

the depreciation schedule of the current buses.

Mr. Pool moved to approve the purchase of a new motor coach and to allow the 1979 MCI to be sold as surplus property. Mrs. LaSalle seconded and the motion carried 6-0.

5.9. Victor School District Request to Participate in Cooperative Sports – Wrestling:

Mr. Holland had requested that this item be placed on the agenda, but there had been no correspondence from Victor and Mr. Holland was not at the meeting to speak to the issue. Mr. Conwell stated that the district currently has a sports cooperative agreement with Victor for Speech, Debate and Drama and softball. These agreements are for three years. There are very few students from Victor that participate, Mr. Conwell estimated one to three per season. The students pay participation fees and Victor pays its own dues to M.H.S.A. It was noted that Darby is also interested in a cooperative agreement for softball, as it may lose students to Hamilton. Mrs. LaSalle suggested that the districts be charged actual per student costs to participate in addition to the students pay to play fees. The number of students were discussed and the Board wanted to insure that Hamilton students were not bumped from playing time due to students from another district. This item will be discussed again in August.

6. Discussion and possible action:

8.1. Building and Grounds Committee – Mr. Shea reported on the following: The repair work to the roof at Daly Elementary has been completed and the manufacturer will be coming to the High School to have a first hand look at the repairs that are needed. Mr. Holland was not present at the meeting to discuss the installation or the donations required for the new score board and goal posts. On July 23rd the committee will meet and tour Westview, Washington, Grantsdale and the new sports field complex. The committee will also meet on July 29th to work on the 20 year plan. The committee is hoping to plan a meeting with the City Public works Committee in the future. Mr. Pool got a second market analysis which will also be reviewed on the 29th. The Hamilton School District has the opportunity to receive the old astro-turf from Grizzly Stadium. Costs associated with this as well as where it could be used will need to be discussed.

8.2. School Wellness Committee – Mrs. Gantt reported that a meeting date would be scheduled after school starts.

8.3. Athletic & Extracurricular Assessment Committee – Mr. Pool reported on the following: A meeting date will need to be set to review proposed coaches.

7. Building Reports:

High School – Mr. Conwell reported on the following: The high school summer program, which is an independent study credit recovery program, is going well. Students are charged \$140.00 per class and there are 30 students from Hamilton and the other valley schools participating. One teacher and two paraprofessionals run this program. The gyms and fields are busy with summer camps. Mr. Conwell stated that Youth Court has ordered two Hamilton students who were caught vandalizing a trash can to pay restitution. Mr. Conwell reported some very sad news about Ted Eicher. Mr. Eicher is resigning from his position as a paraprofessional at the alternative

learning center due to a terminal illness.

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

The new modular addition is progressing quickly. Three new kindergarten teacher were hired earlier and will be going to a workshop on full-time kindergarten. Extended school year and the Title 1 summer program are also in full swing. Mrs. Dent, Mr. Larson, and Mr. Henson have been working together on Response To Intervention (RTI). Washington was named as an exemplary school for MBI.

8. Superintendent's Report / Information :

8.1. Fulltime Kindergarten Update: Mr. Santee reported that this item had been discussed earlier, but it seems to be on schedule and on budget at this point.

8.2. 2008-2009 Rental Fee Increases: Mr. Santee reported that rental fees for the use of district facilities had been increased for all buildings.

8.3. 2009 Ravalli County Election Process Update: Ms. Binando reported that in a meeting with Regina Plettenburg, Ravalli County Clerk and Recorder, it was reported that Ravalli County is in a pilot program where all elections for 2009 and 2010 will be conducted by mail ballot. The Board will need to discuss the pros and cons of mail ballots and decide how they want to run the school elections. Items to consider included: judges training, confirmation letters, and the large number of voters on the permanent absentee list. Contracting for some items with the county is also being discussed as a possibility.

8.4. Board Retreat: This special meeting of the Board was set for August 5th at 5:30 p.m. in the High School Library.

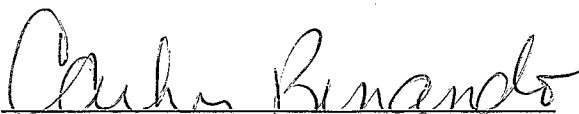
8.5. Other: Mr. Peter Rosten asked if the Board had considered impact fees. He was told that the Hamilton School District is in a unique position in that it is in the City of Hamilton and in Ravalli County. Both of these entities would need to approve the institution of impact fees. Also discussed was the cost of the study, needing a facility plan, and showing an impact due to growth.

