



**HAMILTON SCHOOL DISTRICT #3
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
District Board Room
Monday – February 11, 2008**

Building and Grounds Committee – 5:30 P.M.

Regular Board Meeting - AGENDA – 6:30 P.M.

1. Call to order:
 - 1.1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Minutes, financial reports, and bills:
3. Public comment on any public matter not on the agenda:
4. Special presentations, requests, reports and correspondence:
 - 4.1. Student Council Report
 - 4.2. After School Program – Robotics Team Presentation
 - 4.3. Hamilton Middle School – Sixth Grade Basketball Program
5. Board Action:
 - 5.1. Accept Staff Resignations:
 - 5.1.1. Cheryl Conner – Special Education Paraprofessional / Daly
 - 5.1.2. Joshua Moore – After School Program
 - 5.1.3. Pam Heggaton – Secretary / Grantsdale
 - 5.1.4. Dawn Thelen – Paraprofessional / Washington
 - 5.2. Recommendation to hire or offer contracts:
 - 5.2.1. Michelynn Warawa – Special Education Paraprofessional / Daly
 - 5.2.2. Deana Wolf – Assistant Cheerleading Coach / High School
 - 5.3. Recommendation to hire or offer contracts – Head Coaches / Varsity Fall Activities:

This item was tabled in December, 2007.

 - 5.3.1. Football – Steve Weston
 - 5.3.2. Golf – Owen Burch
 - 5.3.3. Cross Country – Mark Albert
 - 5.3.4. Girls' Soccer – Greg Shifflett
 - 5.3.5. Boys' Soccer – Randy Lint
 - 5.3.6. Volleyball – DeEtte Monson
 - 5.4. Adoption of 2008/2009 School Year Calendar
 - 5.5. MSTBA Membership – Approval to Continue Membership for 2008-2009
6. Discussion and possible action:
 - 6.1. Buildings and Grounds Committee
 - 6.2. School Wellness Committee
 - 6.3. Athletic & Extracurricular Assessment Committee
 - 6.4. Certified Negotiations Committee
 - 6.5. Classified Negotiations Committee
 - 6.6. School Election – May 6, 2008
 1. Budget Discussion and Levy Consideration
 2. Other Important Dates
7. Building Reports
8. Superintendent's Report / Information
 - 8.1. Enrollment Report
 - 8.2. Other
9. Adjourn

1. **Call to order** – Chair Mr. Nick Hallett called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 6:40 p.m. on February 11, 2008, in the District Office Board Room. Trustees present included: Mrs. Corrine Gantt, Mrs. Lori Holley, Mr. Dan Moerkerke, Mr. Tom Pool, and Mr. Jim Shea. Administrators present included: Superintendent Mr. DUBY Santee; Principals Dr. Kelly Benson, Mrs. Kathleen Dent, Mr. Brad Henson and Mrs. Barbara Solomon; High School Assistant Principal Ms. Joel Stuber; Head of Maintenance Ms. Judy Hake and District Clerk Ms. Cathy Binando. Trustee Mrs. Tamis LaSalle was not in attendance.

1.1. Pledge of Allegiance – Mrs. Holley led the group with the Pledge.

2. **Minutes, financial reports, and bills** – The Board reviewed the minutes from the Regular Meeting held on January 14th; the Special Meetings held on January 18th, January 22nd, January 23rd and the claim details for the month of January.

Mr. Shea moved to accept the minutes as presented. Mr. Pool seconded and the motion carried 6-0.

Mr. Hallett reported that talks were continuing with Mr. Jim Olsen in hopes that he may be able to take over the P.A.C. Series. The proposed new foundation "Friends of the P.A.C." do not see a workable path for them to be in the position to fund the Series.

Mr. Moerkerke moved to accept the bills and the financial reports for the month of January, 2008. Mr. Pool seconded and the motion carried 6-0.

3. **Public Comment:**
None.

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

- 4.1. **Student Council – Ms. Megan Baker reported on the following:** The Student Council will be hosting a convention on April 2nd with workshops and speakers. Mr. Bronc will be held on April 18th. There are several new members of the Student Council, due to impeachments.

