

SUNBURST SCHOOL DISTRICT #2
REGULAR MEETING

BOARD MINUTES

May 13, 2025

- 1) **CALL TO ORDER:** The Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order at 7:00pm by Chair Marcia Manthey with the *pledge to our flag*. The School District No. 2. Trustees present to constitute a quorum were:
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| <i>Marcia Manthey, Chairman - present</i> | <i>Marlena McAlpine, Vice-Chairman - present</i> |
| <i>Lyle Benjamin, Trustee - present</i> | <i>Teresa Berthelote, Trustee - present</i> |
| <i>Andrew Stevens, Trustee - present</i> | |
- Guests and staff in attendance were:
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| <i>Tyler Bucklin, Superintendent</i> | <i>District Staff – See attached list</i> |
| <i>Dan Nau, Business Manager</i> | |
- 2) **STUDENT OF THE MONTH RECOGNITION**
The school board was pleased to recognize the April students of the Month from Sunburst Schools. The NCHS winner was Virgil Manthey. The winner from Sunburst Junior High was Colette Bucklin. The board congratulated the students and acknowledged their great work at Sunburst Schools. A picture was taken with the board and the students of the month that were in attendance.
- 3) **REORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD**
- a) Administer Oath of Office to Andrew Stevens
Dan noted that Andrew was duly elected by acclamation to fill the office of trustee for a 3-year term. He then swore him in with the oath of office.
 - b) Reorganization of Board of Trustees
 - i.) Election of Chairman **Action 1**
Dan asked for nominations for board chairperson. Maria Manthey was nominated as chairperson by Marlena. Lyle seconded the motion. Marcia accepted the nomination and there were no other nominations. All voted in favor of the nomination and the motion carried unanimously. After being selected as chair, Marcia took over the meeting.
 - ii.) Election of Vice-Chairman **Action 2**
Marcia asked for nominations for vice-chair. Marlena McAlpine was nominated as vice-chair of the board by Teresa. Lyle seconded the motion. Marlena accepted the nomination and there were no other nominations. All voted in favor of the nomination and the motion carried unanimously.
 - iii.) Consideration to appoint District Clerk **Action 3**
Marcia asked the board to appoint a clerk for the board. Lyle moved to appoint Dan Nau as the District Clerk to serve the Board of Trustees. Teresa seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- 4) **AGENDA** **Action 4**
Consent Agenda
- a. Consideration to approve minutes from the April 8, 2025 Regular Board Meeting and the April 24, 2025 Special Board Meeting.
 - b. Consideration to approve Warrants, Payroll, & Warrants to Void since the last regular meeting
 - c. Athletic Extra-curricular Hiring for 2025-26
 - *Alex Aschim – JH Science Advisor
 - *Alex Aschim – Co-Student Council Advisors
 - *Kaitlyn Nagy – Co-Student Council Advisors

Dan directed the board to the April summary expenditure reports. The reports reflect all P-card transactions for April, claim checks 30380-30393, payroll checks 40223-40227, no voided checks, as well as all payroll electronic transactions.

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

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

Kelsey Buckley wanted to speak during public comment. She handed out information to the board of trustees. She talked about what teachers are and should be. She talked about the impact and importance teachers have on the lives of students. As a parent, she feels her children have shown willingness and diligence. She feels no one is above their actions and all should be held accountable. She stated the mission statement wasn't being followed by teachers. She stated that we need to have trust and should put students first.

Marcia then wanted to thank the community for their support during this difficult and challenging year and wished everyone a great summer.

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

Dan reviewed his report.

7) **TRANSPORTATION:** (see attached report)

Ulan reviewed his report.

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

Dan reviewed his report.

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

Tyler is going to review Jeff's report as part of his superintendent report.

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

Shannon reviewed his report. The spring concert will now be on Tuesday, May 20, 2025 at 2pm.

