

PHILIPSBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT #1

Regular Meeting, April 19, 2022

The Board of Trustees of School District #1 met in regular session with the following **members present**; Chair Sara Rouse, Denyse Lizer, Bert Jones, Ron Locke and Vice-Chair Genevieve Kulaski.

Also present was Interim Superintendent/Principal Andrea Johnson, District Clerk Linda Graham, teachers Meredith McDonald, JB Chandler and Meghan Flanary. Also attending was parent Andrea Hess and Mr. Tom Gates. There was no zoom meeting this evening.

The meeting was **called to order** by Chair Sara Rouse at 6:30 P.M., and the Pledge of Allegiance was given.

II. Public Comment

UTAP President Meredith McDonald read a letter to the trustees from the Union, requesting that the District contract a principal position for the 2022-2023 school year.

Under Agenda Item III, "Approve Minutes",

The Special Meeting scheduled and posted for **March 8, 2022 was cancelled.**

The minutes of the March 15, 2022 Regular Board meeting were approved;

The minutes of the March 29, 2022 Special Board meeting were approved;

The minutes of the April 5, 2022 Special Board meeting were approved.

Ron Locke made the first motion separately for each item to be approved. Denyse Lizer seconded all three motions. There was no public comment and the motions passed unanimously.

IV. CORRESPONDENCE, RECOGNITION OF INDIVIDUALS, DELEGATIONS & ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

a. Interim Superintendent/Principal Report

Andrea Johnson, Superintendent/Principal reported the Elementary Attendance for March 2022.

Mrs. Johnson also outlined a schedule for upcoming dates and events. Mr. Johnson asked if the board had any questions with regards to her reports. Mrs. Johnson noted that she would be

posting the minutes on Facebook and the Website.

V. FINANCIALS a. "Student Activities & Pay bills/Void Warrants", Ron Locke made the first motion to approve claims warrants #39544 through 39598, payroll warrants #61212 through #61242 plus Direct Deposits #85430 through #85397 as well as Pintler Petroleum and Advanced Media claims. Denyse Lizer seconded the motion. There was no public comment and the motion passed unanimously.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

a. Superintendent Contract - Tom Gates

Ron Locke made the first motion to offer Mr. Tom Gates a contract for the 2022-2024 school years, as the contract is written, with one correction; page 2, Section 4, the years shall be corrected to 2022-2024. Denyse Lizer seconded the motion. Chair Sara Rouse asked if there was any comment and Dr. Jones did question the Professional Development for the Superintendent licensure process and how much time Mr. Gates would be away in the summer. There was a discussion with regards to this and it was determined that this would not interfere with his duties for the District. There was no public comment and the motion passed unanimously.

VII. NEW BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS

Under Agenda Item VII, (a), **"2022-2023 Tenure Contracts", Superintendent/Principal Andrea Johnson recommended that the Board offer tenured contracts (pending negotiations) to:** Jamie Baumgartner, Crista Beattie, Justin Blume, Meghan Flanary, Jennifer Graham, Kaley Hansen, Ray Hess, Kendra Kanduch, Dustin Keltner, Meredith McDonald, Sandra McDonald, Brandon Piazzola, Christine Shea and Jill Waldbillig. It was determined that Mr. JB Chandler will be on the May Agenda along with the other Non-Tenured staff. Dr. Bert Jones made the first motion to offer these tenured teachers' contracts for the 2022-2023 school year and Denyse Lizer seconded his motion. Mrs. Rouse asked if there was any public comment? There was no public comment. The motion passed unanimously.

Under Agenda Item VII, (b), **"2022-2023 Transportation Director/Bus Driver Contracts", Superintendent/Principal Andrea Johnson recommended that the Board offer contracts** (pending certified negotiations) for the 2022-2023 school year to Transportation Director Justin Blume along with route bus drivers Dennis House, Terry Jo Vietor and David Swanson. Denyse Lizer seconded the motion. There was no public comment and the motion passed unanimously.

Under Agenda Item VII, (c), **"2022-2023 Classified Contracts"**, **Superintendent/Principal Andrea Johnson recommended that the Board offer contracts for the 2022-2023 school year** (pending certified negotiations) to the following classified staff: to Jamie Adams, Tomme Carlyon, Chris Cornelius, Jessica Funkhouser, Alicia Gilleland, Melanie Graham, Jack Housel, Shannon Huckfeldt, Ashley Luthje, Erin Moore, Sabrina Moore and Charlie Nelson. Ron Locke made the first motion to offer contracts to the above Classified staff with Denyse Lizer seconding the motion. There was no public comment and the motion passed unanimously.

Under Agenda Item VII, (d), **"Coaching Contracts"**;

Athletic Director JB Chandler recommended that the Board offer contracts for high School Head Boys Basketball Coach Mindy Avila and High School Assistant Boys Basketball Coach Mike Rose. Ron Locke made the first motion to offer these contracts for the 2022-2023 Basketball season to Ms. Avila and Mr. Rose, pending negotiations. Denyse Lizer seconded the motion. There was no public comment and the motion passed unanimously.

Athletic Director JB Chandler recommended that the Board offer a contract to Paul Kulaski as Head High School Football Coach. Ron Locke made the first motion to offer this contract to Mr. Kulaski, pending negotiations, for the 2022-2023 Football Season. Denyse Lizer seconded the motion. There was no public comment. Board Member Genevieve Kulaski abstained from voting on this item. All four other Board members voted yea, and the motion was passed.

Athletic Director JB Chandler recommended that the Board offer a contract to Mrs. Kaley Hansen as Head High School Volleyball Coach. Ron Locke made the first motion to offer this contract to Mrs. Hansen for the 2022-2023 Volleyball season, pending negotiations. Denyse Lizer seconded the motion. There was no public comment and the motion passed unanimously.

Under Agenda Item VII, (e), **"Sabbatical Request,** Teacher Jennifer Graham explained to the Board that she would like to take a **Sabbatical year for the 2022-2023 school year.** Mrs. Graham did contact the Board members in recent weeks with regards to this request. Mrs. Graham has a Master's degree in counseling and has been counseling in the evening and weekends to complete enough hours to become a Board-Certified Mental Health Counselor with the State of Montana. During this sabbatical Mrs. Graham will be counseling and be able to complete her hours by the next school year. Mrs. Graham also stated that she is the Literacy Coach for our Literacy Grant and that she will be able to keep up on that one day a week working through Sweeney Consulting. This would enable the District to save her Literacy Grant salary with,

perhaps, the opportunity to continue the Literacy grant an extra year. Mrs. Graham's 7th/8th grade Literacy class may be taught by Literacy Interventionist Meghan Flanary or part-time Literacy Interventionist Lauren McDonald. Mrs. Graham also stated that she also teaches a college history class for dual credit and feels there are not many interested Juniors this year. Those few taking the class for dual credit next year are able to do so on-line through the Helena College. **Dr. Bert Jones made the first motion to approve this sabbatical for the 2022-2023 school year** with Denyse Lizer seconding the motion. Mr. Locke asked Mrs. Graham if she felt the grant will continue as it has been? Mrs. Graham stated, yes, she believes it will continue as is through next year. The motion passed unanimously. Mrs. Rouse thanked Mrs. Graham for working on her mental health certification. Mrs. Graham thanked the Board for their support.

VIII. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:17 p.m. These minutes are a summary only and are not intended to be a complete transcript of this meeting. The next regular meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, May 10, 2022, at 6:30 p.m.**

ATTEST:

Clerk

Chairperson

Date