

Gardiner Public School

Board Meeting Minutes for November 8, 2017

Call to order 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call	Pat Baltzley	X	Randy Russell	X
	Holly Long	X	Mike Baer	X
	George Bumann	X	Shelby Detro-Absent	
	Colleen Eldred	X	Janet Hoppe	X
	Mike Tercek-Absent			
	Tim Townsend-arrived @ 6:21 p.m.	X		

Public:

Dorothy Dears	X
Tonja Opperman	X
Matt Lumley	X
Molly Arterburn	X
Kelly Arterburn	X
Jeanne Johnson	X
Abraham Leafy	X

General: Call to Order/Roll Call/Pledge of Allegiance

Mike Tercek has a prior obligation & Tim Townsend has a family emergency

Special Recognition:

Pat Baltzley gave special recognition to the Bruin Football team on how they persevered thru this year. She also congratulated the Lady Bruin Volleyball team on the 1st place District finish and their 2nd place Divisional finish. She also wished the volleyball team good luck at state this weekend. She also recognized the Pep Band for their support of our fall sports. Pat mentioned the community budget informational meeting that had over 70 community, staff & board members. She personally thanked Randy Russell for presenting and Trustee Bumann for organizing the event thru the Communication Committee.

Public Comment:

Jeanne Johnson seconded the comments Board Chair Baltzley made on the public meetings the night prior. Jeanne said there were great questions and she felt it made individuals more aware of the issues the school is facing.

Mission Statement: Read by George Bumann

Student Information:

Board Chair Baltzley stated that Student Council President Baxter Fuhrmann was not able to attend tonight's meeting. In place of student council, 5th grade teacher Jeanne Johnson gave a presentation on Expedition Yellowstone with two (2) members of her class. Student Molly Arterburn talked about Geology and the types of thermal features they learned about: geyser, fumarole and mud pot as wells as Human History Day and the teepee pole cache. Student Abraham Leafy talked about Ecology and viewing a wolf den as well as Preservation of our First National Park - Yellowstone.

Consent Agenda:

October Meeting Minutes: Approved

Move: Holly Long moved to approve the consent agenda as listed	
2nd: George Bumann	Vote: Passed Unanimously

Warrants: 956154-956190 Amount: \$23,797.06

Financials: cash report and warrant registers

Sub. List: n/a

Personnel: Dorothy Dears-Resignations (Paraprofessional & Play Director), New Hires: Rob Stermitz (Boys HS Asst. Basketball Coach), Rebecca Johnson (Asst. HS Girls Bball Coach) and Josh Young (JH Boys Bball Coach). All approved per contracts. Board Chair Baltzley publically thanked Dorothy Dears for her years of service.

Action Items:

VIII. Policy Review - 2nd Reading - Consent

Superintendent Russell is cleaning up policies. No major changes to report.

Move: Colleen Eldred moved to approved the second reading as listed	
2nd: Holly Long	Vote: Passed Unanimously

IX. Policy Review - 1st Reading

Superintendent Russell went thru each item listed and informed board members of the proposed changes.

Move: Per Board Chair Baltzley, no motions need to be made on these items	
2nd:	Vote:

6. 1425-Abstentions from voting

Board members are not allowed to abstain from a vote, unless there are no changes from the previous board meeting. Board Chair Baltzley asked if there would be any conflict with Trustee Tercek voting on something pertaining to the new school foundation being set-up by Ashea Mills (significant other). Per Superintendent Russell there are no conflicts with this arrangement. Board Chair Baltzley asked how voting works with the Mammoth Rep. Trustee Long asked "now that we receive monies for Mammoth students, should their vote be counted and recorded?" Superintendent Russell asked if the Mammoth Rep should give vote before or after the board makes a decision. Board Chair Baltzley said that we should reach out to MTSBA.

Move: Per Board Chair Baltzley, no motions need to be made on these items	
2nd:	Vote:

7. 2167-Correspondence Courses

Counselor Julie Reinertson, Principal Mike Baer, and Superintendent Russell have been working on this policy. They are maintaining what is in the current Strategic Plan, by building the framework for how students can learn at Gardiner Public School. Correspondence courses are given grades and will now be put on student transcripts. Item 4. in the draft of this policy is an addition from the original policy and is self-explanatory as well as lines 39-41. Board Chair Baltzley asked if Superintendent Russell could add letter d. below item 4. stating: prior approval by administrator and special circumstances to be considered.

Move: Per Board Chair Baltzley, no motions need to be made on these items	
2nd:	Vote:

8. 2168-Distance, Online, and Technology Delivered Courses

These courses will now be included in a student's GPA. Board Chair Baltzley asked how dual credit differs from correspondence courses. The difference is there is no specific time as to when a class has to be taken. Trustee Eldred asked about enrichment classes, Superintendent Russell stated that AP classes can be thrown into this category. Public Comment Regarding this: Tonja Opperman wondered if students taking these kinds of classes are counted towards money we receive for A & B - Superintendent Russell said "yes".