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

Tyler reviewed his report and Jeff's report. He noted that we do have an application for HS volleyball. He noted that Shayle Ehlers turned in a letter of resignation to him after the agenda went out. Thus, we now have four open positions. He hopes to bring recommendations to fill these positions to the board in June. He detailed the Trane bids came in for the elementary and high school potential projects and noted that things have been much better overall with heat during this past winter. We may have a surplus sale in August to get rid of lockers and excess equipment.

12) **NEW/OLD BUSINESS**

a. **Consideration to approve out of district contracts**

Action 5

There were none.

b. **Consideration to hire Jonette Johannsen as a summer custodial employee**

Action 6

Supt. Bucklin recommended that we hire Jonette as a summer custodial employee. Teresa made the motion. Andrew seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

c. **Consideration to approve the K12 Montana Contract for 2025-2026**

Action 7

Supt. Bucklin and Dan recommended that the board approve the recommended contract. They provide all of our tech support and are our insurance policy if we have any major tech issues. Lyle made the motion to approve the K12 Montana Contract. Marlena seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

d. **Consideration to continue with the lead teacher position for the 2025-2026 school year**

Action 8

Marcia noted that two years ago we moved from having a full-time administrator at the elementary school and chose to go with a lead teacher position. She felt that the board has had little feedback over the two years, but we have heard a few things recently and she felt it should be on the agenda to receive more feedback. This is only about the position. This has nothing to do with the person in the position. We aren't here for a bash session. Please be respectful. If you begin to talk about the person, she will cut them off. Linda Clark was the first person to speak and stated her concerns for having staff and policy and procedure in place to give our students a great education. Sunburst Schools has always been a great place and she wants it to stay that way. Larissa Fenger expressed her concern with a lack of discipline from the lead teacher position. It seems to be inconsistent. She had concerns over how the learning environment has impacted the school. She asked about emailing the board notes from her kids' therapist. The next speaker was Caitlyn Roark. She felt it was in their best interest to have an administrator rather than a lead teacher. She felt that the learning environment has been more hostile and that

