

1. **Call to order** – Chair Mr. Nick Hallett called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 6:30 p.m. on March 9, 2009, in the District Office Board Room. Trustees present included: Mr. David Bedey, Mrs. Corrine Gantt, Mr. Tom Pool, Mrs. Kelly Rogers and Mr. Jim Shea. Administrators present included: Superintendent Mr. Duby Santee; Principals Mr. Kevin Conwell, Mrs. Kathleen Dent, Mr. Brad Henson, Mr. Eric Larson and Mr. Dan Kimzey; Assistant Principals Ms. Joel Stuber and Mr. Toby Stack and District Clerk Ms. Cathy Binando. Trustee Mrs. Tamis LaSalle was not in attendance.
 - 1.1. Pledge of Allegiance – Mr. Pool led the group with the Pledge.
2. **Minutes, financial reports, and bills** – The Board reviewed the minutes from the Regular Meeting held on February 9th, the Special Meeting held January 6th, and the claim details for the month of February (warrant numbers 55227 –55328).

Mrs. Rogers moved to accept the minutes of January 6th and February 9th as written. Mr. Bedey seconded and the motion carried 6-0.

Mrs. Rogers reported that the Finance Committee meets on the Wednesday prior to the Regular Board meeting and that the meetings are open to the public. Mrs. Rogers stated that Mr. Shea had been appointed to the Finance Committee and she had been elected the Chair of the Finance Committee. Mrs. Rogers reported that the committee discussed PILT income, an audit extension has been requested and approved, and written accounting processes and procedures are being developed. There is a misconception that the school district benefits financially from hosting the athletic tournaments. Mr. Pool noted that the Chamber of Commerce is also involved in the tournaments and underwrites some of the costs. A financial reporting for the tournaments will be reviewed at the next Finance Committee Meeting.

Mrs. Rogers moved to accept the bills and the financial reports for the month of February, 2009. Mrs. Gantt seconded and the motion carried 6-0.

3. **Public Comment:**
None.

4. **Special presentations, requests, reports and correspondence:**

- 4.1. **Student Council Representative – Ms. Megan Baker reported on the following:** The Student Council will be sending six students to participate in the district conference; the survey results are in and will be discussed with Mr. Conwell; and a girls' state scholarship is being funded.

- 4.2. **Building Reports :**

High School – Mr. Conwell reported on the following: Mr. Conwell reported some of the High School students will be participating in the rape escape program; three sets of tournaments were held at the High School; there were two students that qualified for state at the Poetry Out Loud competition and the High School received a scanner from the Triple EEE grant. Ms. Stuber reported that the students had been well behaved for the most part; MBI is being updated and the teach-to's are being revamped; over 400 coupons had been redeemed by the Booster Club; HHS is getting calls on how to set up MBI programs; and the special education staff has been working well with the at risk students.

Middle School – Mr. Kimzey reported on the following: There are 351 students at the Middle School; CRT testing will be taking place; the Science Fair was held; a Healthy Choices Day is being planned; and a rape escape program will be held for middle school and high school students. Mr. Stack reported that the students will have eight choices for the Healthy Choices Day, including skiing, archery, skate boarding, and a Wii tournament; and HMS will be hosting an 8th grade volleyball tournament.

Daly Elementary School – Mr. Larson reported on the following: Parent/Teacher conference will be taking place in April; many assessments are taking place and they are being called a “celebration of knowledge”; Tom Anderson and the jump rope team have been busy; and at the next early out, vertical teaming will be addressed.

Grantsdale Elementary School – Mrs. Dent reported on the following: There are now chickens in the chicken coop; a family lost their home in a fire and there have been many donations from people in the Hamilton community to help them; students are getting ready for testing; Mrs. Dent has been going to Helena to work on curriculum standards; and the Ravalli County Curriculum Consortium will be working on revising math and world languages.

