



**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 365
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
JULY 12, 2021 - 7:00 P.M.
RIMROCK ROOM 102
REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 P.M. by Chairman Scott McNeley. Chairman McNeley welcomed patrons and led the pledge.

Board members present were:

Scott McNeley	Chairman
Allen Merrick	Vice Chairman
Steve Boren	Trustee
Jeff Blaser	Superintendent
Jessica Johnson	Clerk
JayDene Aquiso	Treasurer

Board members absent were:

Gary Jones	Trustee
Raelynn Schkade	Trustee

Clerk Johnson confirmed a quorum was present.

PUBLIC INPUT I - None

ACTION ITEMS

A. Approve Agenda

Trustee Merrick made a motion with a second by Trustee Boren to approve the agenda, and a vote by the Board agreed. Motion passed.

~~B. Approve Merrick Diesel Solutions bill~~
Good Faith Reason: There is no bill for this month.

Vice Chairman Merrick abstained from discussion and voting on Action Item C.

C. Approve Ashley Merrick's paycheck

Trustee Boren made a motion with a second by Trustee McNeley to approve Ashley Merrick's paycheck, and a vote by the Board agreed. Motion passed.

D. Approve Consent Agenda

1. Approve minutes of June 14, 2022 regular meeting/budget hearing
2. Approve Accounts Payable/Payroll
3. Approve 2022-2023 Payroll dates
4. Approve hires:

- a) Athletic Directors: Head AD Amanda Dygert, Assistant AD Ashley Merrick
 - b) Elementary Teacher on Alternate Route, Abigail Rice
 - c) Mindy Patterson, Parprofessional-pending background checks
 - d) Lesley Cherry, Secondary English-pending background checks
5. Rescind hiring of Shelly Goins, Paraprofessional
- Trustee Merrick made a motion with a second by Trustee Boren to approve the consent agenda, and a vote by the Board agreed. Motion passed.**

REPORTS TO THE BOARD

A. Superintendent Report - Jeff Blaser

1. Moving Office Areas: The superintendent and business manager offices have been moved back to the front Rimrock office to be more accessible and available to the community.
2. Update on Hiring: New staff have been hired (consent agenda). A long term sub is being setup for Emily Waterlander for maternity leave. Two elementary teachers still need to be filled.
3. Federal Programs by Patty Dalrymple: Federal Program review is coming up in March. Currently working on updating our procedure manual which does not have to be approved by the board but Mrs. Dalrymple asked feedback from trustees if they want to approve it before it is submitted. Not a lot of changes are being made, mostly changing a word or two that was missed during the last review. Trustee feedback was no need to approve before submitting.
4. Grounds and Maintenance Updates:
 - i. Rental house bathroom remodel: Three rentals need update repairs, one is a must as mold is present. Funds are available in the housing account to cover repairs.
 - ii. Rirmock Football Field: Mr. McClure is looking to put an addition onto the new in-ground sprinkler system in the field.
 - iii. GVE Irrigation: Working on a new water source for irrigation. Agri-Lines will be out to set the pump.
 - iv. Train Cars: The boxcars are cleaned out and ready for pick up. Once removed, the fence lines will be repaired and a shed for the rental house will be purchased.
 - v. Rimrock Irrigation: The last two sprinkler stations are about finished being cleaned. Hopefully, with the new filtration system, this will be the last summer for them to be cleaned out.
 - vi. Rimrock Fire System: The system is in poor condition. The broken bells have been fixed but the system still does not meet code. A full replacement of the system is needed. Cost could range from \$80,000-\$150,000 but Crane Alarm is working on an estimate.
 - vii. Ag/Wood Shop: The water heater has ruptured and is located in the upstairs loft of the shop. Water leaked down into the shop bathroom ceiling, ruining it. Mr. McClure is waiting for an estimate for a replacement including relocating it from the upstairs loft to the main floor. An insurance claim will be submitted to repair the bathroom ceiling.
 - viii. Rimrock Kitchen: The garbage disposal needs replacing.
5. Legislation and Policy

- i. Student Directed Learner bill went into effect July 1st. ISBA has put out sample policies for districts. The language of the new law does not mandate districts to create and adopt a new policy regarding this law.
 - ii. IC 74-105(4)(b) Exemption for providing public records: Records related to critical infrastructure (example: plans for emergency evacuation, emergency response) are exempted from public records and requests. Superintendent Blaser has verified this with various people including the district's attorney. Documents are exempted from public records for safety purposes.
 - iii. Policy 501.2: It is recommended to update the mileage reimbursement rate for the 2022-2023 year due to climbing gas prices. The current state and federal mileage rate is 58.5 cents per mile. Trustees would like to see a policy revision so the district rate can fluctuate to meet the state rate without requiring board action annually.
 - iv. Fiscal update: Reviewed Blue Cross insurance options.
6. Strategic Planning & ELT: ELT will be reviewing the strategic plan at their upcoming annual retreat to develop and create their annual goals.

PUBLIC INPUT II - None

EXECUTIVE SESSION - Unable to hold executive session due to less than two-thirds (at least four trustees) of the board present to authorize the session.

ACTION ITEMS II

A. Possible action item(s) resulting from executive session - None due to no executive session held.

B. Approve Blue Cross Insurance for 2022-2023

Trustee Boren made a motion with a second by Trustee Merrick to approve Blue Cross Insurance for 2022-2023.

Discussion: Discussed cost difference between the three options. Option 1: The current policy with a 9.8% increase; Option 2: \$350/\$950 deductible plan which is similar to the state plan and is what BGV employees would like based on survey feedback; and Option 3: \$1,000/\$2,000 deductible. Trustees suggested to look into the possibility of offering both option 2 and 3 for employees to choose between.

Amendment - Trustee Merrick made a motion with a second by Trustee Boren to amended the main motion to go with Option 2 - \$350/\$950 deductible plan. A vote by the Board agreed to amend the main motion.

A vote by the Board was taken to approve Blue Cross Insurance, Option 2 - \$350/\$950 deductible plan, for 2022-2023, and the Board agreed. Motion passed.

C. Update Travel policy to state mileage reimbursements

Trustee Boren made a motion with a second by Trustee Merrick to update travel policy to state mileage reimbursements, and a vote by the Board agreed. Motion passed.

ADJOURN

Trustee Merrick made a motion with a second by Trustee Boren to adjourn, and a vote by the Board agreed. Motion passed.

All businesses of the Board having been completed, Chairman McNeley adjourned the meeting at 8:48 P.M.

CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEE
JULY 12, 2022

CLERK