if they are sick or quarantined.

Mike Kenison spoke on behalf of the Teachers Union. Mr. Kenison thanked the Board, the Superintendent, the employees and the Health Department for working to keep the students, staff and community safe. Please continue to use science and CDC guidelines when making decisions. This Board has been more proactive than any other in the state.

Gayla Grant spoke against the mask mandate. She has yet to see the science that shows masks work. Kids suffer from wearing masks. Please release all from the mask mandate.

Carlie Peach spoke against the mask mandate. As a parent of a student of West Elementary since kindergarten, she pulled her child out of school. She was not heard or listened and was laughed at by teachers. She works in the medical field this Board and mandate is maddening, disappointing and makes her sick to her stomach

Rose Griner spoke against the mask mandate. She would like to see the science that the Board is using to make decisions. There is no science to back up these claims. We voted you in, we can vote you out.

Shawn Richards spoke in favor of the mask mandate. As a teacher she appreciates it and is very grateful.

Ann Boston, Board Chair, called for any other speakers. Ms. Boston called for more speakers three (3) times.

Trustee Hepola made motion to approve, second by Trustee Klobucar. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 16 – Approval of Flag Football Program for Girls

Chuck Merrifield, Athletic Director, requested approval of a girl's flag football program at Butte High School. The Atlanta Falcons would underwrite the program for three (3) years. Nike would provide uniforms. MHSA would classify it as the same as Spirit Squad, not a competitive sport.

Trustee Hepola made motion to approve, second by Trustee Klobucar.

Trustee Billteen sees this as a great opportunity but wonders what the expectations are regarding:

Moving into a competitive classification; and
Future costs.

Mr. Merrifield said both the Falcons and MHSA will reevaluate and value the success rate.

Trustee Joseph asked when games would be held and would they compete with other schools.

Mr. Merrifield said the season would probably run from August to mid-October and they would compete with other schools.

Motion carried unanimously.

Item 17 – Review and Approval of Memorandum of Understanding with Butte Cares, Inc.

Judy Jonart, Superintendent, requested approval for the annual MOU with Butte Cares, Inc. Butte Cares provides several drug free activities for students throughout the year.

Trustee Joseph made motion to approve, second by Trustee Billteen. Motion carried unanimously.

PERSONNEL

Item 18 – Approval of Personnel Action Report

Therese McClafferty, Director of Human Resource, presented the following PAR for approval.

Butte School District No. 1 Personnel Action Report Board Meeting October 18, 2021

Certified Personnel

Appointment:

Jonna Dallaserra	11/01/21	Temporary 2nd Grade Teacher, Margaret Leary
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Resignation:

Brianne Watts	11/02/21	2nd Grade Teacher, Margaret Leary
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Classified Personnel

Appointment:

Kevin Olsen	11/01/21	Temporary Bus Monitor, Transportation
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Resignation:

Daniel English	10/05/21	Substitute Engineer, District
Kevin Olsen	10/31/21	Substitute Bus Monitor, District

Supplemental Personnel

Appointment:

Joel Arbaugh	10/19/21	Substitute Teacher, District
Katie Blaskovich	10/19/21-06/09/22	Volunteer Elementary Sports Coach
Erin Fogarty	10/19/21	Substitute Teacher, District
Page Grogan	10/19/21	Substitute Teacher, District
Brigid Kane	10/19/21	Substitute Teacher, District
Cortny Kelly	10/19/21-06/09/22	Volunteer Elementary Sports Coach
Tasha Kelly	10/19/21-06/09/22	Volunteer Elementary Sports Coach
Lindsey Kovnesky	10/19/21-06/09/22	Volunteer Elementary Sports Coach
Victoria Morris	10/19/21	Substitute Teacher, District
Jyoti Nagisetty	10/19/21-06/09/22	Coding Club Volunteer, Margaret Leary
Michael Pochervina	10/19/21	Substitute Teacher, District
Kelly Popovich	10/19/21-06/09/22	Volunteer Elementary Sports Coach
Michael Walsh	10/19/21-06/09/22	Volunteer Elementary Sports Coach
Hailee Zahler	10/19/21	Substitute Teacher, District

Non-Renewal

Randy Miller	10/06/21	Boys' & Girls' Basketball Coach, EMS
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Resignation:

Jonna Dallaserra	10/31/21	Substitute Teacher, District
Krystin Mengon-Lee	10/08/21	Girls' Basketball Coach, EMS

Trustee Hepola made motion to approve, second by Trustee Billteen. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the board, Trustee Hepola moved to adjourn, second by Trustee Klobucar, motion carried unanimously. Chairperson Boston adjourned the meeting at 6:21 p.m.

Chairwoman of Board of Trustees

District Clerk
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