Washington Elementary School – Mr. Henson reported on the following: There have been two articles in the Ravalli Republic about the Washington School; a positive assembly and pizza party was held; penny fundraisers and a movie day will be taking place to help raise funds for field trips; the Extension Office staff has been working with the students on healthy eating; the DIBELS testing was completed and the results were reviewed; and the Child Find/Kindergarten Round up will be held on March 25th.

5. Board Action:

5.1. Recommendation to Accept Resignations:

- 5.1.1. Breanna Gum – Teacher – 8th Grade Science / Middle School
- 5.1.2. Aurora Adams – Secretary / Washington Elementary

Mr. Pool moved to approve the resignations of the individuals as listed in 5.1.1. and 5.1.2. Mr. Shea seconded and the motion carried 6-0.

5.2. Recommendation to Hire or Offer Contracts:

- 5.2.1. Michelle McConnaha – PAC Technical Director
- 5.2.2. Amanda Shaffer – 8th Grade Science Teacher / HMS (2009-2010)

Mrs. Rogers moved to hire the individuals as listed in 5.1.1. and 5.1.2. Mr. Bedey seconded and the motion carried 6-0.

5.3. Recommendation to Offer Administrative Contracts- 2009/2010 School Year:

- 5.3.1. Joel Stuber – Assistant Principal / Hamilton High School
- 5.3.2. Toby Stack – Assistant Principal and Activities Director / HMS

Mrs. Rogers moved to approve the recommendation to hire the individuals as listed in 5.3.1. and 5.3.2. Mr. Pool seconded. Mr. Santee complimented the job performances of the assistant principals as well as the principals. The Board then voted on the motion and it carried 6-0.

5.4. Extension of Superintendent Contract to June 30, 2012:

Mrs. Gantt moved to approve the request to extend Mr. Santee's contract to June 30, 2012. Mrs. Rogers seconded. Mr. Hallett stated that it was important to offer a long term commitment to those who are doing a good job. The Board then voted on the motion and it carried 6-0.

5.5. Annual School Election:

5.5.1. Polling Hours Discussion

5.5.2. Adopt "Trustee Resolution Calling for an Election"

5.5.3. Election Dates

The starting time of the election was discussed. It was noted that starting at 12:00 would save approximately \$500.00 in election judge costs, but having the polls open at 7:00 a.m. would allow the public more time and access to voting.

Mr. Pool moved to adopt the Trustee Resolution Calling for an Election to be held with the polling hours of 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Mr. Hallett seconded and the motion carried with a vote of 5-1 with Mrs. Gantt casting the opposing vote.

It was noted that March 26th was the final date to file a nomination petition; voter registration closes on April 6th and the election will be held on May 5th.

5.6. Cooperative Sponsorship of Activities with Victor Public Schools – Softball and Speech/Drama:

Victor Public Schools has requested an extension of the MHSAA Cooperative Sponsorship of Activities for softball and speech/drama. It was noted that one or two students participate in the programs through this agreement. It was further noted that Victor Schools pays their fees to MHSAA and the students are required to pay the "pay to play fees" to Hamilton High School.

Mr. Pool moved to approve the renewal of the MHSAA Cooperative Sponsorship of Activities with Victor Public Schools for softball and speech/drama. Mrs. Gantt seconded and the motion carried 6-0.

5.7. 2009/2010 School Calendar – Adjustment of Early Out Days:

At the last Board Meeting, the Board approved the "Draft A" calendar with the first student day as September 7th and the last student day as June 11th. The Board was asked to review the "Draft C" calendar, which has the same starting and ending dates, but there are changes to the early out days and parent/teacher conferences. Early out days were eliminated in two of the months and in two of the months they were extended into a full day, which means no school for students on those two days. Mrs. Rogers stated her opposition to this as a parent and asked if the day of the week that students would be out could be changed. The benefit of being able to use a full day for teacher training was discussed. It was noted that the days off would need to be well advertised.