- 4.2. **After School Program – Robotics Team Presentation** – Sam Couch and Alex Calderwood, two students who competed on the team in Bozeman, gave a demonstration of the science and technology learned from the "First Lego League". Mrs. Dona Fisher, Instructor, gave a brief over-view of the program.

- 4.3. **Hamilton Middle School – Sixth Grade Basketball Program**
Ms. Emily Doyle and Mr. John Stromberg discussed the sixth grade basketball program that was developed this year. In December, the gym was open 20 minutes before the start of school and after the Christmas break students would play for one hour after school. Students were required to have a sports physical and learned the fundamentals of the game. The students were able to play at half-time at the varsity game.

5. **Board Action:**

- 5.1. **Accept Staff Resignations:**

- 5.1.1. Cheryl Conner – Special Education Paraprofessional / Daly

- 5.1.2. Joshua Moore – After School Program
- 5.1.3. Pam Heggaton – Secretary / Grantsdale
- 5.1.4. Dawn Thelen – Paraprofessional / Washington

Mrs. Holley moved to accept the resignations of the individuals listed in 5.1.1. through 5.1.4. Mr. Pool seconded and the motion carried 6-0.

5.2. Recommendation to Hire or Offer Contracts:

- 5.2.1. Michelynn Warawa – Special Education Paraprofessional / Daly
- 5.2.2. Deana Wolf – Assistant Cheerleading Coach / High School

Mrs. Gantt moved to hire or offer contracts to the individuals listed in 5.2.1. to 5.2.2. Mrs. Holley seconded and the motion carried 6-0.

5.3. Recommendation to Hire or Offer Contracts-Head Coaches/Varsity Fall

Activities: Mr. Holland recommended the following for fall coaching positions:

- 5.3.1. Football – Steve Weston
- 5.3.2. Golf – Owen Burch
- 5.3.3. Cross Country – Mark Albert
- 5.3.4. Girls' Soccer – Greg Shifflett
- 5.3.5. Boys' Soccer – Randy Lint
- 5.3.6. Volleyball – DeEtte Monson

This issue was tabled at the December Board meeting and moved to the Athletic & Extracurricular Assessment Committee for further discussion. No further action was taken on this issue.

- 5.4. Adoption of 2008/2009 School Year Calendar:** The proposed 2008/2009 calendar was discussed. It was noted that there was no spring break, which would allow for the full time of the testing window.

Mrs. Holley moved to approve the 2008/2009 calendar as presented. Mr. Shea seconded. Mr. Moerkerke asked if early outs could be moved to Fridays. Mr. Hallett and Mr. Pool stated that they preferred a calendar with a spring break. It was noted that the starting date after the fair and when Christmas falls dictated the majority of the calendar. The Board then voted in favor of the motion by a vote of 6-0.

The agenda was amended to discuss 6.6. School Election:

Mr. Hallett stated that he would like to run a levy at the annual school election. The amount that is needed can be worked on, but he estimated an approximate amount of 3% of the budget which is about what inflation is running, would be approximately \$300,000.00. A technology levy and a building reserve levy were also discussed. Mr. Shea suggested an itemized listing of what the levy would be used for. It was noted that the communication committee would need to become more active to promote the levy. Polling hours were discussed. It was noted that schools have the option of starting at noon, but must end at 8:00 p.m. It was decided that the polling hours should be from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. The Ravalli County Election office will be dealing with the absentee ballots and counting this year. Important dates to remember were noted as: March 27th is

the final date to call for an election and the final date to file nomination petitions; voter registration closes on April 6th; and the election will be held on May 6th. Election and levy information will also be added to the Special Meeting on February 19th.

5.5. M.T.S.B.A. Membership – Approval to Continue Membership for 2008-2009:

The dues for membership in the Montana School Board Association for the 2008-2009 school year will be \$6,616.00. This is an increase of \$648.00 from the previous year. The district participates in the workers' compensation, health/dental/vision insurance program, and unemployment insurance program sponsored by M.T.S.B.A. as well as the school liability insurance program that is endorsed by them. Mrs. Gantt noted that they also provide informative workshops and newsletters.

Mr. Moerkerke moved to continue membership in the Montana School Board Association for the 2008-2009 school year. Mrs. Gantt seconded and the motion carried 6-0.

