

**BUTTE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 20, 2026**

The Board of Trustees held a Regular Board Meeting on Tuesday January 20, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. in the East Middle School Library with Chairperson Ann Boston presiding. Trustees present were Tom Billteen, Patti Hepola, Kelly Lee, Mike Kujawa, Kathy Milodragovich and Henry Klobucar. Trustee Thatcher was absent. Also present were Judy Jonart, Superintendent, Keith Miller, Assistant Superintendent, Karen Alley, Director of Human Resource and Kevin Patrick, Business Director.

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

WELCOME AND DIRECTIONS FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

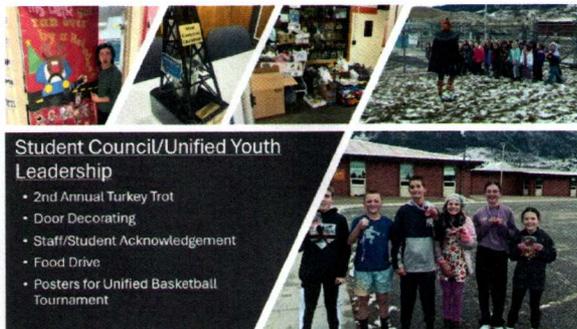
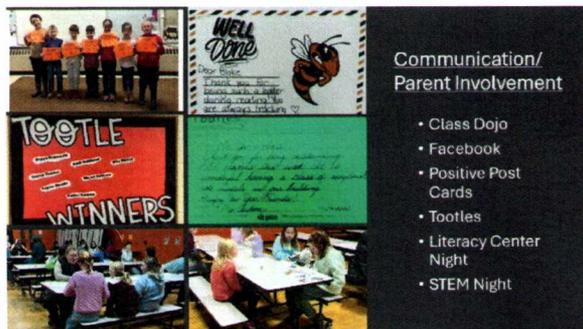
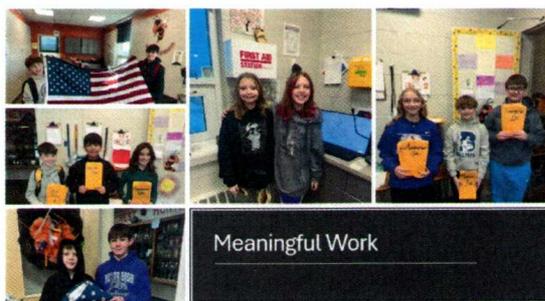
Item 3.1 – Regular Board Meeting Minutes, December 15, 2025

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

COMMUNICATIONS

Item 4.1 – Hillcrest Elementary School Presentation

Kellie Sullivan, Hillcrest Elementary Principal went over her presentation with the Board of Trustees:



Educational Opportunities

- Hall of Fame (14)
- Volleyball
- Cross Country
- Basketball
- STEM Classes
- Hooked on Fishing
- Homework Opportunity

Anti-Bullying/ Social Emotional

- Ms. Birk Newsletter
- Mrs. Ashley Monthly Note
 - Classroom guidance
 - Small groups
 - Individual
 - SOS

Prevention

- 6th Grade Mental Health Screening - RBHI
- Kinder-5th - EIS
- 4th, 5th, & 6th Cyber Bullying & Social Media Safety
- 5th & 6th Grade Vaping Presentation
- 4th-6th Butte Cares and Intermountain Health
 - Physical and Mental Well-Being

PAX at Hillcrest

- Working together to develop our Vision
- 2 PAX Games Daily
 - Classroom & Lunchroom
- PAX Partners mentor/train
 - Model strategies in the classroom for others



Student Needs

- MTSS
 - Revamping data collection process
 - Tracking system
 - Ensure we are recognizing all areas of need
 - Interventions and Enrichment
 - Volunteers, Reading Coach, Amber



