

Anderson School District #41
Regular School Board Meeting
July 15, 2021

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, Anderson School District #41 was held via google meet, July 15, 2021, for considering business to come before the Board of Trustees.
Board Chair Warren Bauder called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Trustees Present Warren Bauder, Jaime June, Mary Burrows, Brandon Atkins and Kerri Norick

Trustees Absent

Staff Present Kristi Jacobs: Superintendent; Tanya Roberts: Business Manager; Karen Hedglin: Owner's Representative

Agenda Change Request

Board Chair Bauder called for a motion to move action item: Consideration of Building Reserve Fund Expenditures to right after the Bond/Facility Project Monthly Report.

Motion: Trustee Atkins
Seconded: Trustee June—passed unanimously

Visitors Present Google meet attendees

Correspondence There was none.

Public Participation on Non-Agenda Items

Trustee 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.
Mr. Groth asked if masks would be required for the school. Chair Bauder stated this would be covered later in the meeting.

Superintendent's Report:

Leadership Committee members Heidi Fasting and Kristi Jacobs reported the 2020-21 benchmark and smarter balanced data.

Superintendent Calendar

July 13 1:00-3:00 MTSBA Summer Series
July 14 10:00-11:30 Next Year Task Force Meeting
July 20 and 21 AASA Social Emotional Learning Cohort Summit
July 22 10:00 Gallatin County Transportation Committee Meeting
July 26 School Administrators of Montana Conference Helena

Committee Meetings

The next year task force will meet on July 14th to continue looking at COVID mitigation plans for the fall. The task force consists of Paula Schultz, Heidi Fasting, Charlotte Dickson, Stephanie Lourie, Laurie Kinna, school nurse Julie Ruff, parent Rory Maughn, APC President Elaine Uehlein, and Trustee Jaime June. I will also be having Jessica Cissel, Jen Wold, Heidi Fasting, and Mariah Grimes join me for the AASA Social

Emotional Learning Cohort Summit July 20 and 21. We will look at social emotional learning for Anderson students and developing a plan for cohesive implementation.

Prepare Crisis Training

Charlotte Dickson and I attended the PrePare crisis training put on by Bozeman Public Schools with parent Shawna Kelly as the presenter. Heidi Fasting and Liz Sullivan attended the team training with us as well. Charlotte, myself, and Julie Ruff attended the training on providing mental health support in a crisis as well. This training is organized by the National Association of School Psychologists. The purpose of the training is to help crisis teams:

- **P—Prevent** and prepare for crises
- **R—Reaffirm** physical health & welfare, and perceptions of safety & security
- **E—Evaluate** psychological trauma risk
- **P—Provide** interventions
- **a—and**
- **R—Respond** to mental health needs
- **E—Examine** the effectiveness of crisis preparedness

Our crisis team is doing a walk through of the new building with our school resource officer on August 11th to examine the building and develop appropriate plans for a crisis situation. We are also working on revamping our crisis manual to reflect what we learned in this training and are planning on working with the staff to educate them during our PIR days in the fall.

Zoot Grant

Anderson School is the recipient of a \$1000 grant from Zoot Enterprises in Bozeman. This grant will help support the implementation of computer science 30 minutes a week in grades K-6. I am very grateful to Zoot for their support of our STEM programming.

Aftercare Program and Grant

Anderson School was the recipient of a \$5000 grant from the Gallatin Valley United Way to support the implementation of our after school program. We currently are advertising for two positions for our after school program, one teacher and coordinator, and a teacher's assistant for the program. The application is available on the website. From a survey we had this spring we had approximately 28 children interested in the program.

Job Openings

As I stated above we have two openings in our after school program. One for a teacher coordinator and the other for a teaching assistant. We are also looking for a special education paraprofessional and interventionist for next school year. This job is approximately 28 hours per week. We are also still looking for a part time bus driver for our second route. The application for the available positions are on our website.