it has been detrimental to students. We need someone competent and qualified preferably with a principal endorsement in the building to provide for a safe and healthy learning environment where students feel good going to school. Deb Brandon spoke about being a teacher for 30 years. She stated that it would be great to have an administrator, but financially it doesn't make sense. It is important to have a lead teacher so it does not take away from student learning. She feels a lead teacher position is very important. Kelsey Buckley does not disagree with the lead teacher role. She feels there should be more accountability and communication. Disciplinary actions have been inappropriate and little issues have become huge issues. An adult should not tell kids to go home and not communicate with their parents. Doing so is inappropriate. The lead teacher position, while well intended, requires the proper qualifications and needs to be more closely related to a principal if they decide to continue in the role. Disciplinary actions should not be given by that position. Sonya McClean spoke next. She expressed her concern that situations have not been handled well. The lead teacher position has made her son uncomfortable. She feels a lead teacher should be an administrator with an endorsement and someone that knows how to handle small situations rather than making them large issues. Kim Bloch spoke next to address the board. She noted that the lead teacher performs many tasks that support teachers and students more than are known. She highlighted MCT, town clean up, programs, field day, etc. They support teachers so that teachers can provide the lessons that engage students. Creating student groups, scheduling, and supporting by filling in during sub shortages, lunch duties, recess duties, bus duty, shoveling snow, etc. are things that happen but my go unnoticed. There are many things that Dan did and he left big shoes to fill. The lead teacher position is here to provide support to teachers, paras, etc. Teachers cannot do our jobs at the elementary without assistance. Everyone works more than their contracted hours. If more is put on staff, something has to give and she doesn't want it to be the excellent lessons that are provided. Kim noted that the student handbook deals with most of the issues that have arisen. She feels the lead teacher should have the opportunity and authority to enforce all items. Without a principal, the lead teacher is important to the functioning of the school to provide the learning that is deserved by students. Crystal McAlpine spoke next. She spoke about how her son loves school and loves his support staff. We are lacking in numbers and bodies for a position. The more we pull our staff the less effective we will be and this will negatively impact our students. We need to come together as a community and understand that this has been a challenging year. Everyone has struggled and we need to do better as parents to support the people that are trying to support our children. It is not OK to bully faculty – we should be better than this. Janna Tomsehck spoke next. She echoed what Kim said. She noted the importance of a lead teacher in case of emergency situations as well. Having a leadership role to explain what is happening and communicate is absolutely necessary. Besides just student and staff functions, a leadership position in both buildings is absolutely necessary. Sally Aschim was the next speaker. She noted that we have quality teachers and families in Montana. We are fortunate. She stated that we need an authority figure in each building. Kids do not get sent that often to the office. Having someone there helps when issues occur and other students are not able to learn. Having someone to help handle the situation is absolutely necessary. Marcia thanked the folks for coming. They made their decision a few years ago and she is feeling more compassionate now compared to a few years ago as there was not a lot of opposition a few years ago and she wanted it on the agenda to hear feedback from the community. She doesn't feel there is any action that will occur, but we may need to think further about this in a month or so. Marcia thanked everyone for coming and supporting the school. As the board tries to get feedback, she is glad to hear something rather than it is fine. Lyle echoed Marcia's comments and felt the feedback was necessary. He encouraged folks to contact board members. He welcomes constructive comments so they can better understand what is happening in the school and the community. We are here to serve the public and we appreciate the feedback and input. We want the very best out of Sunburst Schools and we have an excellent staff. We have had some incredible student results across the spectrum from all kinds of students. Some kids that may be falling through some cracks are being pulled up. We have a good thing that we do not want to break. Sunburst is a great community and a great school. Deb Brandon said she was confused because she doesn't understand why it would be pushed down the road rather than dealt with at the time. Marcia stated she was uncertain about a decision from the board. Phil Aschim was the next person to speak. He asked about the legalities concerning the lead teacher contract. As far as the contract, Marcia stated that she could not answer the legality question. The intention was to choose whether to move forward with the lead teacher position or go to an administrator role. She thanked folks for being compassionate and civil. She does not know the legalities of the lead teacher role. Supt. Bucklin stated that the contracts that have been given are under duties assigned and they can never make anything less. Supt. Bucklin explained the role. Phil stated that the board made a good decision and felt the lead teacher was the way to go both financially and for the purpose needed. Phil stated that not going down to the office or getting in trouble may also be the remedy to alleviate the issue or concern about discipline.

Kris Ryan spoke next as a HS teacher. She stated that having Mr. Bucklin having to handle both buildings is not going to help at the HS. It is super helpful to have a second person in command to help when a tough decision has to be made. Whether it is a lock down or a weather situation, we need someone to help lead and make decisions. Chelsea Taylor spoke next and stated that we all value our school. She noted a few years ago she was strongly opposed to doing away with the principal position and that it would diminish our school in many ways. Saving money by eliminating positions does not make sense. We need to invest in our staff and insist that they be a highly qualified staff member. She wants highly qualified folks in all positions because they add to the value of Sunburst Schools. Our enrollment is shrinking, but we need to continue to invest in our staff and draw folks to Sunburst to make our school the best place it could be. Bob Pace spoke next and stated how he loved this place. He stated how important teachers are. Teachers care about students. They care deeply. Principals, superintendents, and everyone in education cares deeply. Education starts at home. Discipline and morals start at home. Teachers and the staff need support. We are friends and neighbors. We need to get it together and keep it going because he loves it here. Caitlin Roark stated that she wants teachers and folks to have adequate endorsements. If her son is sent to the office, there should be consequences. She feels more training and skills to deal with difficult behavior are necessary. Behaviors are not getting easier. Discipline starts at home. We have good kids. Small infractions need to be kept small and we need people in positions that can handle it. Whether policy or mentorship or more modeling, we need more from the position. The lead teacher is a part time position and we either need it to be full time or we need a full-time principal/admin. They need the proper qualifications and endorsements to deal with issues. Teresa stated that she appreciated feedback and the civil discourse. She appreciated the excellent school system that we have. As a board member, we appreciate getting a variety of perspectives. Teresa felt like she needed a minute to process the information. Marlena echoed having everyone come out to share their opinions. Please call us if you have concerns. She felt she needed a minute to process the information. Marcia recommended tabling the issue to the next meeting before deciding. She encourages folks to contact them. Dana Pace thanked the board members. Marlena made the motion to table the consideration about the lead teacher position until the next meeting Andrew seconded the motion. The board voted unanimously to table the meeting.

