

**LOCKWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT #26
YELLOWSTONE COUNTY, BILLINGS, MT
REGULAR MEETING**

CALL TO ORDER

AUGUST 11, 2009

Chair Susanne Vinton opened the regular meeting and called it to order at 7:00 p.m. and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following trustees and officers were present: Trustees Susanne Vinton, Tim Sather, Peter Freivalds, Becky Malenowsky, Jason Hamrick, Superintendent Eileen Johnson and District Clerk Diane Brook. Trustees Tamara Spillum and Greg Bochy were absent.

Staff members present were Mike Bowman, Dave DeBoer, Don Christman, Laurie Noonkester, Art Anderson, and Charles Harvey.

Registered guests were Holly Sather and Angela Trebas.

Evelyn Pyburn from the Yellowstone County News was present.

Mrs. Vinton welcomed visitors and advised the following:

Any person present who wishes to address the board or raise any question about public school district matters or governing policies may do so under public participation. No discussion of personnel or individual students is permitted at this time. A limit of three minutes is placed on each speaker. Persons who want more time may make arrangements to be placed on a future agenda. The public is also reminded that they may provide input on all motions being considered by the board at this meeting.

INDIVIDUALS, DELEGATIONS, CORRESPONDENCE

Dave DeBoer introduced Angela Trebas who will be a paraprofessional in the Intermediate school.

Mike Bowman introduced Brittney Levang who will teach Art one-half time and be a one-half time paraprofessional in the Primary building.

Chair Vinton thanked Holly Sather for her service as an interim trustee in Tim's absence and she welcomed Tim Sather back. His return was celebrated with cake and coffee.

Susanne noted that all trustees had received invitations to the 60-year celebration for Exxon Refinery.

ITEMS FOR ACTION

- A. Approve Minutes of Previous Meetings

Chair Susanne Vinton asked if there was any objection to the minutes as presented. Hearing none, the minutes of the July 14, 2009 regular board meeting and the July 21, 2009 work session were approved.

B. Approve Bills and Wages for July

Chair Vinton asked if there was any objection to the bills and wages as presented. Hearing no objection, the bills and wages were approved.

Trustees decided to move to Item E, then back to Items C and D.

C. Trustees Financial Summary for 2008-2009

Diane Brook presented the 2008-2009 Trustees Financial Report for approval by the Board of Trustees. The TFS had been provided earlier in electronic format to agenda recipients. Copies were available at the meeting for trustees and the public. Becky Malenowsky moved to approve the 2008-09 TFS as presented. Tim Sather seconded the motion. Trustees Susanne Vinton, Tim Sather, Peter Freivalds, Becky Malenowsky, Jason Hamrick voted yes; the motion passed five to zero.

D. Budgets for 2009-2010

District Clerk Diane Brook presented proposed 2009-10 budgets for all budgeted funds for board approval. Due to the taxable value not yet being available from the Department of Revenue, the board moved to approve the budgets via the attached resolution. Budget documents had been provided electronically with the agenda packets. Paper copies were available at the meeting for the trustees and the public.

There was discussion regarding the Building Reserve Fund and how much longer it will last. Facilities Director Art Anderson advised of upcoming projects and expenditures for the fund. One large item noted was the sewer hook-up and engineering costs for the hook-up.

Peter moved to adopt the budgets presented for 2009-10 per the attached resolution. Jason Hamrick seconded the motion. Trustees Susanne Vinton, Tim Sather, Peter Freivalds, Becky Malenowsky, Jason Hamrick voted yes; the motion passed five to zero.

E. Hiring (This item was considered prior to Items C & D.)

The following people were recommended for hire in the listed positions.