Item 4.2 – Butte Backpack Mid-Year Impact Report

Judy Jonart, Superintendent went over the mid-year impact report totals for August through December from the Montana Food Bank Network regarding the Backpack program. Emerson Elementary distributed 313 bags serving 75 students. There were 11 volunteers that were utilized for Emerson. Hillcrest Elementary distributed 24 bags with 3.5 volunteers. Kennedy Elementary distributed 485 bags serving 150 students, with the average number of bags for distribution day was 37. Total volunteer hours were 11.5. West Elementary distributed 1192 bags serving 200 students. The average number of bags for distribution day was 153 and total volunteer hours were 2. Whittier Elementary distributed 942 bags serving 53 students. The

average number of bags for distribution day was 58 with a total number of volunteer hours were 21. Judy stated those are the numbers for are just from August through December and she wanted to point out that this program is a huge piece to help out our students. Thank you to everyone involved in the backpack program, it is making a difference.

Item 4.3 – Technology Levy Presentation

Kevin Patrick, Business Director and Cory Woolverton, Network Manager went over a proposal for an amount to ask the voters for this fall. Kevin stated they took a couple different approaches and looked at what some of the AA levies were for ANB, also looked at our needs as a District. Just a number that we thought might be passable by the public. Cory presented some handouts and stated over the last year we did a massive amount of IT inventory throughout the District, looking at every computer, document camera, wireless access points, network switches, smart boards, projectors, every piece of equipment that our department is responsible for maintaining. Cory explained that Judy, Kevin and Jim O'Neill have done a great job in finding funding for some of the equipment, but some of it is on the older side, so we want to look at replacing the old equipment while trying to also bring more technology to the students. Cory explained that the sheet shows a set of charts from the computer labs at Butte High School, where some of the computers are very old and are about to age out and some are ready to be replaced. He explained there are some on the chart that are not very old, but the goal is to have funds available to start a steady rotation of computers and technology so that they can stay up on it. There is a fair amount of time spent trying to keep things running so it is available for students. Cory explained that the 19 mobile labs at Butte High were purchased in 2020 and with those the batteries start dying along with parts and pieces, so they become harder to maintain. Cory stated that the phone system was put in 10 years ago, so the plan would be to start replacing some of those phones and with the money we could replace parts as needed. Cory stated that wireless access points have a lifespan and their end of life would be in 2029 and he stated the data center is at Butte High School that has 11 servers. Butte High also has 80 projectors where some are really old and would be replaced by viewable projectors or smart boards. Projectors have air filters that can be replaced, which would be better than replacing a broken projector for \$500 to \$2000. Cory would like to get a maintenance plan together for those, the new clock systems and the 49 network switches. Cory stated there is such a huge increase in technology for students and Mrs. Jonart's goal would be for every student to have a computer when we have the funding to do so. Kevin Patrick stated that Butte High has never had a technology levy it has always come out of the general fund, so we have done a great job in all these years. Kevin said in the last couple of years some of the new curriculum requires students to be on computers, so the goal is to get as much technology as possible so they can utilize the curriculum. Kevin stated that the maximum you can run a levy for is 10 years, so the number they have come up with after reviewing all the technology at the high school and all the other schools is \$320,000 per year. Kevin talked about elementary levy and approximately it would be somewhere between \$150,000 to \$200,000 so that is what we also would be asking the taxpayers to approve. Next year will be the last year of the current elementary technology levy, so we may be asking to rerun that levy. We will bring forth a similar chart for that next year so you can view that. Kevin asked the Trustees if they are comfortable to start putting some information together for the \$320,000 levy and they agreed to put the numbers and information out to the public.

Item 4.4 – Education Donation Portal

Kevin Patrick, Business Director stated that he wanted them to know that the portal opens tomorrow at 10:00 a.m. so all school districts in Montana will be logging on to the Department of Revenue to put in for any donations they receive from the innovative tax credits. The cap this year is 7.2 million and the District has received some donations.

Item 4.5 – Election Update

Kevin Patrick, Business Director stated that February 9, 2026 is the deadline to file, election day is May 5th and March 26th is the deadline for the levy amount. Kevin will bring the resolution to the March meeting.

