

Anderson School District #41  
Regular School Board Meeting  
December 10, 2020

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, Anderson School District #41 was held via google meet, December 10, 2020, for considering business to come before the Board of Trustees. Board Chair Warren Bauder called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**Trustees Present** Warren Bauder, Mary Burrows, Jack Huczek, Jaime June, and Brandon Atkins

**Trustees Absent**

**Staff Present** Kristi Jacobs: Superintendent; Tanya Roberts: Business Manager

**Visitors Present** Google meet attendees.

**Correspondence** The Trustees' reviewed correspondence that was submitted in the Board Packet.

**Committee Reports**

Curriculum Committee Teacher, Dayna Moriarty reported on the process the curriculum committee has used to explore new math curriculums. Their hope is to have a recommendation to the Board by March and then start with a rollout after approval.

**Public Participation on**

**Non-Agenda Items** **Chair Warren Bauder reminded those in attendance that to avoid violations of individual rights of privacy, a member of the public wishing to address the Board during this time will not be allowed to make comments about any student, staff member, or member of the general public during his/her designated time to speak. In addition, the Board will not hear comments on contested cases or other adjudicative proceedings.**

There was none.

**Superintendent's Report:**

**Superintendent Calendar**

MTSBA All Caucus Meeting December 9th

APC December 9th

Gallatin County Road Department Meeting December 14th

Non-Tenured Teacher PLC December 17th

Winter Break December 21st-January 3rd

**Committee Meetings**

Our committee meetings are meeting approximately monthly. You will see in your board packet that a revised committee sheet that Warren and I worked together on outlining staff committees and board committees. Board members serve in an advisory role on staff committees attending a few times a year and serve in a more active role on board committees.

**Title IX Training and Policies**

The federal Title IX law was revised this past year especially in regards to educational institutions. As part of this Warren, Brandon, Mary and I attended a Title IX training put on by MTSBA. We have new policies regarding this from MTSBA that you all are potentially adopting. The first reading is at this board meeting, and then we will have a second reading for approval. The staff will also take part in a Title IX training as part of our April PIR Day.

### **Library Move**

On January 6th Mergenthaler will be coming in to pack up the majority of the library and put it in boxes. These boxes and the shelving for the library will be stored in a storage unit that will be placed next to the bus barn. This will then allow Ms. Lourie to move her class from the gym into the library for the remainder of the year. Mr. Olson will then be able to have access to the gym for HE class for the remainder of the year beginning January 11th. The library move was going to have to happen due to construction but we just moved the timeline forward to be able to have access to the gym during the winter months. I'm grateful to Mrs. Costle, Mr. Sam, Ms. Lourie, Mr. Olsen and Karen for their flexibility and help in making this occur.

### **Report Cards**

The trimester ended last week and report cards went home on Friday with students. Opt out students report cards were mailed to them.

### **Stuff the Bus for the Food Bank**

The week of November 30th the students did a great job bringing in canned food for the Gallatin Valley Food Bank. The food bank was incredibly grateful for our donation.

### **Out of District Applications**

Out of district families were notified via email of our new policy stating that a family's account has to be up to date in order for their application for out of district attendance for the following year to be considered at the spring board meeting. Invoices and a reminder of the policy will be sent out right before winter break. Applications are accepted beginning January 4th.

### **MTSS Discretionary Grant**

Through our MTSS grant we have the opportunity for a \$3000 discretionary grant to help us meet students needs between December 1 and May 31. The grant will be used to offset costs for substitutes for release time and professional development to support our MTSS process.

### **Old Business**

Annual Agenda

#### January Agenda:

Superintendent Contract renewal-Feb 1<sup>st</sup>  
Election Calendar  
Contract Negotiations  
Policy review

### **New Business**

#### **Discussion**

Construction/Bond

Project Monthly Report Trustee, Brandon Atkins reviewed items from the report:

- Addition of speaker and amplifier setups to music, library, Spanish and art, modification of projectors.
- Packing up library and placing into portable storage to make room for 6<sup>th</sup> grade a return gym to service for PE classes.
- Windows have been delivered.
- Exterior walls ongoing
- Roof trusses in north area to be complete this week
- Dry-in this week
- Shingles ongoing, electrical rough in has begun, insulation and vapor barrier has begun

Onsite Instruction  
Update

Superintendent Jacobs reported we have had a great restart to onsite instruction since we came back as of November 30th. Everyone has done a great job following

protocols and we have had limited students and staff needing to be out for quarantine or exposure since our restart. I appreciate everyone who took precautions over Thanksgiving and I hope people choose to do the same thing over winter break. We have had two students choose to opt out through the holidays or mid-January and we have five students asking to opt back in later in the agenda. I'm grateful for the systems we have developed which helps families meet their own needs.