9. Adjourn – Mr. Hallett adjourned the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

Approved:



Nick Hallett, Board Chair



Cathy Binando, District Clerk

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 July 14, 2008, in the District Office Board Room. Trustees present included: Mrs. Corrine Gantt, Mrs. Lori Holley, Mrs. Tamis LaSalle, Mr. Tom Pool and Mr. Jim Shea. Administrators present included: Superintendent Mr. DUBY Santee; Principals Kevin Conwell and Mr. Brad Henson; Head of Maintenance Ms. Judy Hake and District Clerk Ms. Cathy Binando. Trustee Mrs. Kelly Rogers was not present at the meeting.

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 June 9th; the Special Meeting held on June 23rd, and the claim details for the month of June (warrant numbers 54172 – 54327).

Mrs. Gantt moved to accept the minutes of 6/09/08 and 06/23/08 as presented. Mr. Pool seconded and the motion carried 6-0.

Mrs. LaSalle reported that the Finance Committee meets on the Wednesday prior to the Board Meeting and the meetings are open to the public. Mrs. LaSalle reported that the biggest issues discussed at the meeting were the costs associated with the new modular complex at Washington, issues with the final payroll of 2007-2008, and budget concerns.

Mrs. LaSalle moved to accept the bills and the financial reports for the month of June, 2008. Mrs. Gantt seconded and the motion carried 6-0.

3. **Public Comment:**

Peter Rosten, candidate for House District 87, spoke to the Board and showed a video.

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

- 4.1. **Kids' First Youth Alcohol Prevention Program – Kelly Morris, Youth Empowerment Coordinator:** Paula Wood and Kelly Morris discussed the reAct and Youth Alcohol Prevention program.

5. **Board Action:**

- 5.1. **Accept Staff Resignations:**

- 5.1.1. Nathan Graham – Teacher / Hamilton High School
- 5.1.2. Deborah Haynes – Paraprofessional / Daly Elementary

Mrs. Holley moved to accept the resignations 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. Colleen Ives – Title 1 Summer School Paraprofessional
- 5.2.2. Robin Stanton – Special Education Summer School Paraprofessional
- 5.2.3. Carrie Bullman – Teacher / Washington (All Day Kindergarten)
- 5.2.4. Andrew Burrell – Teacher / Washington (All Day Kindergarten)
- 5.2.5. Heidi Kline – Teacher / Washington (All Day Kindergarten)
- 5.2.6. Mathew Yaskus – Elementary Counselor / Daly

- 5.2.7. Jeremy Barcus – Teacher / High School
- 5.2.8. Justine Guthrie - .5 F.T.E. Teacher / Alternative Learning Center
- 5.2.9. Shannon Carroll – Paraprofessional Preschool Liaison / Washington
- 5.2.10. Scott Wanner – Night Custodian
- 5.2.11. Richard Sain – Night Custodian

Mrs. Holley moved to hire or offer contracts to the individuals listed in 5.2.1. through 5.2.11. Mr. Shea seconded. The Board discussed funding for these positions and voted in favor of the motion 6-0.

5.3. Recommendation to Hire or Offer Contracts for Middle School Activities:

- 5.3.1. Football – Jonkar Arceniega, Roger Sparks, Josh Hiday
- 5.3.2. Girls' Basketball – Tom Anderson, Kevin Conwell
- 5.3.3. Boys' Basketball – Kevin Conwell, John Stromberg, Tom Anderson
- 5.3.4. Wrestling – Chad Williams
- 5.3.5. Cross Country – Emily Doyle
- 5.3.6. Track – John Stromberg, Roger Sparks, Bert Mahon, Tom Anderson
- 5.3.7. Girls' Volleyball – Kristi Craw
- 5.3.8. Cheerleaders – Heather Stricker
- 5.3.9. 6th Grade Basketball – John Stromberg, Emily Doyle
- 5.3.10. Yearbook Advisor – Mona McCarty
- 5.3.11. Student Council Advisor – Melissa Barrett
- 5.3.12. Geo Olympiad – Melissa Barrett
- 5.3.13. Geo Bee – Melissa Barrett
- 5.3.14. Math Counts – Bert Mahon, John Stromberg, Kye Nuttall
- 5.3.15. Science Olympiad – Susan Matthews
- 5.3.16. Science Fair – Jerry Mitchell, Susan Matthews
- 5.3.17. Brass – Jerry Mitchell