Item 4.6 – Adult Basic Education

Melissa Johnson, Director of Adult Basic Education/Principal of Webster Garfield Complex stated the Adult Education Program is now being taken over by the Department of Labor. OPI has dwindled out after the first year, so now the DOL is who we answer to for our grants and any forward planning. Melissa stated there was a meeting and the big push is going to be integrated educational training. They will still do the High Set and GED program and will still be part of the Adult Basic Ed., but the push will be on job training and work-based learning where they will try to get more programs in our community on training. Right now, we only have the boilers license as one of our IET, but she stated they are going to work with others and see if they can write a plan, which we will mimic to find instructors for those areas. Melissa stated right now they have classes for enjoyment, such as yoga, painting those types of classes, but they are going to see about more on the job training things offered at night for people to benefit in the career aspect of life. Trustee Billteen asked if Melissa sees that this moving to the DOL as a good opportunity. Melissa stated she does because it is more work based.

Item 4.7 – Public Comment on Items Not on Agenda

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

Item 5.1 – Approval of Claims, Budget Transfers, Revenue Reports, Budget vs. Actual Reports, Travel Requests and School Activity Fund Reports (November & December 2025)

12/31/2025		Please transfer from the funds listed below into the PAYROLL CLEARING FUND		Transfers	
Account	Description	Debit	Credit		
7761.000.2120.30.000	101 - ELEM GENERAL FUND	\$1,716,523.90			
7761.000.2120.30.000	110 - ELEM TRANSPORTATION FUND	\$97,424.12			
7761.000.2120.30.000	112 - SCHOOL FOOD SERVICE FUND	\$99,670.58			
7761.000.2120.30.000	113 - ELEM TUITION FUND	\$35,952.58			
7761.000.2120.30.000	114 - ELEM RETIREMENT FUND	\$284,996.92			
7761.000.2120.30.000	117 - ELEM ADULT EDUCATION FUND	\$7,169.85			
7761.000.2120.30.000	119 - MEDICAID	\$28,985.34			
7761.000.2120.30.000	124 - ELEM METAL MINES	\$11,771.69			
7761.000.2120.30.000	131 - TITLE I	\$49,416.27			
7761.000.2120.30.000	141 - TITLE IV, PART A	\$17,361.46			
7761.000.2120.30.000	144 - SCHOOLWIDE	\$38,037.24			
7761.000.2120.30.000	149 - RSVP	\$6,811.86			
7761.000.2120.30.000	153 - IDEA B 47-0840-7711	\$90,720.70			
7761.000.2120.30.000	155 - IDEA PRESCHOOL	\$3,260.85			
7761.000.2120.30.000	162 - 21ST CENTURY	\$12,899.70			
7761.000.2120.30.000	189 - COBRA	\$4,298.09			
7761.000.2120.30.000	186 - PAYROLL CLEARING ACCOUNT		\$2,505,301.15		
7761.000.2120.30.000	201 - H S GENERAL FUND	\$790,486.30			
7761.000.2120.30.000	210 - H S TRANSPORTATION FUND	\$50,395.28			
7761.000.2120.30.000	213 - HS TUITION	\$35,131.71			
7761.000.2120.30.000	214 - H S RETIREMENT FUND	\$131,423.87			
7761.000.2120.30.000	217 - H S ADULT EDUCATION FUND	\$7,383.81			
7761.000.2120.30.000	224 - HS METAL MINE RESERVE	\$27,725.83			
7761.000.2120.30.000	225 - AGGREGATE-INDIRECT COSTS	\$17,258.19			
7761.000.2120.30.000	231 - TITLE I	\$24,179.87			
7761.000.2120.30.000	238 - GRADUATION COACH	\$5,652.56			
7761.000.2120.30.000	241 - TITLE II	\$9,728.00			
7761.000.2120.30.000	248 - ADULT BASIC ED (ABLE)	\$5,331.48			
7761.000.2120.30.000	253 - IDEA B	\$12,033.21			
7761.000.2120.30.000	265 - FACILITY US H.S.	\$383.39			
7761.000.2120.30.000	268 - MT DIGITAL ACADEMY	\$2,102.73			
7761.000.2120.30.000	275 - ACTIVITY BUS SERVICE FUND	\$7,697.20			
7761.000.2120.30.000	282 - INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FUND	\$3,634.13			
7761.000.2120.30.000	284 - HS COCURRICULAR	\$957.18			
7761.000.2120.30.000	186 - PAYROLL CLEARING ACCOUNT		\$1,131,504.74		

