

BEAVERHEAD COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

March 26, 2026

The Beaverhead County High School Board of Trustees met in a special session on March 26, 2026 at 6:30 pm at the High School, room 106. In attendance were Cole Cottom, Roxanne Engellant, Gary Love, Mike Richardson, Chris Rieber and Phil Willett. Lori Smith attended via zoom. Also in attendance were Superintendent Josh Patterson and District Clerk Susanne Valach. A quorum was determined as being present.

Chairman Love called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

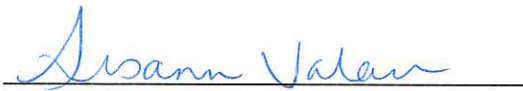
Mr. Patterson introduced the visitors: BCHS staff member John Hansen and Casey Elliott from the Dillon Tribune.

Superintendent Patterson explained a brief history of E-Rate funding. Category 1 is for the internet bill. Category 2 is for infrastructure upgrades, which you can apply for every five years. This is for a Category 2 project that we are working on with K12 Montana. This bid, from 801 Technology, was the cheapest bid we received. It is a BEAR bid, which means we pay for it all upfront (approximately \$54,864), then get reimbursed by E-Rate (approximately \$38,404), which would be a net cost of \$16,460 to the school. The cable will do two drops in every room that doesn't have one. This will then help us resolve the PA system problem – which is still on two systems. Gary asked if we are guaranteed to get the money back, Mr. Patterson said yes. Mike asked how quickly we get the money back, Mr. Patterson wasn't sure about that. The project timeline is 2-3 weeks. Gary asked where the company is located, Mr. Patterson said Utah. Roxanne asked how much additional cost to finish the PA piece, Mr. Patterson said a patch was going to cost around \$40,000 so hopefully less than that.

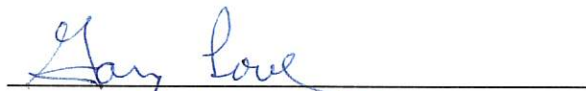
Roxanne made a motion to approve the bid from 801 Technology so we can move forward with the project. Mike seconded and it passed 7-0.

The next board meeting will be Monday, April 13, 2026 at 7:00 pm.

Phil made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:38 pm. Cole seconded and it passed, 7-0.



Clerk



Board Chair