Art teacher:	Brittney Levang
Business Manager:	Laurie Noonkester
Coach 6 th Girls Basketball:	Tim Bastian
Student Council Advisor:	Charles Harvey
Substitutes Per List Attached	

Becky Malenowsky moved to hire the above-mentioned people and the substitutes listed. Peter Freivalds seconded the motion. Chair Vinton noted all have been fingerprint background checked. Trustees Susanne Vinton, Tim Sather, Peter Freivalds, Becky Malenowsky, Jason Hamrick voted yes; the motion passed five to zero.

F. Policy No. 2310 – Selection of Library Material - Third and Final Reading

Tim Sather moved to approve Policy No. 2310 on third and final reading. Peter Freivalds seconded the motion. Trustees Susanne Vinton, Tim Sather, Peter Freivalds, Becky Malenowsky, and Jason Hamrick voted aye; the motion passed five to zero.

G. Out-of-District Enrollment

The students on the attached list are recommended for out-of-district enrollment.

Eileen advised that she had received three students more to add after the agenda had been sent out. She noted the additions on her updated list which was viewed by all present. Supt. Johnson said we now have the same number of out-of-district enrollments that we had last year.

Jason Hamrick moved to approve out-of-district enrollments per the list of students provided including the three additions. Becky Malenowsky seconded the motion. Trustees Susanne Vinton, Tim Sather, Peter Freivalds, Becky Malenowsky, and Jason Hamrick voted aye; the motion passed five to zero.

H. Recommendation for Lighting Bid

The bids were opened at 2:10 this afternoon. Of the four bids received, two bids were incomplete and two were complete as follows:

Bids were:

Ace Electric:	\$389,426
Action Electric:	\$313,855 – Incomplete because the box on the bid form for acknowledgement of receipt of the electronic packet was not checked.
Yellowstone Electric:	\$376,730
Town and Country	Bid disallowed due to no bid bond enclosed and incorrect bid form.

Art explained that there are liquidated damages associated with the project.

The recommendation of a successful contractor was Yellowstone Electric.

Art and Eileen advised that we will exceed our budget with this bid. The grant is for \$379,782 and our match is \$10,640 for a total project budget of \$390,430. \$38,400 of this amount is already committed for advertising and engineering fees. If we accept the Yellowstone bid as submitted we will have a shortfall of \$24,706. Some strategies could be considered to lower costs by up to ten percent.

It is estimated that the district would save approximately \$35,000-\$39,000 per year in electricity [if rates remained static]. Pay back would be achieved in 10 years for the whole project, and even with the additional \$24,700 for the shortfall the district should recoup their investment within one to two years.

Tim Sather moved to award the Lighting Bid to Yellowstone Electric. After further discussion, he amended his motion to award the Lighting Bid to Yellowstone Electric dependent on the final review approval after the meeting to be held tomorrow with Yellowstone Electric, Art Anderson, Eileen Johnson, and ACE Engineering.

Chris from Action Electric spoke about the bid and whether or not it should be considered incomplete due to the box not being checked.

Both Tim Sather and Peter Freivalds opined that legal fees [if the school district was legally challenged over the bid award] could easily eat the savings on the lower bid.

Jason Hamrick seconded the motion. Trustees Susanne Vinton, Tim Sather, Peter Freivalds, Becky Malenowsky, and Jason Hamrick voted aye; the motion passed five to zero.

I. Board Goals Revisited

The attached list of goals was brainstormed at a work session on July 21, 2009. The Trustees will continue to refine this list. There will be a continuation of the discussion about dress at graduation as part of the Trustees' goals. It was the consensus to table board goals including discussion of dress at graduation until next month.

DISTRICT REPORTS

A. Results of the MontCas Test Scores for 2009.

Curriculum Director Don Christman provided the above-mentioned report to those present. He and Supt. Johnson presented the results. They advised that the Primary and Intermediate Schools met Average Yearly Progress (AYP); however the Middle School did not.

Lockwood has 52 sub-groups within the enrollment. All the student population as well as each and every sub-group must make AYP. If one sub-group does not make AYP, the entire school does not make AYP.