Move: Per Board Chair Baltzley, no motions need to be made on these items	
2nd:	Vote:

9. 2170 & 2170P - Digital Academy Classes

No changes in 2170 and that 2170P is a procedure that does not have to come before the board for approval. There are additions to 2170P: 4. referred to the MHS handbook and students have to be enrolled in two (2) classes in order to participate in sports/activities, 9. & 10. are additions. Superintendent Russell informed the board that MTDA (Montana Digital Academy) is getting stricter and that if a student fails two (2) MTDA courses, they will not be allowed to take any further MTDA courses. Mammoth Rep. Townsend was concerned about how & when we recommend expelled students to take a MTDA course. Superintendent Russell informed him that the same rules apply as previously stated.

Move: Per Board Chair Baltzley, no motions need to be made on these items	
2nd:	Vote:

10. 5010 - Equal Employment Opportunity and Non-Discrimination

All the changes to this policy come from MTSBA (lines 7-16 and 26-27 on the draft).

Move: Per Board Chair Baltzley, no motions need to be made on these items	
2nd:	Vote:

11. 5120 - Hiring Process and Criteria

lines 9 - changed highly qualified to appropriate licensed & endorsed

Move: Per Board Chair Baltzley, no motions need to be made on these items	
2nd:	Vote:

12. 6122 - Delegation of Authority

No recommended changes, just for review

Move: Per Board Chair Baltzley, no motions need to be made on these items	
2nd:	Vote:

13. 6210 - Principals

No recommended changes, just for review

Move: Per Board Chair Baltzley, no motions need to be made on these items	
2nd:	Vote:

14. 8123 - Driver Training and Responsibility

On draft, lines 11-33 changed. It was asked that in line 19 that "expect" be changed to "except"

Move: Per Board Chair Baltzley, no motions need to be made on these items	
2nd:	Vote:

Discussion / Information Items:

Committees: The board is asking all committees to provide feedback thru the December 13th regular board meeting, and there will be a board workshop on December 5th where many of these items will be discussed. By the February board meeting all recommendations must be submitted to the board.

Facilities/LEED Committee: have not met as of today, will be meeting on November 15th. Mammoth Rep. Townsend said there are no surprises and that they know where this committee needs to focus. He also mentioned that he, Clerk Shelby Detro and Superintendent Russell met with Kath Williams about LEED Certification. Our LEED Certification will consist of a points system, which can be done by taking surveys, maintain a catalog of items we use, etc. Williams will be present at the December 13th board meeting. Superintendent Russell stated there are many policies to dissect. Board Chair Baltzley let the public know that Gardiner Public School applied for a grant to become the 1st LEED certified school in Montana, it was \$30,000.

Strategic Review Committee: Their 2nd meeting was on November 6th, they looked at the 2014 Strategic Plan. They won't be lofty, but realistic and are looking down the road for prioritization based on the budget. Their next meeting will be November 21st where they will work on five (5) goal areas in three (3) sub-groups. From there, they will get community feedback and will review again before presenting to the board in January.

Finance Committee: Came up with two (2) scenarios to present to the board. 1. what do we need for bare bones accreditation? and 2. Taking plan 1 and add staff to make reasonable and give the board flexibility. Superintendent Russell stated that none of these plans are great and that certified staff on the committee did not want to go this way. The committee also came up with a third scenario - attrition, make retirement assumptions. They will bring this to the board at their December 5th workshop. Public and board were reminded that the board workshop is open to the public, but that no public comment will be taken.

Outreach/Communications Committee: Trustee Bumann said that the previous night's informational meeting was well received and that there was a video taken of the meeting that will be uploaded and made public on YouTube. Their committee will have another meeting on November 15th.

Academic Review Committee: Had a meeting last week and are at the flip chart in room stage. Their goal is to determine what direction we are headed without influence from other committees. Their next meeting will on Tuesday, November 14th.

Standards Based Grading Update: Counselor Julie Reinertson, Todd Lark & Principal Baer created an elementary report card. An example was handed out to board members. Principal Baer said that he is starting a JH Report Card and that HS may not be feasible with the two (2) separate kinds of grading (standards base and regular). Board Chair Baltzley asked if parents were okay with the new system? Principal Baer said we should ask teachers, as he has not received any feedback from parents. Trustee Eldred said students seemed confused with the new system. Superintendent Russell stated that staff will have four (4) days in the spring to brainstorm Standards Based Grading. Board Chair Baltzley thanked Principal Baer for keeping up with Infinite Campus on the new Standards Based Grading.

Principal's Report:

Principal Baer stated that he had three (3) meetings with football players and parents in the last few weeks. Parents would like to go ahead and have the school petition to move to 6-man football for the 2017-18 school year. Board Chair Baltzley asked if we had looked into Montana going to flag football, like schools in California. Principal Baer stated that we don't have enough participants for that scenario either. Counselor Reinertson, Principal Baer and School Nurse Juanita Bueter have conducted meetings with Mental Health Service providers in the area. Counselor Reinertson will present at the December board meeting to show the options available to Gardiner Public School.

Superintendent's Report:

Superintendent Russell let the board know he was sorry he hasn't put out his weekly updates. He said the roof project has received many bids and the cost is anywhere from \$450-\$750 square foot. Superintendent Russell reminded the board that anything over \$80,000 has to be done thru a public open bid system. He will also be presenting to the resort tax board at their November 14th meeting.

Adjourned Public Meeting: 7:44 p.m.