12/31/2025		Please transfer from the funds listed below into the CLAIMS CLEARING FUND		Transfers	
Account	Description	Debit	Credit		
7761.000.2120.30.000	101 - ELEMENTARY GENERAL FUND	120,051.82			
7761.000.2120.30.000	110 - ELEMENTARY TRANSPORTATION FUND	15,088.22			
7761.000.2120.30.000	112 - SCHOOL FOOD SERVICE FUND	112,794.65			
7761.000.2120.30.000	113 - ELEM TUITION FUND	71,384.81			
7761.000.2120.30.000	117 - ELEM ADULT EDUCATION FUND	55.21			
7761.000.2120.30.000	119 - MEDICAID	2,017.18			
7761.000.2120.30.000	128 - ELEM TECHNOLOGY FUND	3,549.92			
7761.000.2120.30.000	130 - CHAIN FOOD SUPPLY	3,699.28			
7761.000.2120.30.000	131 - TITLE IA	7,366.74			
7761.000.2120.30.000	135 - BUS BARN UST RELEASE	134,634.83			
7761.000.2120.30.000	138 - CSCT	17,272.40			
7761.000.2120.30.000	142 - TITLE IVA_SSAE	11,184.00			
7761.000.2120.30.000	143 - RSVP GRT LOCAL FUNDS	172.04			
7761.000.2120.30.000	149 - RSVP	273.68			
7761.000.2120.30.000	151 - MT READS	15,730.00			
7761.000.2120.30.000	153 - IDEA B 47-0840-7711	14,587.51			
7761.000.2120.30.000	161 - ELEMENTARY BUILDING RESERVE PERMISSIVE	28,685.00			
7761.000.2120.30.000	184 - ELEM CO-CURR ACTIVITY FUND	2,495.00			
7761.000.2120.30.000	189 - COBRA INSURANCE	48.00			
7761.000.2120.30.000	187 - CLAIMS CLEARING ACCOUNT		561,070.29		
7761.000.2120.30.000	201 - HIGH SCHOOL GENERAL FUND	94,663.46			
7761.000.2120.30.000	210 - H S TRANSPORTATION FUND	7,431.50			
7761.000.2120.30.000	213 - H S TUITION FUND	42,595.90			
7761.000.2120.30.000	230 - HOME ECONOMICS	1,139.13			
7761.000.2120.30.000	231 - TITLE IA	1,455.70			
7761.000.2120.30.000	233 - TECH ED	37.95			
7761.000.2120.30.000	242 - TITLE IVA_SSAE	38,124.40			
7761.000.2120.30.000	245 - CARL PERKINS 47-1212-8111	5,381.95			
7761.000.2120.30.000	248 - ADULT BASIC ED	384.30			
7761.000.2120.30.000	251 - MT READS	3,987.00			
7761.000.2120.30.000	262 - H.S. PERMISSIVE BUILDING RESERVE	33,284.00			
7761.000.2120.30.000	275 - ACTIVITY BUS SERVICE FUND	303.75			
7761.000.2120.30.000	284 - CO-CURR ACTIVITIES FUND	6,534.25			
7761.000.2120.30.000	187 - CLAIMS CLEARING ACCOUNT		235,323.29		