Old Business

Annual Agenda

August Agenda:

- Trustees Financial Summary
- Approve School Budgets
- Policy Review
- Approval of out of district applications

New Business

Discussion/Report

Construction/Bond

Project Monthly Report Owner's Representative, Karen Hedglin reported on the construction project:

- Tech coordination was very valuable last month, many thanks to Elliott, Nick, and Tyler
- Playground equipment was removed without issue
- New septic field is in and tanks will be installed this week

- North building soffit will have to be replaced due to age/weathering
- Emergency plans, locker labels and welcome packets are coming together
- Demo is complete in north building and surprises have been managed
- Ramp between gym and new addition was installed Tuesday
- New windows at west elevation go in this week
- Fire alarm in central area will start week of 7/26, then rolls into north building for connections
- New irrigation system install starts first week of August
- Mergenthaler will be back to move library, STEM, and Spanish into place on 8/25
- Inspections are scheduled for 8/26

Consideration of Building Reserve Fund Expenditures

Motion to approve power to bus barn expenditure of \$9,934.93 out of building reserve:

Motion: Trustee Atkins

Seconded: Trustee Burrows—passed unanimously

Motion to approve new whiteboard purchases at \$8,000 from funds determined by the administration:

Motion: Trustee June

Seconded: Trustee Norick—passed unanimously

Covid-19 Mitigation Plan

Superintendent Jacobs extended her thank you to task force members: Board of Trustee member Jaime June, parent Rory Maughn, our school nurse, Julie Ruff, APC President Elaine Uehlein, and staff members Charlotte Dickson, Steph Lourie, Heidi Fasting, Paula Schultz and Laurie Kinna.

Return to In Person Learning: As we begin these discussions it is important to note that Anderson School District has to follow both federal and state laws in regard to its operations. Last spring the state legislature of Montana passed housebill 702, which is in the board packet. This does not allow anyone to discriminate or harrass based upon vaccine status. Therefore it is illegal to say those who are vaccinated have to do one thing, and those who are not have to do another. This is important to understand as we have discussions about COVID mitigation plans for next school year.

It is also important to remember that we may need to adjust plans throughout the year based upon the case transmission rates we see in our community and the potential for access to vaccines for children aged 6-11.

Anderson School District is planning on returning to full in person learning in the fall five days a week. This fall we are fortunate to have our new building which provides a completely up to date ventilation system and more space within classrooms and hallways. We will not be providing an opt out distance learning option for students next school year due to the strain it puts on our systems. In the case of a quarantine situation for a student, the teacher will develop an educational plan to meet that student and family's needs. The Gallatin County health department has changed their quarantine rules, a person may now test out of quarantine after 7 days and fully vaccinated individuals do not have to quarantine if exposed to COVID 19. Anderson School will again have testing available for students and staff. All of this will help students return to in person school faster if they have a COVID exposure.

Our in person learning will feel more traditional with the crossover of students outside at recesses, and before and after school. Plus, we will be having a bus transportation option and aftercare program. Visitors will be allowed in the building. We will also have both choir and band for grades 5-8. This will be done within their cohorts. We are planning on offering all sports this year, plus conduct our annual Haunted House and drama production with appropriate COVID mitigation protocols.

Cohort Set Up: Our cohorts this fall will be larger than last year. Grades 7 and 8 will be a cohort, Grades 5 and 6 will be a cohort. This will allow crossover of students for choir, electives, and sports. Grades K through 4 will each be a cohort. Grades 3 and 1, with the two sections, will be a full cohort, not just the individual classes. The first and third grade classes will be together for gym class and at lunch time.

Lunch: All students will get their lunch and eat in the cafeteria this year. Students will sit within their own cohort in assigned seating. Assigned seats will be moved every 3 weeks. We will work to have 3 feet of space between students as they eat so they are able to spread out at the table. The lunch schedule has time for all tables to be disinfected in between classes.

Mask Policy: No masks will be required when students are outdoors to the knowledge of minimal transmission of COVID 19 outdoors. When students are within classrooms, including specials like gym, music, and Spanish masks will be optional. In order to decrease the possible transmission of the virus between cohorts masks would be required when students are in common areas or working across a cohort. This protects all students in the event of a positive case and helps us remain open for in person learning. For example if the 8th graders wanted to do something inside with their kindergarten buddies masks would be required. All visitors to the building would be required to wear masks to protect against transmission of the virus to our students. Students will also be required to wear masks on the bus. This follows both federal law and CDC guidelines. Students will have assigned seats on the bus to make contact tracing easier. Staff and substitutes are recommended to follow CDC guidelines in regards to masks.