Mrs. Rogers moved to adopt "Draft C" of the 2009/2010 school calendar with changes to the early out and parent/teacher conference days. Mr. Shea seconded. Mrs. Rogers noted that this was a show of support to try this change for one year. The Board then voted and the motion carried 6-0.

6. Policy/Curriculum/Handbooks:

6.1. Career and Technical Education Curriculum/ Third Reading – The Board held a Third Reading on this curriculum. The Third Reading contains the corrections and updates from the previous readings.

Mrs. Rogers moved to accept the third reading of the Career and Technical Education Curriculum as written. Mrs. Gantt seconded and the motion carried 6-0.

6.2. Policy #8310 – Donations / First Reading – This new proposed policy was recommended by the Building and Grounds Committee. In reviewing the wording, the term "maintenance costs" was questioned as there may be some other type of costs associated with the donation that does not involve maintenance. This will be changed for the second reading.

7. Discussion and possible action:

7.1. Building and Grounds Committee – Mr. Shea reported on the following:
a. Legal Review of Haynes Field and Grantsdale Titles
b. CTA Workshop – 21st Century Learning Places with Dr. Frank Locker
c. Other

The committee received a legal opinion from an attorney at MTSBA stating that he did not see any restrictions in the titles of Grantsdale and Haynes Field. The members of the committee also discussed items from the CTA workshop they attended. This workshop discussed schools in other countries and how to have the design of the facility enhance the educational functions of the curriculum. Mr. Nick Salmon of CTA would be willing to come and discuss this at another meeting. It was also noted that the track will be graded as weather permits and the re-skin of the High School roof has been completed. A priority listing will be made in case there is stimulus funding available.

7.2. Certified Negotiations Committee – Mr. Hallett reported on the following: The committee and the union have agreed to use interest based bargaining. The ground rules have been verbally agreed to and the groups will be meeting on the 24th to exchange interests.

7.3. Classified Negotiations Committee – Mr. Pool reported on the following: The committee and the union met and set the ground rules. Another meeting has been set for March 30th at 6:00 p.m.

7.4. Athletic & Extracurricular Assessment Committee

- a. Meeting scheduled for March 18th – 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- b. Meeting scheduled for April 9th – 6:30 p.m.

Mr. Pool stated that the meeting on March 18th would be devoted to the standards and the handbook. The meeting on April 9th will be to discuss winter coach recommendations.

- 7.5. **School Wellness (Policy #2510) Committee** – Mrs. Gantt reported on the following: Mrs. Gantt spoke with MUST on a wellness program. They do provide a 10 week program for employees. A Health Fair is also scheduled for October. If the district participation reaches required levels, a discount in the premiums will be made. There are no meetings scheduled.

8. **Superintendent's Report / Information :**

8.1. **Legislature** – The legislative process is moving slowly and the effects on funding for school districts still have not been determined. Any funding from the stimulus package for the school is also not known at this time.

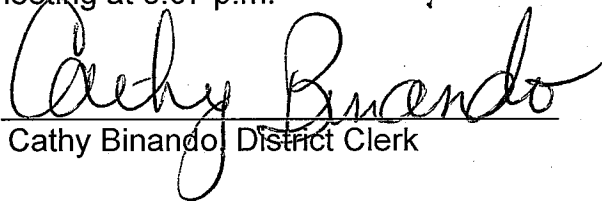
8.2. **Other** – Mr. Hallett noted that the Board has not done an evaluation of the District Clerk and he would like to set the precedence of doing a regular annual evaluation. He requested that the Board Members send him comments and he and Mrs. Gantt will meet with Ms. Binando to discuss her performance. The art in the Board Room was provided by Grantsdale Elementary. Mr. Pool also noted that the All Valley Basketball game would be held on March 24th.

9. **Adjourn** – Mr. Hallett adjourned the meeting at 8:07 p.m.

Approved:



Nick Hallett, Board Chair



Cathy Binando, District Clerk