Mrs. Holley moved to hire or offer contracts to the individuals as listed in 5.3.1. through 5.3.17. Mr. Shea seconded. It was noted that the high school coaches were involved in the recommendations of the middle school coaches and it was further noted that there were many non-sport activities. The Board then voted in favor of the motion by a vote of 6-0.

5.4. Approval of Modular Lease/Purchase Arrangement and Authorization to Execute All Documents:

The Board reviewed the updated estimated costs for the new modular units, on-site construction, supplies, equipment, kitchen, and staffing costs for full time kindergarten at Washington Elementary. The Board also reviewed the revised quote for financing the modular classrooms as well as the payment schedule. The lease/purchase financing through Key Government Finance calls for a lease term of 36 months at 5.06% interest. This will mean a monthly payment of \$11,818.00 for three years. The total cost of the lease/purchase is \$395,606.00, which is to cover the total cost of the modulars and some of the on-site construction.

Mr. Pool moved to approve of the financing arrangement and to give Mr. Santee authorization to execute all necessary documents on behalf of the district. Mrs. LaSalle seconded. Mr. Santee stated that the balance of the costs of the project

will be paid from one time only funds and the increase from the additional A.N.B. Mr. Hallett commended Mr. Santee for his work on this project. The Board then voted in favor of the motion by a vote of 6-0.

5.5. Approval of High School Handbook and Revised Attendance Policy:

Mr. Conwell reviewed high school handbook and discussed the proposed change in the attendance policy and also noted the changes to the amounts that will be charged for "pay to play" and activity cards.

Mr. Shea moved to approve the High School student handbook and the revision of the student attendance policy. Mrs. LaSalle seconded and the motion carried 6-0.

5.6. Authorization for Records Disposal/Destruction – Following Schedule #7:

The Board was asked to approve the records destruction of: 2005-2006 employment applications; 1999-2000 accounts payable records; May, 2007 unused election ballots, election stubs, ballots, and registers; and 2004 building reserve ballots, stubs and register. This request for the destruction of records follows the School District Records Retention Schedule.

Mr. Pool moved to approve of the destruction of records as requested. Mrs. Holley seconded. The Board discussed some of the records and what information is contained within them. It was also noted that the records will be destroy by the staff in the District Office. The Board then voted in favor of the motion by a vote of 6-0.

5.7. Surplus Property Resolution:

The Board reviewed the resolution and listing of obsolete and unsuitable equipment to be disposed of.

Mrs. Gantt moved to approve the resolution to dispose of obsolete, undesirable or unsuitable surplus property. Mrs. LaSalle seconded. The Board discussed some of the items to be sold. It was noted that this sale will not be revenue producing, as the cost of disposing of the items will probably cost more than the sale of the items. The Board voted and the motion carried 6-0.

5.8. Discussion on Purchase of Motor Coach:

Mr. Harry Sizeland discussed his desire to sell the 1979 MCI bus and replace it with a 1999 model. Mr. Sizeland stated that the current bus has over 1,000,000 miles on it, gets approximately 5 miles per gallon, has a 47 passenger capacity, is starting to get stress cracks and is getting more and more expensive to repair. Mr. Sizeland is currently looking at three 1999 model buses that range in price from \$121,000 to \$138,000; have a 55 passenger capacity and get approximately 7 to 8 miles per gallon. These busses are in California. There would be additional costs of getting the bus to Montana and also some costs for a paint job. Currently the district has three coach buses and two yellow buses. The district purchased an additional yellow bus last year. The funding to purchase this bus would come from fund #211, the Bus Depreciation Fund. Mr. Sizeland stated that in May, there was approximately \$160,000.00 in this fund. It was noted that the budget and the amount levied for this fund was based on