They plan to establish a teacher mentoring program for which teacher coaches will be hired. Supt. Johnson advised we are mandated to use a higher percentage of our Title 1 dollars for this mentoring and coaching. Students will also be mentored and provided with additional services.

Those students who are nearing proficient or below proficient [novices], will take regular math class as well as a second math class to increase their skills. We have five years (2014) to have every child in the United States at proficient level or higher.

B. District Principals

Neither Mike Bowman nor Dave DeBoer had additional items to report.

C. Art Anderson - Facility Update

Art advised that the projects are moving along. The boilers are set and the chiller is in. They probably won't have air conditioning ready for the beginning of the school year. Now we have to concentrate on making sure we have the heat in case of a cold snap.

Eileen updated the board on these staffing changes: Sandy Maloughney moved to Keith Tresch's position as he will be on an extended Military Leave. Paraprofessional Marilyn Capron resigned. They are searching for a special education teacher to fill Sandy's position.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

The next Regular Meeting will be on Tuesday, September 8, 2009, at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURN

Becky Malenowsky moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m. Peter Freivalds seconded the motion. Susanne Vinton, Tim Sather, Peter Freivalds, Becky Malenowsky, and Jason Hamrick voted aye; the motion passed five to zero.

Susanne Vinton, Chairperson

Diane M. Brook, District Clerk

Whereas, the Montana Department of Revenue has reported that it won't certify the new taxable values, which are based on recent reappraisals, until the last week of August, 2009; and

Whereas, 20-9-131, MCA, requires that the trustees meet to consider all budget information and any attachments required by law on or before August 15; and

Whereas, 20-9-131, MCA, requires that the final budget for all budgeted funds be adopted not later than the fourth Monday in August and before fixing of the tax levies for the district; and

Whereas, upon final approval, the trustees are required to deliver the adopted budget, including the amounts to be raised by tax levies to the county superintendent within 5 days; and

Whereas, 20-9-142, MCA, requires the county superintendent to report the final adopted budget of each school district in the county to the county commissioners on the fourth Monday in August; and

Whereas, 20-9-152, MCA, requires the county commissioners to fix levies for county and school purposes on the fourth Monday in August; and

Whereas the Montana Department of Revenue's delay will prevent school districts, county superintendents and county commissioners from complying with the statutory deadlines above; and

Whereas the Lockwood School District No 26 desires to comply with the law to the greatest extent possible given the limitations placed upon it by the Montana Department of Revenue's delay; and

Whereas, adoption of dollar amounts for each budgeted fund of the district is a prerequisite to the calculation of mills as required by the laws referenced above; and

Whereas, the district's action in adopting dollar amounts for each budgeted fund will ensure that the calculation of mills can be accomplished as efficiently and as soon as possible after receipt of the certified values from the Montana Department of Revenue.

Peter Freivalds moved that the Lockwood School District No 26 adopt the following FY10 budgets for the budgeted funds of the Lockwood School District No 26:

General Fund	\$7,081,516.37
Transportation Fund	\$ 547,575.30
Tuition Fund	\$ 9,595.00
Retirement Fund	\$ 938,241.32
Debt Service Fund	\$ 927,245.73
Building Reserve Fund	\$ 743,080.27
Adult Education Fund	\$ 30,898.00
Flexibility Fund	\$ 279,635.10
Technology Acquisition and Depreciation Fund:	\$ 97,654.53

Peter Freivalds further moved that the district clerk be authorized and directed to, upon receipt of the certified taxable values from the Montana Department of Revenue, calculate the mills necessary to support the budgets above and report such mills to the county superintendent.

Jason Hamrick seconded the motion. Trustees Susanne Vinton, Jason Hamrick, Becky Malenowsky, Tim Sather, and Peter Freivalds voted aye. The motion passed five to zero.

Susanne Vinton, Chairperson

08/11/2009
Date

Attest:

Diane M. Brook, District Clerk