

**SUNBURST SCHOOL DISTRICT #2
REGULAR MEETING**

BOARD MINUTES

December 10, 2024

- 1) **CALL TO ORDER:** The Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order at 7:00pm by Vice-Chair Marlena McAlpine with the *pledge to our flag*. The School District No. 2. Trustees present to constitute a quorum were:

*Marcia Manthey, Chairman - absent
Lyle Benjamin, Trustee - present
Jonette Johannsen, present*

*Marlena McAlpine, Vice-Chairman - present
Teresa Berthelote, Trustee - present*

Guests and staff in attendance were:

*Tyler Bucklin, Superintendent
Dan Nau, Business Manager*

District Staff – See attached list

2) **NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY INDUCTION**

Discussion

Four new NTCHS students were sworn into the National Honors Society. Mrs. Taylor, NHS advisor, started the induction ceremony. Current members Ali Nau and Ella Samsal read over the qualifications for being in NHS. Junior Michael Miller, Sophomore Vince Taylor, Sophomore Elonzo Benjamin, and Sophomore Colter Sandon were officially sworn in as the newest members of the North Toole County High School National Honors Society.

3) **STUDENT OF THE MONTH**

Discussion

Abigail Myzie was recognized as the Elementary Student of the Month. Hailey Carroll was recognized as the Middle School Student of the Month. Devon Hutton was recognized as the NTCHS Student of the Month. Mr. Bucklin read the individual students' nominations. No students were present to be recognized.

4) **CONSENT AGENDA**

Action 1

Consent Agenda

- a. Consideration to approve minutes from the October 10, 2024 Regular Board.
- b. Consideration to approve Warrants, Payroll, & Warrants to Void since the last regular meeting
- c. *Consideration to approve Athletic Extra-Curricular Hiring for 2024-25*
Tony Fleisher – Head HS Golf Coach
Shayle Ehlers – Head HS Track Coach
Darcy Fairhurst – Head JH Track Coach
Ulan Omdahl – Assistant JH Track Coach
Ulan Omdahl – Assistant Science Coach
Steve Habets – Volunteer Science Coach
Jacob Alborano – Volunteer Science Coach
Katie Hout – Volunteer Custodial Worker

Dan directed the board to the October and November summary expenditure reports. The reports reflect all P-card transactions for October and November, claim checks 30281-30309, payroll checks 40190-40201, as well as all payroll electronic transactions.

Teresa made the motion to accept the consent agenda. Jonette seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

5) **PUBLIC COMMENTS ABOUT ITEMS THAT ARE NOT ON THE AGENDA**

There was no public comment.

6) **BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT:** (see attached report)

Dan reviewed his report.

7) **TRANSPORTATION:**

Ulan reviewed his report.

8) **TECHNOLOGY DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** (see attached report)

Dan reviewed his report.

9) **ATHLETIC DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** (see attached report)

Jeff reviewed his report. Jeff noted that there were some teams that moved divisions such as Box Elder and Centerville to 8 man and Shelby to 11 man. Jeff noted that most C schools are in favor of the rule change we are proposing, but he is unsure of how it will go at the annual MHSA meeting. Jeff will have the results in February. Jeff stated they are trying to currently figure out how to re-district the northern division (2 or 3 divisions and how to divide, etc.). Athletic directors from each school will be meeting to decide prior to January 6, 2025.

10) **ELEMENTARY LEAD TEACHER REPORT:** (see attached report)

Shannon reviewed his report. He noted that they added two new students.

11) **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:** (see attached report)

Tyler reviewed his report.

12) **NEW/OLD BUSINESS**

a. **Consideration to approve Out of District Contracts**

Action 2

Mr. Bucklin made the recommendation to approve three potential new students from Shelby: December 1, December 2, and December 3. Jonette made the motion and Lyle seconded the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Next Regular Board Meeting — **January 14, 2025 at 7:00 PM**

13) **ADJOURN**

Action 3

Lyle moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:53pm. Jonette seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.



BOARD CHAIRPERSON



BUSINESS MANAGER

DATE: 1-14-25

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Business Manager Report –December 10, 2024
Dan Nau

We are doing well financially as a district. The challenging aspect of this position is that we are spending money before we receive our revenue. We can easily track our expenditures and make projections, but we are always working with unknowns.

We have had a lot of new reporting requirements due to legislative changes that are taking effect as well as the continued requirements from the Montana Office of Public Instruction. We also have many unknowns such as how the billing for HB203 will occur, etc.

We are hearing about some promising new funding that may be coming with the upcoming legislative session. This funding has specific requirements. After negotiations are complete, we will hopefully be in a place to access this funding.

I am still learning this new position and will be for quite some time. MASBO (Montana Association of School Business Officials) states that it takes, at minimum, 5 years before individuals truly have reasonable proficiency at this position. There are many caveats that I continue to learn and figure out daily.

Transportation Report
12/10/24

All the routes are going well.

The Camera is all done in the new red van and working.

Sweetgrass Bus lost the Carrier Bearing. Has been fixed and is running again.

Webasto is down in the Kevin bus. It doesn't affect drivability.

I contacted Monte to schedule a time to do Inspections over the Christmas break.