Next Regular Board Meeting — **June 10, 2025 at 7:00 PM**

13) ADJOURN

Action 9

Lyle moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:19pm. Marlena seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Marcia Martley
BOARD CHAIRPERSON

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BUSINESS MANAGER

DATE: 6/24/25

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Business Manager Report –May 13, 2025
Dan Nau

We have been utilizing Amtrust for our workers compensation insurance, but I received a bid from the Montana State Fund that is cheaper and also pays dividends. They work closely with our other insurance carrier, Montana Property and Liability Insurance Program. Mr. Bucklin and I will discuss this and potentially bring this new option to the June board meeting.

We are currently ending our insurance open enrollment. Again, our MUST major health care insurance rates went up 8.3% while our Guardian vision/dental insurance rates were unchanged.

This is one of the busier times of year with multiple payrolls this month as well as many end of the year paperwork requirements from the state of Montana.

Transportation Report
5/13/25

All the routes are going well.

The old Kevin Bus is back from Cut Bank and running well. It will be our backup bus.

The new cruiser had an issue with an emergency exit. It is solved for now. Ill bring it in at the end of the school year to be fixed properly.

The old cruiser is having an issue. Im not sure what it is. Ill bring that one in too to see if they can figure it out.

The old red van is getting closer to being finished.

Everyone that wanted to go to the MAPT conference is registered.

School Board Technology Report May 13, 2025

Technology:

- The new Verkada cameras have arrived. They will be installed over the summer. This will be a tremendous upgrade to our camera system.
- New touchscreen Chromebooks have been deployed to the Kindergarten, 1st grade, and 2nd grade classrooms. Having a touchscreen interface is optimal for our younger students.
- Overall, the technology at Sunburst Schools continues to enhance our students and staff's ability to learn and teach effectively.

The search for HS/JH Volleyball coach candidates continues

Golf and track will be wrapping up their seasons in the next two weeks. For those students who advance, State Track is in Missoula and State Golf is in Sidney

MHSA Executive Board Decisions (April Meeting):

- Approved contract with GoFan for MHSA events (both ticketing & NFHS Network), schools do not have to use it but recommended to.
- 5 year fundamentals of coaching requirement was removed to only completion once. Online education renewals will be required instead

May 2025 Elementary Lead Teacher Board Report

- MCT was here the week of April 7-11th. "Rumpelstiltskin" was presented this year w/ many K-5 students taking part in the performance. (2 Performances on the 11th).
- The 4th grade had two afternoon's in April where they had a couple of guest speakers from the Toole County Conservation Board meet w/ the class and do bread baking activities. (April 16th & April 23rd).
- Easter Break from Friday, April 18th-22nd. No School.
- 5th Grade Puberty Talk- April 25th (Mark Kearns talked with the Boys & Blair Tomsheck from the Toole County Health Department was here for the Girls).
- 3rd Grade Class & Miss Aschim went to Great Falls on a Field Trip to Giant Springs Fish Hatchery on April 30th.
- May 1st Preschool Screening from 9am-Noon (11 Preschoolers showed up). Thanks to Miss Lori, Mrs. Nau, Mrs. Farbo, Mrs. VandenAcre & the rest of the crew who helped w/ this annual event.
- K-6 Field Day @ the Elementary School (Beautiful Day & Lots of Sun!) Thanks to all of the people who helped with it: Willie W (starter), Mr. Nau (Marshall/Lane Assignments), Mrs. Robins (Finish Line), Mrs. Stevens & Mrs. Bergstrom (Softball Throw), Mrs. Ehlers (Long Jump), Mrs. Dunk & Mrs. Brandon (Ribbon Booth) & to all of the HS students who helped with timing, measuring, etc. Thanks to the staff & teachers for helping make this a success.
- PIR Day - May 5th No School for Students. Teachers worked in their classrooms on curriculum.
- Friday, May 9th 3rd/4th Ag Day & K-6 Bike Rodeo (Toole County Health Dept).
- Spring Benchmarking is taking place for the last time this school year.
- Elementary Spring Music Concert May 13th @ the Elementary Gym. Thanks to Mrs. Tharp for leading and organizing this event. The event took place at 2 pm.
- Lots of upcoming events and happenings the rest of May (Includes several class field trips, K-11 Town cleanup, End of Year Awards Ceremony).
- K-6 Enrollment as of Tuesday, May 6th = 57 students