DATE:	1/8/2026	
LETTER:	#3	
RE:	ADJUSTING JOURNAL ENTRIES RECAP December 2025	
TO:	Brandy Gamer Treasurer's Office Butte-Silver Bow County	
FROM:	Kewn Patrick Director of Business Affairs	
<u>PUT INTO THESE FUNDS:</u>		
112	Food Services	\$ 781.25
201	HS General	\$ 16,609.57
214	HS Retirement	\$ 6,231.57
223	HS Metal mines	\$ 43,899.72
231	Title IA	\$ 0.01
248	Adult Basic Ed	\$ 8,342.25
275	Activity Bus Service Fund	\$ 49,439.26
282	Interlocal Agreement	
TOTAL		\$ 125,303.63
<u>TAKE FROM THESE FUNDS:</u>		
101	Elem General	\$ 5,330.51
110	Elem Transportation	\$ 270.34
114	Elem Retirement	\$ 3,454.94
124	Elem Metal Mines	\$ 43,899.72
154	Special Olympics	\$ 373.99
210	HS Transportation	\$ 133.16
217	HS Adult Education	\$ 7,389.88
233	Tech Ed	\$ 172.95
238	Graduation Coach Grant	\$ 0.01
259	AMB Youth Football	\$ 3,624.44
270	JMG	\$ 356.42
271	Mckinney Vento Grant	\$ 22,469.00
284	Co-Curricular	\$ 35,734.55
999	Warehouse	\$ 2,093.72
TOTAL		\$ 125,303.63

NOTE: A complete and detailed listing of the Payroll and Claims Warrants, Budget Transfers and Revenue Reports is on file in the Clerk’s Office and by the reference is made part of these minutes.

- **Student Activity Fund Report from Butte High School (December 2025)**
- **Student Activity Fund Report from East Middle School (December 2025)**

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

PERSONNEL

Item 6.1 – Approval of PAR I, January 20, 2026

Karen Alley, Human Resource Director, presented the following Amended PAR I for approval.

**Butte School District No. 1
Personnel Action Report I
Regular Board Meeting January 20, 2026**

Certified Personnel

*Pending a successful background check.

Appointment:

Keith Miller

7/1/2026

Superintendent, District

Resignation:

Keith Miller	6/30/2026	Assistant Superintendent, District
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Retirement:

Karen Alley	6/30/2026	Human Resources Director, District
Judy Jonart	6/30/2026	Superintendent, District
John Metz	3/31/2026	Principal, BHS

Leave of Absence:

Jonna Dallaserra	1/27/26-2/20/26	1st Grade Teacher, Hillcrest
Desiree LaMiaux	5/11/26-6/8/26	1st Grade Teacher, Margaret Leary
Kaitlyn Sessions	2/23/26-6/5/26	5th Grade Teacher, Hillcrest

Classified Personnel**Appointment:**

Jorie Bargmann	1/21/2026	Substitute Cleaner, District
Amoreena Bercier	1/14/2026	Playground Monitor, District
Alycia Buerger	1/21/2026	Substitute Food Service, District
Sonja Christiaens-Ellingson	1/21/2026	Cleaner, BHS
Gannon Sullivan	1/21/2026	Substitute Student Cleaner, District

Resignation:

Cynthia Bigbee	1/5/2026	Classroom Monitor, District
Kaylie Bigrigg	12/31/2025	ParaProfessional, District
Alycia Buerger	1/9/2026	Food Service, BHS
Jordan Clairmont	12/22/2025	Cleaner, Emerson
Susan Hankinson	1/23/2026	Substitute Food Service, District
Mary Williamson	1/5/2026	ParaProfessional, District

Inactive Removal:

Marilyn Malesich	12/22/2025	Substitute Food Service, District
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Leave of Absence:

Colette Critelli	3/11/26-4/1/26	District Receptionist, District
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Supplemental Personnel**Appointment:**

Cynthia Bigbee	1/5/2026	Substitute Teacher, District
Peggy Clements	1/21/2026	Substitute Teacher, District
Jacob Herron	1/26/26-4/3/26	Volunteer Girls' Basketball Coach, West
Caleb Lockyer	1/21/2026	Wrestling Coach, EMS
Paul Miranda*	1/21/2026	Head Tennis Coach, BHS
Mara Osborne	1/5/2026	Girls' Basketball Coach, EMS
Joseph Scheller	1/21/2026	Substitute Teacher, District