School Board Technology Report December 10, 2024

Technology:

- The new Verkada Intercoms have been installed and are working well. We have a few tweaks to make to ensure that all systems work properly at both the high school shop as well as the bus barn, but we anticipate having those corrected very soon. Overall, these door entry systems are a huge upgrade and bring usability and better functionality as well as much improved safety.
- We continue to try and make steady improvements to our overall technology offerings at Sunburst Schools. Some recent upgrades include the installation of a new TV in the elementary art/science room as well as a new large TV in the 1st grade room.
- Technology is working well to support the learning for our students and staff at Sunburst Schools.

AD December Report
Jeff Nix

HS Track Head Coach – Shayle Ehlers
HS Track Assistant & Volunteers – (February will announce)
HS Head Golf Coach – Tony Fleisher

JH Track Head Coach – Darcy Fairhurst
JH Track Assistant – Ulan Omdahl

Basketball Notes:

- 16 boys – 12 girls
- Valier HS girls will not have a HS basketball team again – Coop with Conrad
- Augusta will have a Varsity boys' team this season

Class C Division Realignment:

Northern C: Dodson (moved to Southern: W/GR, H-M, R/W, DGSG)

Northern C will realign districts into Two or Three districts @ January meeting

I have submitted the following to MHSA for January Annual meeting change to the by laws:

By - Laws

Article II Requirements for Eligibility for Participation in an Association Contest
Section 5.1 STUDENTS BELOW NINTH GRADE

f. All eighth-grade students participating in a high school contest must adhere to all other MHSA rules and guidelines. Committed to a contest at the high school level, the eighth grade student may not also participate in that same sport at a level under high school concurrently

Rationale: It is illogical that eighth graders are permitted to engage in different sports concurrently (ex. junior high basketball and high school volleyball), yet are prohibited from participating in the same sport at the same time (ex. high school volleyball and junior high volleyball).

Elementary Lead Teacher December Board Report-12/10/24

By: Shannon Dunk
(Elementary Lead Teacher)

- JH Year End BB Tournament was held November 18-22 in Cascade for the Girls and in Power/Dutton Brady for the Boys. The Boys lost out on Tuesday the 19th to Cascade. The Girls won their first game against Augusta on Monday the 18th.
- 4th Grade Class took a Field Trip to the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center on Wednesday, November 20th. They were engaged in some fun activities at the Interpretive Center and then went ice skating before heading back. A good time was had by all.
- 5th/6th Grade Classes went Bowling in Shelby on November 14th to Coyote Lanes. This was for students that were eligible at the end of the first quarter of school. It was part of the incentive program. There were 12 total students, myself, Mrs. Bloch and Mrs. Chilton that went on the trip. The students bowled into the 3rd game before we had to head back to school. This was a fun event for these students and a great opportunity to bowl for those that don't get to bowl very often.
- The 5th/6th Grade Classes took a Field Trip to Great Falls on Tuesday, November 26th to the Star Base Lab where they were engaged in many hands-on activities.
- No School November 27th-29th Due to the Thanksgiving Break. School resumed on Monday, December 2nd.
- December 2nd, The 4th Grade Class & the HS FCS Class took a Big Buddy/Little Buddy Field Trip to the Marias Museum in Shelby. They delivered gingerbread houses and cookies for the competition and toured the museum.
- Hour Code Week December 2nd-6th.
- 2nd Quarter Midterm on Friday, December 6th.
- Vision Screening for K-12. Thanks to our Local Lions Club for coming in and doing this service for our school district.

SUNBURST SCHOOL DISTRICT

Superintendent Report to the Board

11-12-24/12-10-24

Facilities

Billman's has replaced the girls locker room flooring and is going to begin working on the walkway in the gymnasium this week. We think this will be a huge improvement for the gymnasium. We have also bought a new scorers table.

Trane has been up a few times to fine tune the boilers and to fix some existing problems. The cage area is still a concern and may be until next summer. If we get a nice opening of weather we may be able to get it fixed before it really gets cold.

K12 Montana has installed the new Verkada door systems in the school. We are excited to see how they work. The initial thought is that they are going to be far superior to the Door Birds that we were using before.

I would like to thank Steve Sirois for donating one of his CNC machines to the school. This is a wonderful donation and one that our kids will be able to utilize.

Enrollment

High School - 39 Junior High - 26 Elementary - 59

		9-10	10-8	11-12	12-10	1-14	2-11	3-11	4-8	5-13
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1		6	5	5	5					
2		11	11	11	12					
3		7	7	7	7					
4		10	9	9	10					
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8		15	16	16	16					
9		7	9	9	9					
10		10	10	10	10					

11		14	13	12	12					
12		7	7	8	8					
Total		119	122	122	124					

Negotiations

Negotiations have been going well and the STO has accepted most of the board's offers. I will explain more during the board meeting to give the rest of the board an idea of what has been negotiated. Lyle and Marlena will also be able to report on this.

Extracurricular and Student Activities

- High School Basketball
 - Practice Begins 11/12
 - @ Choteau 12/7
 - @ North Star/CJI Tourney 12/13-14
 - PDB (H) 12/19
 - @ Cascade 12/21
 - @ Heart Butte 1/3
 - Simms (H) 1/4
- 2nd Quarter Midterm 12/6
- JH/HS Christmas Concert 12/12

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