

**HOT SPRINGS PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY  
Wednesday, October 9, 2024  
7:00 p.m.**

**AGENDA - REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

CALL TO ORDER (7:00 pm)

1. Roll Call
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Trustee Explanation of Procedures  
Visitor Sign-In: Brady Ovitt, Taylor Salmi, Michele Bangen, Rena Hanson, Justin Silva, Allan Shafer, Lara Aldridge, Craig Lien, Dusty Smith, Paul Guenzler, Justin Wright, Tina Bouquet, and Ava Bouquet
4. Public Participation  
Tina Bouquet: She thanked the Board for recording the meetings and apologized for her behavior at the last public meeting.
5. Correspondence
  - a. Scott Viegut, Open Letter Requesting Written Responses  
Mr. Chouinard will respond to Scott Viegut on behalf of the board. It will be provided to him by Friday, October 11, 2024.

MINUTES

6. Approve/Disapprove of minutes from the September 10, 2024, meeting.  
Move to approve the minutes of the September 10, 2024, board meeting as presented.  
White/Christensen (P)

WARRANT'S REPORT

7. Approval of Claim Warrants  
Move to approve claims #20470-20525 (\$85,203.53) as presented.  
Ek/Christensen (P)
8. Approval of Payroll Warrants  
Move to approve the September payroll warrants and ACH transactions as presented.  
White/M. DePoe (P)
9. Approval of Extracurricular Activity Checks  
Move to approve the extracurricular checks and balances as of September 30, 2024.  
Christensen/Ek (P)

MAINTENANCE REPORT (5 minute report)

Multipurpose Rooftop Unit: The unit repair is still in progress, a few new things have come up that have increased the project's cost.

AD'S REPORT (5 minute report)

- Volleyball Senior Night 10/24
- Football Senior Night 10/25
  - It will be pink night at both events. There will be a black out for Volleyball and a white out for Football.
  - Volleyball District tournament packets will be available after the 29th.
    - The volleyball team will play a play-in game on Wednesday. Wednesday games will be single elimination.
  - Football has one more game to play before playoffs will be determined.
  - Junior high boys basketball will start on 10/28/2024.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT (5 minute report)

1) Attendance Committee work.

**Enrollment/Attendance**

**Enrollment By School:**

|                                |            |
|--------------------------------|------------|
| <b>Hot Springs School</b>      | <b>111</b> |
| <b>Hot Springs 7-8</b>         | <b>26</b>  |
| <b>Hot Springs High School</b> | <b>60</b>  |

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|--------------|------------|
| <b>Total</b> | <b>197</b> |
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| Grade | Enrollment | Attendance | Goal   |
|-------|------------|------------|--|
| K     | 13         | 94.39%     | 95%<br>(OPI counts the percentage of students with <95%) (6 students >5.6 days) 3% |
| 1     | 16         | 97.76%     |  |
| 2     | 8          | 95.20%     |  |
| 3     | 24         | 98.44%     |  |
| 4     | 13         | 93.93%     |  |
| 5     | 20         | 95.53%     |  |
| 6     | 16         | 96.97%     |  |

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|-------|-----|---------|--|
| 7     | 12  | 88.40%  |  |
| 8     | 14  | 94.81%  |  |
| 9     | 12  | 87.44%  |  |
| 10    | 17  | 93.37%  |  |
| 11    | 15  | 97.11%  |  |
| 12    | 16  | 93.39%  |  |
| Total | 197 | 93.71%% |  |

- Data shows that students who miss 2-4 days in September often go on to miss as much as a month of school.
  - Chronic absenteeism by the 3rd grade generally results in students not showing proficiency in reading and math.
  - When students improve their attendance rates, they improve their academic prospects and chances for graduating.
  - The Attendance Committee is working on a Self Assessment Tool for tackling attendance issues within the schools.
  - Letters and phone calls from the superintendent will be going home for habitual/chronic absenteeism.
- 2) District Leadership Team (DLT).
- a. Graduate Profiles-5 characteristics-surveyed students, surveying parents, DLT will make final determination at 10/24 DLT meeting.
  - b. Safety/Emergency Committee.
  - c. Standards Based Grading Transition K-8.
- Professional Learning Communities (PLC's) (Building a school culture of collaboration!)
    - K-5: Early Intervention, ELA and Math, Core programs (phonics)
      - Investigating standard based grading
        - PLC Question #2: How do we know if they learned it?
          - What is it we are grading? Is it aligned with the standards and Tests?
- 3) Focused Initiatives for 2024-2025/Goals (*What do we want students to know and be able to do, 2. How do we know if they learned it?*)

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Standards Based Grading-What is it we are grading? Is it aligned with the standards.
- 4) Accreditation-Corrective Plan for "Advice" Student Performance-High School area-Due 10/28/2024.
  - 5) Teacher Evaluations begin in November.
  - 6) Testing-MAST Testing Window opens October 14.
  - 7) Board Training-scheduling for January.

#### NEW BUSINESS

10. Special Levy Election: Canvas of Votes & Certify Results.  
Move to certify the results of the October 2, 2024, special levy election, and canvas the votes.  

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| For      | 293 |
| Against  | 282 |
| Rejected | 5   |

 Ek/White (P)  
 Chair DePoe thanked Taylor Salmi for all her work promoting the levy and school.
11. Budget Amendment Proclamation.  
Move to approve the Budget Amendment Proclamation to proclaim the need for a budget amendment due to the results of the October 2, 2024, special levy election, and schedule a formal board meeting to adopt the proposed budget amendment.  
Christensen/White (P)
12. Montana Stock Growers Association (Information Only).  
Western Montana Stockmen's Association members spoke on behalf of FFA Advisor Justin Wright. The group acknowledged the program's success and commended the young adults that the Hot Springs School District is producing. They also notified the board of their funding support for the FFA program through the Hot Springs FFA Alumni and Supporters group. This funding aids the FFA program in meeting its financial needs for projects and competitions.
13. Recommend to Approve/Disapprove the hire of Ryan Kraus as the Junior High Boys Basketball Coach for the 2024-25 school year.  
Move to approve Ryan Kraus as the junior high boys basketball coach for the 2024-25 school year.  
Christensen/Ek (P)
14. Recommend to Approve/Disapprove Carmen Jackson, Michele Bangen, and Gerald Chouinard as signers on the Glen Mathias Scholarship Account.

Move to approve Carmen Jackson, Michele Bangen, and Gerald Chouinard as Glen Mathias Scholarship Account signers.

White/M. DePoe (P)

Rocky Mountain Bank has been purchased by Stockmans Bank, Which has requested updated account designees from the Board.

15. Recommend to Approve/Disapprove Board Policy Updates.

- 3141- Nonresident Student Enrollment

Move to update Board Policy 3141, Nonresident Student Enrollment, with an enrollment application deadline of August 1 and consideration for late registrations.

This policy change protects schools that are at capacity; out-of-district students cannot start before they are accepted. The deadline is August 1. Late registration may be accepted.

Christensen/M. DePoe (P)

16. Recommend to Approve/Disapprove the First Reading of New Board Policies.

Ek/Christensen (P)

The following policies are addendums to policy 3141 but have not been adopted by the board.

3100 Nonresident Enrollment Application Letter of Acknowledgement

3101 Nonresident Enrollment Application Letter of Acceptance

3102 Nonresident Enrollment Application Letter of Denial

OLD BUSINESS

NOVEMBER AGENDA ITEMS

ADJOURN 8:00 p.m.