Mike Schrapps	1/26/26-4/3/26	Volunteer Girls' Basketball Coach, Whittier
Zoe Sullivan	1/21/2026	Assistant Tennis Coach, BHS
Katie Whitaker	1/26/26-4/3/26	Volunteer Girls' Basketball Coach, Whittier

Resignation:

Jake Evans	12/30/2025	Girls' Basketball Coach, EMS
Amie Henningsen	1/14/2026	Co-Assistant Softball Coach, BHS
Lily Sullivan	12/30/2025	Substitute Teacher, District
Taryn Yelenich	1/12/2026	Assistant Tennis Coach, BHS

Inactive Removal:

John Butorovich	1/12/2026	Substitute Teacher, District
Matthew Heer	12/30/2025	Substitute Teacher, District
Robin Mantell	12/30/2025	Substitute Teacher, District
Pamela Monsen	12/30/2025	Substitute Teacher, District
Vickie Olsen	12/30/2025	Substitute Teacher, District
Kaysi Rickard	12/30/2025	Substitute Teacher, District
Leah Rintala	12/30/2025	Substitute Teacher, District

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

Item 6.2 – Approval of PAR II, January 20, 2026

Karen Alley, Human Resource Director, presented the following Amended PAR II for approval.

**Butte School District No. 1
Personnel Action Report II
Regular Board Meeting January 20, 2026**

Classified Personnel**Termination:**

Donald LaFromboise	12/31/2025	Cleaner, District
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Trustee Kujawa made motion to approve, second by Trustee Milodragovich. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 6.3 – Approval of the Contract for the DPHSS Air Quality Testing Coordinator, DEQ Lead in Schools Program Director and Emergency Call Out Services

Karen Alley, Human Resource Director is requesting approval of the contract for Jeremy Whitlock for DPHSS Air Quality Testing Coordinator, DEQ Lead in Schools Program Director and Emergency Call Out Services.

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

Item 6.4 – Approval to Amend the Superintendent’s Contract

Karen Alley, Human Resource Director is requesting approval of the proposed changes to the Superintendent’s contract as noted.

Trustee Kujawa made motion to approve, second by Trustee Milodragovich. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS ITEMS

Item 7.1 – Approval to Hire After School Teachers

Judy Jonart, Superintendent is requesting approval to hire after school teachers for a total of 6 hours per week at the Hillcrest Elementary. This will be paid out of Title 4 funds. Judy stated Hillcrest does not have the ROCKIES program, so this is to provide extended learning time for the students.

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

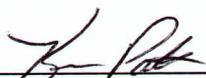
Item 7.2 – Approval of the Bid for the Butte High School Bleacher Replacement

Jeremy Whitlock, Director of Facilities, Maintenance and Transportation is requesting approval of the bid for the Butte High bleachers. Jeremy stated they had three bids that were submitted for the project and opened on December 3rd. The lowest bid was from Montana School Equipment, which is based out of Great Falls and were the company that installed the original bleachers. Their bid was \$424,650. The other two bids were from Langlas and Associates for \$432,318 and Tutt Construction for \$454,000. Jeremy stated that it should be noted that there is a \$25,000 contingency that is built into the bid, so if there are not issues that money would not be paid out.

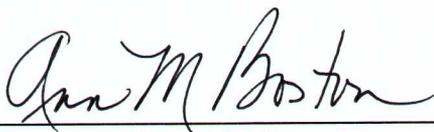
Trustee Billteen made motion to approve, second by Trustee Klobucar. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Trustee Hepola moved to adjourn, second by Trustee Kujawa. Motion carried unanimously. Chairperson Boston adjourned the meeting at 5:50 p.m.



 District Clerk/
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 Chairwoman of Board of Trustees