

MONTANA CITY SCHOOL
DISTRICT NO. 27 BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 12, 2025

The Regular Meeting of the Montana City School District No. 27 Board of Trustees was called to order by Chairperson Cole Mosby at 6:30 pm in the Montana City School Library.

Trustees present were Chairperson Cole Mosby, Stephanie Boysen, Mikal Wilkerson, and Betty Ferriter. Others present included: Superintendent Tony Kloker, Principal Connor Kline, Clerk Diane Smith, and Jennifer Burnett.

Stephanie Boysen made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 8, 2025 Regular Meeting as written. Betty Ferriter seconded the motion and all members present voted in favor.

Stephanie Boysen made a motion to approve the list of claims warrants #67059 through #67105 the list of payroll warrants #2139 through #2163 and the direct deposits # to 85586 #85674 all totaling \$799,435.87. Betty Ferriter seconded the motion and all members present voted in favor.

Stephanie Boysen made a motion to approve the following extracurricular checks as written: #2869 Glory Seamons \$80 ; #2870 Bill Rainey \$80; #2871 Bill Rainey \$80; #2872 Justin Grimsrud \$80; #2873 Justin Grimsrud \$80; #2874 Glory Seamons \$80; #2875 Edgewater Farm \$200; #2876 Hammer & Stain \$400; #2877 Gym 406 \$10; #2878 MASC \$125; #2879 Larry Crowder \$80; #2880 Adam Sackman \$80; #2881 Larry Crowder \$80; #2882 Rick Oie \$80. Betty Ferriter seconded the motion and all members present voted in favor.

Board members received the Certificate of Substantial Completion for the Water Well Project.

Madison Korthals, Paraprofessional, submitted a letter of resignation effective November 14th. Mr. Kloker has accepted her resignation. We will miss Madison and appreciate what she has done for our school and for our students.

Prickly Pear Land Trust called Tony Kloker about the trust possibly purchasing the small sliver of land to the south of the school where the railroad tracks are located. They would donate the land to the school which would open up possibilities for the district with the Bompert properties across the railroad and creek. Tony Kloker will keep the board updated with any progress of this deal.

Connor Kline reported that we went from 3 bus routes as in previous years to 2 this year to run more efficiently due to the lack of bus drivers. Several times last year a route had to be cancelled, or covered with remaining buses because of a shortage of drivers. In October, Bus 1 averaged around 45 riders on the 84 passenger bus. The average riders for 84 passenger school buses across the country is in the mid-50's range. Millisa, the current Harlow's manager in the Boulder office, will be leaving as of Friday, November 14. We don't have any cameras in our buses, although it is in the contract. Harlow's has recently shipped over cameras that will need to be installed by the bus company. Bus drivers are a revolving door-1 parent who is a government employee while the federal government remains shut down and Harlow's is bringing other drivers over from Stevensville to drive our 2 routes. The former driver of bus 1 sent a letter with students to their parents questioning the safety of the bus. This had the school doing damage control, with Connor educating parents on what is truly happening with the buses with a few parents following up for more information. Connor Kline has had to continually remind Harlow's last year and again this year that the CB in the office doesn't work. The CB belongs to Harlow's, and they seem to think we should buy the replacement. It is mentioned in the bus contract that Harlow's

would be responsible for a bus aide to ride the bus to help monitor students. We have continued to experience challenges with our transportation services. Mr. Kline has taken steps to identify reasonable solutions, support drivers, and collaborate with Harlow's leadership despite frequent staffing and management changes. We remain committed to student safety and accountability in getting our students home safely.

There have also been some challenges in our food service program, including legitimate concerns about students not always receiving full meals that are on the menu because of occasional shortages. These issues stem from new staff, efforts to reduce waste and stay fiscally responsible along with the difficulty to get accurate food counts. The cafeteria staff has adjusted to find a better balance between efficiency and meeting student needs. They have also enhanced the second choice from only tunafish to multiple options. The administration has adjusted staffing assignments and improved the lunch count process to ensure an adequate number of meals. Elementary teachers met with Mr. Kline and Mr. Kloker to discuss solutions that mainly focused on streamlining the serving line and ways they can help. The Office of Public Instruction is conducting a thorough review of our lunch program this year. The representative will be on-site tomorrow to observe and gather information. The results of this review will also provide helpful feedback for continued improvement.

Jordan Beasley will be starting the process to obtain his water license. Our current water tester has had to do 2 water tests this month, and we are waiting for results. The water well project is almost complete, with around \$19,000 of district funds being held for the completion. The grant funds are all expended with the approval of warrants this evening. It's great to close those out ahead of the December 31 deadline.

Mr. Kline has been taking classes and pursuing his Superintendent Endorsement with completion of the coursework in December. He has been working on his field experience under Mr. Kloker's guidance throughout: audit processes, school budget, staffing, hiring process, long term planning, focus on key issues during first 100 days of superintendent role, taken lead on attorney/school communication, policies, E-grants, mentoring, and other OPI regulations/documentation as well as a significant role in the negotiations process, special education compliance, water project, and contract language issues, etc.

The June 30, 2025 Audit Report was received and reviewed. Stephanie Boysen made a motion to approve the June 30, 2025 Audit Report as presented. Betty Ferriter seconded the motion and all members present voted in favor.

There were no recommended changes for the annual review of the Wellness Policy #2510 and we completed a triennial assessment last school year. From that assessment, a wellness implementation plan was created, shared with parents and posted on the school website. We continue to progress with following the plan and there are no recommended policy changes at this time. Stephanie Boysen made a motion to keep Policy 2510 Wellness Policy as is, with no changes at this time. Betty Ferriter seconded the motion and all members present voted in favor.

The transcripts from Kalli Sharbono have been reviewed and Tony Kloker recommended the board approve her horizontal move to the MA column as provided through the master contract language. Stephanie Boysen made a motion to approve the horizontal move for Kalli Sharbono on the 2025-2026 matrix. Betty Ferriter seconded the motion and all members present voted in favor.

Stephanie Boysen made a motion to hire Kyler Smith, Ruth Anne Hanson and Stacy Abar as substitutes pending complete background checks. Betty Ferriter seconded the motion and all members present voted in favor.

Stephanie Boysen made a motion to adjust Be Beasley's contract as a part time employee of two days per

week beginning December 4, 2025. Betty Ferriter seconded the motion and all members present voted in favor.

For the Good of the Order

Tony Kloker, Betty Ferriter, and Cole Mosby attended a sales presentation by CareHawk on Intercom, Bells, Communication and Paging systems. The system can be initiated from cellphones, base - server, clocks, add-ons such as the visual communicator in classrooms and hallways with a lighted check-in, and added zones.

Diane Smith informed the board that the Election Resolution for the trustee election will be made in December beginning this year. The timeline for trustee declarations now closes early in February. The resolution can be amended/modified in February to add levy elections.

Chairperson Cole Mosby adjourned the meeting at 7:03 pm

Submitted By

Approved By

Date