

MINUTES

Boulder Elementary School District No. 7
Regular Meeting

March 9, 2021
Boulder Elementary School

Board members present:

Eric Rykal Carrie Harris Matt Strozewski Andrea Dolezal
Niki Conroy – via Zoom

Administrators present:

Maria Pace, Superintendent/Principal
Britton Mann, District Clerk

Staff: Devyn Ottman – Zoom Meeting Operator

Visitors: David Deskins, Ryan Reardon

CALL The Elementary Board was called to order at 5:32 p.m. by Eric, who led the Pledge
ELEMENTARY of Allegiance.
BOARD TO ORDER

AGENDA REVIEW None.

APPROVAL OF Eric had a question on the Twin Bridges claim. Ms. Pace reminded the board that
CLAIMS Twin Bridges was a part of the 21st CCLC Consortium and this was a reimbursement
to Twin Bridges for their expenditures. Andrea asked about the claims to Bonnie
Lyons and Michelee Ralph. Britton stated these were FP 14's – Individual
Transportation Contracts from Elk Park. Niki asked about Jem & R LLC. Britton
stated this was the company that Rochelle used for her evaluation tool for the 21st
CCLC Grant. At this time there were no more questions. Carrie motioned to
approve the March 2021 claims and warrants with the prior month ending with
warrant # 9204 and the current numbers 9205-9252 in the amount of \$77,180.09.
Andrea seconded all board members approved. Claims were present for review.

REVIEW OF There were no questions or comments regarding February 2021 payroll.
PREVIOUS MONTH
PAYROLL

APPROVAL OF Andrea motioned to approved the minutes for the February 9, 2021 Special 2021
PREVIOUS MONTH meeting. Carrie seconded, all approved. Matt motioned to approved the minutes for
MINUTES the February 9, 2021 Regular meeting. Andrea seconded, all approved.

APPROVAL OF The Student Activities Binder was present for board review. There were no
STUDENT questions regarding Student Activities. Carrie motioned to approve February 2021
ACTIVITIES Student Activities. Matt seconded, all approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT Eric read the public comment.

COMMUNICATIONS **LETTERS:** There was a letter from the BAT Union asking to open negotiations and
also asking for the same as last year; a 1.5% increase and full premium insurance
coverage for employee. There was also a letter from the BACE Union asking to
open negotiations.
STUDENT ISSUES: None

COMMENDATIONS Ms. Pace again wanted the board to know that the staff at Boulder Elementary is
/RECOGNITIONS great and doing a great job. Mrs. Ottman and the coaches are making sure the kids
are safe during their games.

UNFINISHED None
BUSINESS

COMMITTEE **Leadership** – Chair and Vice chair: Eric Rykal & Carrie Harris: This committee did
REPORTS meet.
1. They set the agenda.

2. They received a facilities committee update on the HVAC system.
3. They discussed the two open positions at Boulder Elementary; 3rd grade and the Reading Teacher.
4. ESSER II Grant and how the funds can be spent. There is also a third round of funds to be distributed after ESSER II has been spent. There aren't too many details at this time on the third round.
5. They discussed the Preliminary Budget for 2021-2022 School year. The District is currently down from last year's budget by \$16,313.50. This does not include any tuition from the State for YDI.

Handbook/Policy – Matt Strozewski & Niki Conroy: This committee did not meet.

Budget/Finance and Negotiations/Personnel – Carrie Harris & Niki Conroy: This committee did not meet. Britton did provide budget information to Carrie and Niki for insurance and salary increases for next school year.

Facilities – Matt Strozewski & Andrea Dolezal: The committee along with David Deskins and Britton met with Johnson Controls to discuss a Performance Contract. During the conversation it was discovered that our project of replacing the boiler in the gym probably would not qualify for the Performance Contract, simply due to the fact that it isn't a large enough replacement. However, Wendy from Johnson Controls asked for 2 years of energy bills to evaluate and see other options we would qualify for in replacing the unit.

Transportation – Andrea Dolezal & Eric Rykal: This committee did not meet.

ADMINISTRATORS REPORT

Ms. Pace provided notes for the official minutes.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Personnel –

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 - a. Subs: None
 - b. Ms. Pace would like to recommend Jered Padmos as a long term sub for Mrs. Ottman in 4th grade. Matt motioned to accept the recommendation made by Ms. Pace. Carrie seconded, all present approved.

Non Resident Student Acceptance – *Standing Agenda Item* – None

Liquidation of School Property – *Standing Agenda Item* – Britton provided a list of desktops and laptops provided by School House IT for E-Waste. Carrie motioned to approved the list as presented. Andrea seconded, all approved.

Teacher Evaluations – Ms. Pace went over the provided list of evaluations and where she currently is and who is left to complete.

Comdata – Britton asked to replace the school credit card with US Bank for Comdata. US Bank currently is under Ms. Pace's name and we will need to cancel that when she leaves. Comdata is used by other school in Montana as their school credit card and is based on the school and not an individual's social security number at the school. Matt motioned to approved the switch from US Bank to Comdata. Carrie seconded, all approved.

Johnson Controls - Representatives from Johnson Controls were present to discuss their professional opinion on the boiler unit in the gym. They have a long history with Boulder Elementary and feel like they have a good working relationship with David Deskins, Head Custodian. They also feel like they know the history and have been involved in repairing of said boiler. The unit is at least 20-year-old and it is difficult to find parts for routine maintenance. Purchasing a boiler with a hot water heating coil would be more manageable and controllable. The purchase price would be around \$400,000 and the design cost would be around \$22,000. The board decided to take their time and not rush into anything and shoot for construction on the boiler to begin the summer of 2022. Ryan from Johnson Controls stated that he felt that was a great idea. This would give ideal time to plan accordingly.

Curriculum – Ms. Pace proposed to the board that she felt the curriculum from Amplify would be the right choice for K-5. This is the curriculum that is currently being used on 6th – 8th grade. It is evidence based and the teachers have done a lot of the training already. Carrie motioned to purchase the Amplify Curriculum as presented. Andrea seconded the motion, all approved.

Permissive Levy Resolution – Britton presented the Permissive Levy Resolution for funds 110 (Transportation) 113 (Tuition) and 161 (Building Reserve) Matt motioned

to approve the resolution. Carrie seconded, all approved.

Legislature Updates – Ms. Pace discussed the CSCT funding bill. There was also discussion on the bill that would increase new teacher pay.

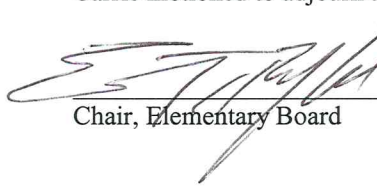
8th Grade Graduation – Ms. Pace has had several inquiries regarding the 8th grade graduation. There are currently 8 in school students and 2 remote students. The board discussed a traditional ceremony due to the fact that class size is so small. There could be social distancing, masks and a certain number of guests. It could also be videoed. Eric recommend the school follow the current guidelines. Things could change in either direction. Andrea motioned to an in person graduation ceremony following current guidelines. Carrie seconded, all approved.

TOPICS FOR
FUTURE AGENDAS

Board Evaluations
Coaching Positions
Clerk Evaluation
Johnson Control Engineering Contract
Legislative Changes

ADJOURNMENT

Carrie motioned to adjourn at 7:00, Andrea seconded, which passed unanimously.



Chair, Elementary Board



Clerk, Elementary Board