

Cayuse Prairie School District #10  
Board Meeting Agenda  
January 19, 2017  
7:00 p.m. – Library

I. CALL TO ORDER - 7:00pm Present: am, Jason, Jack, Amy, Amy, Cat, Heather, staff, community and CTA. Absent: Kevin Fox

- A. Minutes – December 20, 2016 - Accepted as approved
- B. Correspondence – Mountain Brook Homestead Foundation Minutes, Cote and Assoc. letter about changes in charges for next year for access to Black Mountain software program, and BIC donation letter of mechanical pencils for the *Fight for Your Write* program that encourages handwriting.
- C. Additions to the Agenda - Add VP Report under Items for Report

## II. ITEMS FOR REPORT

- A. Administrator's Report - Amy Piazzola went over her report. Including information on upcoming MAPS testing, professional development, and the transition to Infinite Campus.
- B. VP Report - Cat Bauer, Lori Robin and Jennie Cumbane will be going to the IEFA State conference in February. We are reviewing our writing program to see if it is a match with MT State writing standards. Researching now on whether we just need Professional development to fully utilize our current program or if we need a new curriculum. Online sign-ups for P/T conferences seems to be going well.
- C. Maintenance Report - Amy Piazzola went over the report. Attached is a quote for a new water pump, including installation. Shelly Huffield is getting at least one other quote before a decision is made.
- D. Budget Report - Heather Mumby went over the report. The only fund that is of concern is the Science Olympiad. They are at a negative balance of over \$900. Amy Piazzola has asked the teacher to put together a plan to raise the funds.
- E. Student Attendance Agreement Updates - Heather Mumby went over the updated report. Currently there are 33 out of district students attending Cayuse and 43 of our students going to other districts (most of these are going to Bigfork and Creston).

## III. ITEMS FOR ACTION

- A. January Bills - Heather Mumby went over the January bills. Amy Ramer moved to approve the bills. Pam Skonord seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- B. Needs Assessment Committee Recommendation - The Committee recommended that the Board move forward with a PR campaign to education the community on the need behind a potential bond of 5 plus million.

Concerns about bidding process and having to accept the lowest bidder have been brought up by voters. Shane Jacobs from CTA went over the presentation of the different legal ways. According to MCA 20-9-204, a public entity is required to accept the lowest *responsible* bid for a project. However there is an alternative project delivery method (MCA 18-2-502). Design Bid Build is what we did on our last project where you accept the lowest bidder. Advantages are lower construction cost options (particularly when you are doing smaller construction projects), proven delivery method, lowest responsible bid. Disadvantages: possible low quality due to low bids, no open book accounting, not team oriented, potential scheduling challenges, more change orders. The Alternative method or General Contractor/Construction Manager is a preferred alternative process. Bigfork went

this route. There is a similar contractual obligation but it is more team oriented. Advantages are the Board does interviews with A/E firms and Contractors. The owner, designer and contractor then look at subcontractor bids and take the lowest bid rather than taking the Contractor lowest bid and not having any say over sub-contractors. This method you hire off of qualifications, not necessarily the lowest bidder for general contractor. Disadvantage is that it may not work well for smaller construction projects.

Jack Thatcher moved to continue on with a PR plan to inform the community about the needs of the school. Amy Ramer seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

- C. Resolution Calling for an Election - There are two current terms up for election: Jason Rausch and Pam Skonord. Both are three year terms. Pam Skonord moved to pass the resolution. Amy Ramer seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- D. First Reading Policy 2320P - Heather Mumby went through the first reading of the policy. Pam Skonord moved to accept the first reading. Jack Thatcher seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- E. Clerk's Evaluation - Pam Skonord moved to go into closed session for the Clerk and Superintendent's evaluations. Amy Ramer seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously at 8:15pm.
- F. Superintendent's Evaluation - The Board came out of closed session at 8:50pm. No motion needed.
- G. Renewal of Superintendent's Contract - Pam Skonord moved to extend Amy Piazzola's contract through the 2019-20 school year. Amy Ramer seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

#### IV. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

- A. 2017 Legislature - Heather gave an update on several bills affecting public schools. It is still early in the session to make determinations about funding.

#### V. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The Board was asked to explain the process they used to pick CTA as their architectural firm. The Board advertised for an RFP. Three initially responded as interested and two actually put forth an RFP. The Board did open interviews and chose CTA.

#### VI. ADJOURN

There being for further discussion, Pam Skonord moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:56pm. Amy Ramer seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. The next regular meeting is February 21, 2017 at 7pm.

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Kevin Fox, Board Chair

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Heather Mumby, District Clerk