

Cayuse Prairie School District #10  
Board Meeting Minutes  
December 20, 2016  
7:00 p.m. – Library

- I. CALL TO ORDER - 7:04pm Present: Kevin Fox, Jason Rausch, Pam Skonord, Amy Piazzola, Heather Mumby, Cat Bauer (7:39), Needs Assessment Committee Members, Shane Jacobs (CTA), and staff. Absent: Amy Ramer, Jack Thatcher
- A. Minutes – November 15, 2016 - Accepted as submitted
  - B. Correspondence - Mountain Brook Homestead Minutes, School Statistical Report of School 2016.
  - C. Additions to the Agenda - None

II. ITEMS FOR REPORT

- A. Administrator's Report - Amy Piazzola went to a meeting with recently elected local legislators at Flathead High School. They mainly discussed funding for facilities and special education. We are hopeful that education funding may happen early like the last session. Boys' basketball went very well and they had a great season. \$50 was raised for Sparrow's Nest from the school council bake sale. During the Christmas concert, over \$1200 was raised for the Weigum family at the dinner. Finally, Amy thanked the Board for all of their hard work and dedication and presented each of them with gifts on behalf of the school and its staff.
- B. Assistant Principal's Report - Amy Piazzola went over the report. Catherine Bauer is working with Linda Benson to have parent teacher conference sign up times done electronically.
- C. Maintenance Report - Amy Piazzola went over the report. Shelly Huffield and Pam Wilson plan on working over Christmas break doing some deep cleaning and maintenance.
- D. Budget Report - Heather Mumby went over the report. Money still needs to be raised to cover the costs for the Science Olympiad.
- E. Science Fund/Scrip Payment Info - Heather Mumby went over the procedures. Because the ordering is done on the 1st and 15th (as needed). All checks are written to the school and deposited in the Science Fund, a P&F volunteer makes the order, and the school then reimburses the P&F fund, minus the percentage we get to keep. We are hoping this remains popular for people to do.

III. ITEMS FOR ACTION

- A. December Bills - Jason Rausch moved to accept the December bills. Pam Skonord seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- B. Final Reading Policy 7225 - Jason Rausch moved to accept the final ready of policy 7225. Pam Skonord seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- C. Needs Assessment and Building Project - Several members of the Needs Assessment Committee members shared some idea and information about moving

forward with a building project. Many have a more holistic approach to looking at the needs of a modern school. Although most liked the Cadillac plan, it comes with a hefty price tag. Instead, maybe the Board can come up with a type of long-term phased plan. Concerns: is this a need or want? How can you sell the proposal? We need a specific focus sale point. With the growth that we have we are nearing our technology limits and will need to add that to any expansion, including adding a new phone system. Other questions that come up: Is the Mountain Brook space off limits forever? Can it be utilized? There is a lot of concern about still paying for the gym, starting to pay for SD5. How aggressive do we need to be? What could we do with what we have now to make it better with minimal impact? Could we avoid building completely without accepting any out of district students? Could a repurpose or shift how we use space help to avoid building right now? Assumption is that enrollment is going to increase steadily over the foreseeable future, to build the Cadillac plan, it would take two years. Phasing or having a long-term plan could be good, but do we really want to go back to the voters every 5-10 years to ask for money or do we need to look a bit bigger? The big question is what will the community tax base support? When we ran the bond for the gym it was an easier sell because the need was obvious and straightforward. We need to present to the community the issue before presenting the solution and that means we need a well-defined issue.

Need to have a specific goal in order to take it out to the community and talking to the other members. Need a clear message. Board needs to decide are we asking, when we are asking and what we are asking for. Board needs a plan. Look at other possibilities (2-3 million). See what committee thinks about the other possibilities. What does the committee do next? Task them with what they think is palatable for our community. With specific needs and a price that reflects those needs. Need a plan if it doesn't work or bond doesn't pass as well. Need to find the "no brainer" sell. Science & technology, safety & security, overcrowding. Need more discussion, time and thought.

When getting the information out to our community, we need to focus on what our school does well, the issues the school faces and what the school could do better with a new facility. Do this every 4-6 weeks and follow up later another issue or theme. We need to make sure we are pretty specific for the taxpayers.

We need to start something quickly. The school will get a voter registration list from the county. CTA will donate bond promotion graphics. If we don't move forward with the bonding right away CTA can help us with future estimates for specific funding places/issues. Shane went over a shortened presentation of the 8 million and 2 million versions.

After further discussion, it was decided that the Needs Assessment Committee needs to have a public meeting on January 17th at 5:30. This will give the committee and the public an opportunity to hear the issues and see the ideas

presented thus far. The Board meeting will be moved to January 19th at regular time. Pam Skonord made the motion. Jason Rausch seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

#### IV. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

None

#### V. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

#### VI. ADJOURN

Pam Skonord moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:57pm. Jason Rausch seconded the motion. The next regular Board meeting will be January 19th at 7pm in the school library.

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Kevin Fox, Board Chair

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Heather Mumby, District Clerk