Deer Lodge Elementary Schools

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School District #1 Deer Lodge Elementary
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Regular School Board Meeting Minutes

Central Park Center
444 Montana Avenue, Deer Lodge, MT 59722
7/12/2022 7:00 pm

1. **Call to Order**

   Members Present: Chairman Scott Perkins, Vice Chairman Brooke Meagher, Trustee Rex Anderson, Trustee Cash Yount, and Trustee Jody Walker (not present until 7:14 after item 8 (c).)

   Officials Present: Superintendent Rick Duncan, E.F. Duvall Principal Shelly Burton and Speer/Granville Principal Rick Chrisman

2. **Pledge of Allegiance**

3. **Recognition of Visitors**

   Mike Meagher, Brian Hansen and Board Clerk Tara O'Leary.

4. **Public Comment**
   This is the time for comment on public matters that are not on the agenda. Public matters do not include any pending legal matters, private personnel issues or private student issues. Please do not attempt to address such issues at this time or you will be ruled out of order. The Board cannot enter into a discussion during General Public Comment.

   No Public Comment

5. **Approval of Minutes – June 2022 Regular and Special Meetings**

   Trustee Meagher made a motion to approve the minutes of both the Regular and Special June Board Meetings.
   Trustee Yount seconded the motion.
   Motion carried unanimously.

6. **Correspondence**

   None

7. **Old Business**
   DL Elementary School District Safe Return to School and Continuity of Services Plan

   No changes but Superintendent Duncan noted that there is an uptick in Covid cases.

8. New Business

New Hires

Football Coaches

Superintendent Duncan recommended for hire Carson Hritsco and Sean Herrick as Junior High Football Coaches.

Trustee Meagher made a motion to hire Carson Hritsco and Sean Herrick as the Junior High Football Coaches.

Trustee Anderson seconded the motion.

Discussion:

Athletic Director Brian Hansen: Was the position advertised?

Superintendent Duncan: I was not aware of that. Carson is a new staff member. Can we perhaps make the motion contingent on us advertising this to the staff?

Clerk O'Leary: It needs to be posted in the Montana Standard. I can get that done.

Chair Perkins: Yes, we can do that.

Motion carried unanimously.

Approve New Textbooks

6th Grade Social Studies

Superintendent Duncan- I went through this curriculum and am excited and impressed with it. It has an engaging digital option with supplemental writing activities. It is a blended model, eyeball to eyeball as well as digital.

Principal Burton- Mr. Walker came to me about his textbooks falling apart. We went with the same group that does our Junior High Language. This curriculum deals with World History up to modern times.

Trustee Anderson made a motion to approve the 6th Grade Social Studies curriculum.

Trustee Meagher seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously.

Music

Principal Burton- Mrs. Bowdish was looking for a year at new curriculum. She reached out to Golden Triangle for their thoughts. The books that the students read in their classes will also be gone over in Music class. The only thing it doesn't cover which we'd like to look at in the future is supplemental instruments. These are well planned out lessons.

Trustee Meagher made a motion to approve the Music curriculum.

Trustee Yount seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously.

Student Hanbooks

OD Speer/Granville Handbook

Principal Chrisman- The only change I have from last year has to do with the following: The previous handbook stated that NO kids 2nd grade and younger were allowed to ride their bike to school. This gave parents no option. I did have one student before who would not have been able to go to school if he didn't ride his bike. I wanted to give parents that option.

Duvall Junior High Handbook

Principal Burton- I made a sheet to go over the changes that were made. **reviewed sheet**

Trustee Meagher- On the dress code. The way it is written "armpit to armpit" I think is really confusing. So you could wear a strapless shirt then? I think I like how the High School has it written where it says "no less than a 2 inch strap". It would be nice to be equal across the board with the High School.



Principal Chrisman- The grading scale changes. In the grade school it used to be that an A was a 97-100. We changed that and went to the High School grading scale.

Trustee Meagher- Why is it that Deer Lodge is so different from everywhere else? Everywhere else it is the normal 10 spread. 90-100, 80-89 etc.

Principal Chrisman- We had a discussion about that in 2005-2006. At that time the Veteran Teachers decided that if we lowered it, it would be too easy.

Trustee Walker- Our students who are competing for scholarships are competing against other kids who use the 10 point scale.

Principal Chrisman- I know that both Butte and Anaconda use the 10 point scale. At this point in time though we are just trying to tie in with the High School.

Superintendent Duncan- I can't recall a time that one of our students from the High School didn't get a scholarship because of this. One of the issues for us is we've had some years with 4 Valedictorians. If we drop the scale we are going to end up with more than that.

Principal Burton- I have no problem with the 10 point scale but right now I'm just trying to stay in line with the High School.

Trustee Anderson made a motion to approve the Student Handbooks with the change in the Duvall handbook replacing "armpit to armpit" with "shirt straps need to be at least 2 inches".
Trustee Meagher seconded the motion.
Motion carried unanimously.

9. **Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent Rick Duncan- I did a tour of all the grounds. I put together a list of Regular Maintenance items, Deferred Maintenance Items, and Major Maintenance Items.

Went over list

AltaCare pulled out of Montana. It leaves us hanging. We contracted with Yellowstone Boys and Girls Ranch and we are able to keep our existing AltaCare staff here.

We moved 52 desks over from the High School to the Junior High. That was for 2 different classrooms.

10. **Principal's Reports**

Principal Burton- Our microscopes will be serviced and looked at on August 10th.

Principal Chrisman- Our summer crew is working really well together. I am impressed. We ordered desks for one of our 2nd grade classrooms.

11. **Maintenance Transportation Supervisor Report**

The prison is doing some maintenance on our buses. Our BlueBird guy said the Prison can do the work and our warranty will still be in effect. Maintenance is still on schedule. Walter and Chase have been scrubbing the floors. Kelly has been the sprinkler guy. Joey is doing the waxing. Adriann and Lora painted the W on the field and it looks awesome. Weeds have been pulled, hand rails painted and the curbs. The crew is awesome!

12. **Claims**

Trustee Anderson made a motion to approve the claims.
Trustee Meagher seconded the motion.
Motion carried unanimously.

13. **Adjourn**

Chair Perkins adjourned the meeting at 7:53 p.m.

Chairman Scott Perkins

Board Clerk Tara O'Leary