6. Discussion and possible action:

6.1. Building and Grounds Committee – Mr. Moerkerke reported on the following: In order to have room for all day kindergarten, modulars will need to be added to Washington Elementary. There are two options available to complete this task. One would be to move the modulars at Westview to Washington. The other would be to purchase new modulars. A Special Board Meeting for 7:00 a.m. on February 19th was established to discuss both options, costs, and determine which way to proceed with the modulars at Washington in order to start the bidding process and have them ready to go for this fall. The Ravalli County Park Board has requested the use of some of the district property for adult softball or Little League. This item is still being discussed. (Mrs. Holley left the meeting.)

6.2. School Wellness Committee – Mrs. Gantt reported on the following: At the last meeting, Mrs. Gantt brought Mr. Shea up to date on the committee's activities. The next committee meeting was set for March 4, 2008.

6.3. Athletic & Extracurricular Assessment Committee – Mr. Pool reported on the following: Mr. Pool stated that at the meeting issues and frustrations were aired. An attorney has been contacted, as the committee needs to know what information they are able to review and what they cannot. More communication is the goal and developing a set of standards.

6.4. Certified Negotiations Committee – Mr. Hallett reported on the following: Mr. Hallett stated that salaries are the issue and they had talked in principal about a 3% increase. The next meeting has been scheduled for February 27th at 5:30 p.m.

6.5. Classified Negotiations Committee – Mrs. Gantt reported on the following: Mrs. Gantt reported that they are waiting to see what the numbers are. The next meeting has been scheduled for February 26th at 5:30 p.m.

6.6. School Election – May 6, 2008

- 1. Budget Discussion and Levy Consideration**
- 2. Other Important Dates**

These items were discussed earlier.

7. Building Reports:

High School - Ms. Stuber reported on the following:

- a. Ms. Stuber provided the Board with several handouts with high school information.

The spring enrollment count was at 546 students, a decrease of 20 students from the fall. CRT testing will take place in March. There will be four tournaments held at the high school this year. For MBI, several positive rewards are planned. The tardy policy is drastically reducing the number of students who are late to class.

Middle School - Mrs. Solomon reported on the following:

a. Mrs. Solomon reported on the Colt After School Help or "CASH" program. An honor roll breakfast is planned for February 14th and door prizes will be given. The Middle School will be testing in March. With funds from the grant received by Mrs. Vore, a dance group that showed the laws of motion through dance was seen by the students.

Grantsdale Elementary School – Mrs. Kathleen Dent reported on the following:

a. Mrs. Dent reported on the shoe donation program that is taking place across the district. Students are working on social skills and a ski trip is planned for Friday. Curriculum planning is continuing with the consortium. The Staff Development Committee will start planning for next fall.

Daly Elementary School – Dr. Kelly Benson reported on the following:

a. Dr. Benson noted that Mrs. Holmes had been presented with the Gold Star Award. The PTA original artworks program had earned approximately \$1,000.00. Four teachers from Daly attended a conference with a motivational speaker. Preparations are being made for the annual wax museum. Mrs. Dickerson is working on social skills with the students. Mr. Anderson's jump ropers will have two performances. Dibbles testing is to begin soon.

Washington Elementary School – Mr. Brad Henson reported on the following:

a. Mr. Henson announced that Mrs. Susan Schlechten, kindergarten teacher, was awarded the Mary Frances Schreeve Award. An all day kindergarten committee is meeting at lunch on Mondays. There will be a kindergarten registration on February 19-20th. After the number of projected students are known, the committee will get larger. Mr. Henson also discussed the new reading series, testing, and increasing test scores.

8. Superintendent's Report / Information :


8.1. Enrollment – Mr. Santee reported that there were 1,590 students enrolled on the February 1st count date. The five year average is 1614.

9. Adjourn – Mr. Hallett adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

Approved:



Nick Hallett, Board Chair



Cathy Binando, District Clerk

**HAMILTON SCHOOL DISTRICT #3
SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
Tuesday – February 19, 2008**

1. Call to order – Chair Mr. Nick Hallett called the Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 12:03 p.m. in the District Office Board Room. Trustees present included: Mrs. Corrine Gantt, Mrs. Lori Holley, Mr. Dan Moerkerke and Mr. Jim Shea. Administrators present included: Principals Mr. Kevin Conwell and Ms. Joel Stuber; and Administrative Secretary Ms. Denise Shoemaker. Trustees Mrs. Tamis LaSalle and Mr. Tom Pool were not able to attend the meeting.