Visitors: Visitors will be allowed inside Anderson School for the 2021-2022 school year. They will have to follow mask requirements. Visitors would have to go through the normal office check in procedure when coming into the building. We will continue with our Google Sheet sign out form to pick students up due to how efficient this was for all parties. We would allow spectators at all sporting events with masks being required.

Review of Covid 19
Emergency policies
1903-School District
Meetings, Gatherings,
Events & Visitors; 1905-
Student, Staff, and
Community Health &
Safety

The Board reviewed proposed changes to these policies. Superintendent Jacobs explained that these are the policies which will be reflected in the COVID Mitigation Plan. This is the formal outline of procedures the school will be implementing this coming year. These follow CDC guidelines with the statement of having any students or staff who are feeling ill not attend school. It also continues the practice of handwashing for good hygiene. Please note on this policy that we will allow facility use by other organizations. They will follow their own COVID

mitigation policy. This will be outlined in a revised facility use agreement that I will present at the August 4th board meeting.

FY21 Budget Report Business Manager Roberts presented the year end budget report and detail of the general fund expenditures.

Action

Consideration to Terminate Covid 19 Emergency Measures Policies: 1904, 1906, 1906P, 1908, 1908F, 1909, 1910, 1910F1, 1910F2, 1911, 1912

Superintendent Jacobs explained that based upon where we currently are with this pandemic Tanya and I reviewed all of the 1900 policies. As per MTSBA recommendation my recommendation is to keep our state of emergency status in case the situation with the pandemic changes. Tanya and I are recommending that these policies listed are no longer needed due to the ability of staff to access vaccines and us no longer offering an opt out option. Our other policies discussed tonight 1903 and 1905 will remain in place, along with 1900 and 1901 which explain the 1900 policy and keep the state of emergency in place.

Motion to terminate Covid 19 Emergency Measures Policies: 1904, 1906, 1906P, 1908, 1908F, 1909, 1910, 1910F1, 1910F2, 1911, 1912:
Motion: Trustee Norick
Seconded: Trustee Atkins-passed unanimously

Consideration of MTSBA Revised policies

Motion to approve revisions to policies 8129, 8130, 8131, 8200, 8301, 8302, 8303, 8410, 8411, 8421, 8502 as advised by the Montana School Board Association:
Motion: Trustee Atkins
Seconded: Trustee June-passed unanimously

Approve 2021-22 Out of District Applications

Motion to approve the following 2021-22 Out of District Applications:
1st Grade: 10115214RS, 101420212N
4th Grade: 40115212RS
5th Grade: 5010421211N
6th Grade: 6010420214N, 60222216N
8th Grade: 80301212N

Motion: Trustee June
Seconded: Trustee Burrows—passed unanimously.

Consideration of 60 Student chromebooks purchase

Motion to approve \$15,839.40 for purchase of 60 student chromebooks:
Motion: Trustee Norick
Seconded: Trustee Burrows—passed unanimously.

Consideration of RFQ
For annual preventative
Maintenance contract

Motion to approve request for qualifications to seek proposals for an annual preventative maintenance contract:
Motion: Trustee Atkins
Seconded: Trustee Norick—passed unanimously.

Consideration of Harlow's
Bus Contract

Motion to table consideration of a bus driving contract with Harlow's as it is cost prohibited at this time:
Motion: Trustee Atkins
Seconded: Trustee June—passed unanimously

Consent Agenda

Motion to approve the June 10, 2021 regular meeting minutes, claim warrants 43717-43769; ach payroll warrants: 84725-84592; payroll warrants 5200-5221; appoint Superintendent Jacobs to the Gallatin County Transportation Committee; approve 33,341.65 cash transfer from General to Interlocal Fund; MTSBA Principles & Guidelines; MTSBA FY23 dues revenue estimate; Nomination of Scott Walter as MTSBA President-Elect; Nomination of Tom Bilteen as MTSBA Vice-President-Elect:

Motion: Trustee Burrows
Seconded: Trustee Norick—passed unanimously.

Future Agenda Items

Policy Review
Covid 19 Mitigation Plan
Grand Opening Plans

The next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 19, 2021 at 6:00 pm via google meet.

Adjournment **No objection to adjournment of meeting at 7:38 p.m.**

Submitted by: _____
District Clerk

_____ Date
Board Chair