SUNBURST SCHOOL DISTRICT

Superintendent Report to the Board

5-13-25

Summary

We currently have three teaching positions that need to be filled. Music, Special Education, and a part time Library position. I have had letters of interest in these positions. I would like to wait until June to make any final decisions on these positions to see if anyone else applies for them. I am confident that the people that have expressed interest in these open positions would do a great job, but I would still like to allow for more time to see if any more applications open up.

The facilities are in great shape and only improving. I am recommending that after Jonette steps down from the board that she be hired on as summer custodial help.

Trane has submitted the bids for the headers and controls for the elementary. We will have these bids on the agenda for consideration. Overall the junior high and high school has worked well this year. Trane continues to solve problems so that in the future we can rely less and less on them.

Some of the major summer projects that we have lined up for this year include: tinning the caboose and concession stand on the football field, removing the rest of the old lockers from the high school, and all of the other yearly maintenance that we perform on both buildings.

Enrollment

High School - 36 Junior High - 23 Elementary - 57

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

8		15	16	16	16	16	15	15	14	14
9		7	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9
10		10	10	10	10	10	10	9	9	9
11		14	13	12	12	12	11	11	11	11
12		7	7	8	8	8	8	8	7	7
Total		119	122	122	124	127	121	118	117	116

Extracurricular and Student Activities

- High School Golf
 - State Golf @ Sidney 5/18-21
- High School Track
 - Divisional Track @ Great Falls 5/15-16
 - State Track @ Missoula 5/23-24
- Graduation 5/17 @ 1pm
- 6th Grade Shadow Day 5/15
- Psychology AP Exam 5/16
- Spring Benchmarking 5/12-16
- Town Cleanup 5/19
- 8th Grade Trip 5/21
- 8th Grade Promotion 5/22 @ 7pm
- Last Day of School 5/23 Noon Dismissal



April 2, 2025

RE: Next Year's Contract Renewal

Dear Sunburst Leadership:

Thank you for letting us partner with you for this past school year. We are honored to have the opportunity to work with you and your staff.

Sunburst will continue to receive seven boots-on-the-ground days of service, as well as unlimited remote support. We will schedule site visits for September, October, November, January, February, April, and May. You do not need to do anything if you wish to continue to work with us next year in the same capacity. You will receive the same services in the 25-26 school year that you have enjoyed this school year at an inflationary-adjusted rate of \$33,125.00 for the year.

If you would like to expand your number of boots rotations next year, please let me know as soon as possible so we can have a conversation on what would be the right number of visits. Additionally, if you choose to continue with seven boots days, we can engage in additional visits and/or deliverables through one-off projects.

If you decide that your organization must halt our relationship, please let me know by May 15 so I can work with my team to transition all responsibilities and knowledge to your team by June 30th. I am at your disposal for any questions.

I sincerely hope my team and I will continue working with and for you this next school year in multiple capacities. We look forward to working alongside your team again this coming year!

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Patterson
President, K12 Montana Inc.

Within the dictionary, the definition of the word Teacher is, a person who teaches, especially in a school. Pretty simple and straight forward, right? Just as the definition of the word parent is, a father or mother. Perfect, got it...I'm a parent because I am a mother. Is that where the definitions of these two words should end? Absolutely not, going by a definition within a book will lead to shortcomings that ultimately affect future generations. A teacher is a person who helps others to acquire knowledge, competences or values. Teacher is a designation for the office, position, and profession for someone who devotes themselves in the field of education and to their students. To inspire, motivate and encourage a new generation of learners and guide them to make a positive impact on the world around them. A schoolteacher helps their students to be passionate about learning and understands the impact and importance that they have on the lives of their students.

