

COOKE CITY SCHOOL DIST. #9----- School Board Meeting, April 15, 2024

The Board of Trustees met in regular session on April 15, 2024. Present were Trustees Joelle Passerello, Marie Carpenter and Alix House and Teacher Lara Belice. Clerk Laura Carroccia and Superintendent Lisa Rosberg were present via speakerphone.

Trustee Joelle Passerello called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

BUSINESS:

A motion was made and carried to approve the minutes of the last meeting. JP/AH

A motion was made and carried to approve the claims presented. JP/MC

The Park County Special Education Interlocal agreement was reviewed and a motion was made (JP) and seconded (AH) to approve it.

The Board reviewed the Park County Crisis Response Protocol and a motion was made (JP) and seconded (MC) to adopt it.

Lisa notified the Board that the school has received a designation of 'Universal' by the State.

Laura presented the Montana Small Schools Alliance membership renewal for consortium fees, library and guidance. A motion was made (JP) and seconded (MC) to approve the fees of \$1,435 for MSSA renewal.

A motion was made (JP) and seconded (MC) to approve a reimbursement to Lara of \$233 for greenhouse electricity costs.

Lara presented a draft of the 2024-2025 school calendar. A discussion was held and it was decided that the date of the first day of school needs to be changed to the first day of the Crow Fair field trip. Lara will make these changes and bring the updated calendar to the next meeting.

A discussion was held about staff contracts. Lara requested that the wording of her contract be changed to include that she will be paid her full salary through the end of next year, even if the 3 remaining students leave midway through the year. She also asked for a contract to pay her salary the following year if the school became non-operational, with her duties to be open for discussion but suggested duties included maintaining the school buildings, acting as custodian of the school (removing snow, ensuring building operation), community liaison, maintaining and updating curriculum and equipment so the school is ready to open immediately if new students move in, possible English language lessons to community members.

A discussion was held about funding if the school were to become non operational part way through the year. Laura has questions into OPI about exactly what funding would be received. It was decided to adjust Lara's contract to remove the paragraph stating that she would be paid a stipend of \$250/month to remain at the school in the event of no students. The Board agreed to raise both the teacher and clerk's salaries by 5% for cost-of-living increases. A total of \$47,000 for the teacher salary, with health insurance stipend to remain the same and a total of \$12,750 for the clerk's salary. Laura and Lisa will look into exactly what funds would be available if the school were to go non-operational.

Teacher Comments, Concerns:

Lara commented that Jeff Menuey appreciated the gift the school sent to thank him for helping the students with music.

Lara will be attending some training on June 17 for the new MAST testing. The cost is \$69. The Board approved the cost, to come from REAP.

Lara's Chrome book may need to be upgraded due to the operating system being outdated. She is waiting for an answer from Rainbow Enterprises.

The grade 7 Math books need to be replaced – Lara would like to purchase the one from Big Ideas Math.

Clerk comments, Concerns:

Superintendent comments, Concerns:

Lisa is working on the REAP application and the Isolated Status application.

Lisa mentioned that the organization of the Board will need to be completed at the next meeting.

Board comments, Concerns:

Joelle received an invoice for snow plowing from Blake for \$150. This payment was approved.

The meeting adjourned at 5:28 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled on ~~Monday May 13, 2024 at 5 p.m.~~
Rescheduled to Thursday May 16 2024 at 5p.m.

Submitted by Laura Carroccia, Clerk