YTD Budget Report Business Manager Roberts presented the 11/30/20 budget report.

Title IX Policy  
Updates (1<sup>st</sup> reading) Trustees' had a first reading of recommended Title IX policy revisions from MTSBA. Second reading and approval will be placed on the next agenda.

### **Action**

Consideration of  
Opt-In students Motion to approve Opt-in students KA, 3A, 4A, 7E, and 8A:

Motion: Trustee Atkins  
Seconded: Trustee Burrows-passed unanimously

Consideration of rapid  
Covid-19 testing for  
symptomatic students  
and staff

Superintendent Jacobs explained the following protocols for the testing: The Montana Department of Health and Human Services provided the opportunity for school districts to receive free Binax Now Rapid COVID-19 tests. These are proved over 90% reliable on symptomatic individuals. The test takes about 15 minutes to administer and receive results. The information regarding the test specifics can be found within the board packet. Our school nurse Julie Ruff has requested 200 testing kits from the state. She has completed training for this testing, and has started implementing it in Fort Peck. The testing protocols she developed in collaboration with her other school nurse colleagues. These protocols include:

- Only symptomatic students and staff can be tested
- In order to receive a test a student or staff will contact our school nurse Julie Ruff who will meet them in the Anderson Parking Lot at a designated time. Julie will wear appropriate PPE while conducting testing.
- Appropriate consents will need to be completed by staff and parents of students undergoing testing. These were developed by MTSBA. The consents are all within the board packet.
- Julie will track the testing and results and share the information with the health department using the spreadsheet they provide to us.

Motion to approve rapid Covid-19 testing for symptomatic students and staff:  
Motion: Trustee Burrows  
Seconded: Trustee Atkins-passed unanimously

Consideration of Superintendent's  
Attendance at virtual AASA

National Conference Motion to approve Superintendent Jacob's attendance at AASA Virtual National Conference for \$499:

Motion: Trustee Atkins  
Seconded: Trustee Burrows-passed unanimously

Consideration of  
School Zone

Superintendent Jacobs explained that after a request from a neighbor and the recommendation of our school resource officer at Gallatin County Sheriff's department, I am asking the board to recommend to the county to have the state look at our school speed zone. This part of Cottonwood is a state road and only maintained by the county. The Montana Department of Transportation has jurisdiction over our school zone so we have to seek their approval. However, in order to have the Department of Transportation look at our school zone, the county commissioners need to recommend it to them to look at the road. There are four items we would like them to look at these come from recommendations from our school resource officer:

- Expanding our school zone, especially with the potential addition of our bus circle. This would hopefully include Cottonwood Day School who would like to be included.
- Lowering the speed limit in the school zone to 20 or 25 mph
- Improve the signage in the school zone with a sign that tells you your current speed
- Looking at the speed limit and configuration at the 19th and Cottonwood crosswalk. Currently the speed limit is 60 mph at the crosswalk. Apparently on the south side of 19th if you stand on the truncated domes you get hit by a passing car.

The County Commission roads meeting is scheduled for this Monday, December 14th. At this time with this board's approval, the county commission will decide whether or not they agree to have the Department of Transportation examine the Anderson School Districts school zone.

Motion to approve consideration of school zone:  
Motion: Trustee Burrows  
Seconded: Trustee June-passed unanimously

Resolution for disposal of  
abandoned, obsolete, and  
undesirable property

Motion to approve the resolution as presented:

Motion: Trustee Burrows  
Seconded: Trustee Atkins-passed unanimously

Consideration of  
2021-22 MTSBA dues

Motion to approve the 2021-22 MTSBA dues with an \$85 increase from this year:

Motion: Trustee June  
Seconded: Trustee Atkins-passed unanimously

Consideration of MTSS  
Discretionary Grant  
Application-Heidi  
Fasting Authorized  
Representative

Motion to approve Heidi Fasting as the authorized representative to apply for MTSS discretionary grant:

Motion: Trustee Atkins  
Seconded: Trustee Burrows-passed unanimously

**Personnel**

Staff Contract Change

Motion to approve a staffing contract change for Shelby Carpenter to .3 certified and .7 classified contracts:

Motion: Trustee Burrows  
Seconded: Trustee Atkins-passed unanimously

**Consent Agenda**

Motion to approve the November 12, 2020 regular meeting minutes, claim warrants 43433-43471; ach payroll warrants: 85027-84987; payroll warrants 5110-5122:

Motion: Trustee Atkins  
Seconded: Trustee Burrows-passed unanimously.

**Future Agenda Items**

Policy review, January-Superintendent Evaluation, Superintendent Contract

The next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 14, 2021 at 6 pm via google meet.

**Adjournment**

No objection to adjournment of meeting at 7:05 p.m.

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_  
District Clerk

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Board Chair

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Date