My number one priority as a parent is to raise good humans who can take care of themselves and make a positive contribution to society while ensuring their health and safety. Despite numerous challenges this past year, my children have shown incredible resilience, tenacity, and the capability to stand up for others with no regard for their own well-being.

We were asked, "If there is such a problem, then where are all the other complaints? Where are all the other parents?" There has been an overwhelming status quo of sycophants within this community, snuffing out the complaints of those who dare speak out against the majority, or someone who is in a higher-ranking role. No one is above accountability for their actions, and when accountability is tossed aside with a, "tsk tsk, don't do that again" Trust within the union that is supposed to be there to support and protect our children disappears. Without trust that there will be consequences for inappropriate behaviors and conduct, there can be no belief that others will do the right thing. There is no trust that anything will happen if there is a complaint, and that complaint will not be filed so that it can be referred upon for the next one that comes along.

On the contrary to a hasty assumption made by someone who knows nothing about me or my family. I have no issue with the discipline of my children. What I do have a problem with is the harassment, demeaning behavior, bullying, and grooming tactics displayed and disgustingly disguised as discipline.

This School's Mission statement is to cultivate life-long, independent learners within a safe and positive environment, equipping them with the social and academic skills needed to become responsible, accountable, and successful. Is this mission statement only for the students? In my opinion the teachers within this facility should be held to the same if not higher standards than the students.

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Guest List
THANK YOU FOR SIGNING IN!

NAME	REPRESENTING
Dana Pace	
Robert Pace	
Bill Asch	
Lisa Howland	
Scott W. Howland	
Chris Ry-	Teacher
Elaine J. Polaris	
Lynn C.	
Paige Hany	
Sally Aschim	
Maria Stults	
Don Nagy	
Lynnda Clark	
Maria	
Viggo Martz	
Captain McAlpine	
Chelsea Taylor	

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NAME	REPRESENTING
Jennifer Fenger	
Cody & Larissa Fenger	
Janna Tomscheck	teacher
Eric Buckley	
Brianne Paulston	
Karelle Hartzell	
Leisha Fleisher	
Nancy Skanes	
Deb Leichliter	
Logan Simmes	
Caullen Roark	Parent
Deb Grandon	
Tommy Glenkin	
Aileen Hillard	
Margaret Anden	
Kelsey Buchling	Parent
Larissa Fenger	
Sonya McLean	Parent

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NAME	REPRESENTING
Shannon Dunk	Teachers
Jay Hart	Sub Teacher / School Supporter
Val Westpine	Admin Assistant
Kimi Bloch	Teacher
Vien Christian	Admin Asst.
Ulin Omdahl	Transportation
Ule Omdahl	teacher
Ortha Dunk	Parent Teacher
Dick Dunk	Parent Teacher
Cindy Fagan	Self
Natalie Herfort	Teacher
Leticia Longstrom	Teacher
Brandi Tarbo	teacher
Jan Smit	Aide
John Reah	
Carlton Reah	
Daron Wood	
Nicole Wood	

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Guest List
THANK YOU FOR SIGNING IN!

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We, as a community, must rise together, and find an agreeable solution to build trust back. We are meant to rise through the challenges and not be conquered by them. I ask only one thing of you all today after you leave this building. Do not fear failure, but please, be terrified of regret. Giving up is the birth of regret. The reality of life is that we will all hear more nos than we will ever hear yeses. Telling me no is like adding fuel to a fire that is now set ablaze, because of your no. I challenge you to fight, work, to not stop here, to believe so heavily in students that make up this district that you put them first. The responsibility to higher quality educators lies with the school board, and the responsibility to hold them accountable is that of the superintendent. The public school system is not a privilege; it is a right that we as taxpayers pay for. Our children are entitled to a quality education, and that is what they deserve.