2. Public Comment – None.

3. Student Discipline Hearing

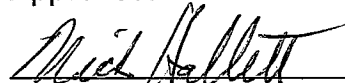
Mr. Hallett determined that the demands of individual privacy clearly exceeded the merits of public disclosure and according to Section 2-3-203 (3) M.C.A., closed the meeting at 12:04 p.m. The student and her parent did not waive her right to privacy, so the meeting remained closed.

At 1:00 p.m., the Board reconvened into Regular Session.


Mr. Moerkerke moved to accept the administrators' recommendation and expel student #14999. Mrs. Holley seconded and the motion carried 4-1. Mrs. Gantt cast the opposing vote.

4. Adjournment – Mr. Hallett adjourned the meeting at 1:01 p.m.

Approved:



Nick Hallett, Chair



Cathy Binando, District Clerk



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SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
District Board Room
Tuesday – February 19, 2008
7:00 a.m.

Agenda

1. Call to order
2. Public Comment
3. Modular Proposals at Washington Elementary
4. Election and Levy Information
5. Adjourn

SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
District Board Room
Tuesday – February 19, 2008
12:00 (Noon)

Agenda

5. Call to order
6. Public Comment
7. Student Discipline Hearing – This meeting may be closed due to privacy issues.
4. Adjourn

**HAMILTON SCHOOL DISTRICT #3
SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING**

Tuesday – February 19, 2008

1. **Call to order** – Chair Mr. Nick Hallett called the Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 7:05 a.m. in the District Office Board Room. Trustees present included: Mrs. Corrine Gantt, Mrs. Lori Holley, Mrs. Tamis LaSalle, Mr. Dan Moerkerke, Mr. Tom Pool and Mr. Jim Shea. Administrators present included: Superintendent Mr. Duby Santee; Principal Mr. Brad Henson; Head of Maintenance Ms. Judy Hake and District Clerk Ms. Cathy Binando. Mr. Dave Schlechten was also present.
2. **Public Comment** – None.

3. Modular Proposals at Washington Elementary

Mr. Schlechten discussed two options for modulars with the Board. The first option (Site Plan A) is to purchase new modulars and some on-site construction to connect the modulars to the current facility at Washington. The second option (Site Plan B) is to move the modulars at Westview to the site and also have some on-site construction to connect the modulars to the current building, as well as an additional classroom. Both options would provide three classrooms, storage, and restroom facilities.

Mr. Schlechten estimated that option #1 would \$478,655.00 and option #2 would be approximately \$406,395.00. It was noted that the cost estimate does not include furnishings, supplies, books, or movable equipment. It is estimated that the cost for these items will be an additional \$30,000.00 - \$50,000.00. Discussion included the benefits and liabilities of each proposal.

Mr. Pool moved to approve Site Plan A and have the superintendent put together a budget. Mrs. Holley seconded. The heating was questioned and there will be thermostats in each room and it will be more efficient than the current building. It was noted that this will be more than the bid limit and will need go through the bid process. Discussion included financing and using what we have. It was noted that the current modulars are already 11 years old. It was further noted that to keep the current modulars for storage is a waste. The Board then passed the motion by a vote of 7-0.

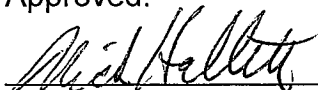
4. Election and Levy Information

The Board was given information on the bond and levy history from 1994 to the present; Montana Code Annotated regarding mill levy elections, technology acquisition and depreciation fund and rules of conduct for public officers and public employees; calculations on estimating the tax impact of mill increases; a sample resolution; and a sample ballot. The budget and all day kindergarten were discussed. It was decided that at the school election in May, only a General Fund levy would be requested.


Mr. Dave Schlechten requested time for a ½ hour presentation on long range planning. It was decided that this would take place at the Building and Grounds Committee on February 26, 2008.

5. **Adjournment** – Mr. Hallett adjourned the meeting at 7:57 a.m.

Approved:



Nick Hallett, Chair



Cathy Binando, District Clerk