

Home of the Huskies

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Superintendent's Report & Lil Husky News *by Meredith Feddes*

We are off to a fantastic beginning in the elementary. Our students have shown PAX vision, PAX hands and feet and PAX quiet with incredible accuracy. We are impressed with the progress in a few short years of this program and our students in it. Mrs. Royce has put up our Accelerated Reading game again. We are Racing to Space. Students may earn water bottles, extra computer time, lunch with a staff member, or extra recess. We held Open House for guardians and students on September 8th. This was fun for us to get back to normal activities. We will hold a dance during the 1st Parent/Teacher Conference for students PK-5 in the elementary gym. The local Elks Hoop Shoot will be held on October 20th. It is open to students who will be 8 years old before April 1, 2022 and younger than 14 by April 1, 2022. Please join us in the elementary gym at 2 pm if you would like to participate. The regional contest will be held, Sunday, November 14th at 1 pm in the Red Lodge Civic Center.

We as a district again are working on our Literacy Grant. We have moved our focus to finding math strategies and curriculum and Social Emotional Learning strategies and screeners, while continuing with our reading goals. We are working on our Crisis Management Plan and 5 Year Strategic Plan as a district. If you have interest in sharing anything with the district in respect to these two items, please contact the school and we will put you on a list to assist. This fall there will be a scenario held at the high school building that will put our Crisis Management Plan into action. The elementary students will be participating from afar and the building will only be placed in lockdown. We have completed testing for the Fall term. This includes DIBELS and MAPs for K-8 and MAPS testing for 9-11. Data meetings have been held to place students with curriculum that fits their needs and teachers are arranging for additional supports as needed.

Absarokee School District has been approved for the Seamless Summer Option available through the National School Lunch Program for students K-12. This option will allow the students of the district to have free breakfast and lunch this year. If an extra milk or food is obtained it will cost the individual student \$0.60 and \$1.00. The program will be retroactive to the beginning of the year!!! Be Husky!

JH/HS Principal *by Cameron Barber*

The school year has been off to a great start. All of the teachers, staff, and students have been coming in each day with smiles on their faces ready to take on the day. The students seem to be excited to be in school and have had a very upbeat attitude this fall.

We have been very busy starting this school year. The students have taken their MAPS testing in reading, language arts, math, and science. I want to thank the students for their hard work on the test, and the staff for encouraging all students during their testing. Once they have all completed their test we will go through the data to make sure that each student is being correctly accommodated.

Homecoming week was September 7th-10th. We had some great dress-up days that the students and the staff had great fun with. We had USA Day, Old Western Day, Class Color Day, and of Course Orange and Black Day. The volleyball team played Plenty Coups on Thursday. They came out strong and finished even stronger with a 3-0 win. The football team played Twin Bridges on Friday night. It was a hard-fought loss to the Falcons. After the football game the students, and some staff, danced the evening away and had lots of fun at the homecoming dance.

Mrs. Seibert set up a 9/11 memorial. The students circled around the flagpole on the front lawn. Mrs. Seibert said a few words explaining the significance of the ceremony. Mrs. Hamel then place a wreath at the foot of the flag to remember all those that were affected.

All of our extracurricular activities are in full swing now. During the fall we have Volleyball and Football for school sports. Also getting started is Business Professional of America (BPA), Future Farmers of America (FFA), Band and Chorus, Student Council, and Close-Up. We also have many other extracurriculars that are getting ready to gear up in the near future.

Along with extracurricular activities the students have been very busy in the classroom. Mrs. Howe had her 6th-grade students got covered in a newspaper to measure the area of their skin. Mr. Feddes had a debate in his calculus class on who was the real inventor of calculus, Sir Isaac Newton or Gottfried Leibniz. Ms. Feddes has introduced a money system in her classes that are helping the students learn about money and personal finance. All of the students have been working very hard in class.

Board of Trustees News by Kayce Arthur, Board Chairperson

Fall is in the air and the past few weeks we have definitely known school is back in session as it's been a busy return between testing, Homecoming, sports starting and getting back into the swing of things! As for your board of trustees we've been making sure our policy and procedures were up-to-date and in place for opening, especially during this challenging time of Coronavirus. We have started school with no restrictions in place and we thank parents, students, staff and the community for staying home when you are ill, continuing good hand hygiene and for taking care of one another. We are so happy to see fans in the stands, parents and volunteers in the schools and students having the opportunity for a "normal" school year. Thank you to each of you for your part in making that happen.

As many of you may be aware we received a multi-year Literacy Grant last year. This grant is affording our school so many excellent opportunities that we wanted to highlight a few. We have a full time on staff Child and Family Therapist who is available to all students. If a student has a mental health need they are able to access support right at our school. We are utilizing a Behavioral Specialist to a further extent which gives those students that are struggling with behaviors the additional support they need; while also giving staff the training and help they need for those behaviors. We have hired an Interventionist for the grades 6-12, which allows us to more seamlessly implement the Tier 2 Interventions for our students that need extra help in increasing their literacy skills. Our elementary staff is working diligently to provide interventions for all students; whether they need extra help, are right on target or are accelerated with intervention blocks 4 days a week for both Math and Reading. We feel very fortunate to have these opportunities for our district and appreciate all who make the grant a reality.

At Absarokee Schools, safety drills have always been part of the equation. Whether it's fire, bus safety/evacuation, lockdown or earthquake drills each year we make certain that staff and students know what the procedures are for whatever emergency presents itself. For the past few months, the board has been in discussion with the Stillwater County Sheriff's department about doing an active shooter drill at the junior high/high school building. This is not a decision we have taken lightly as we understand that this is a sensitive and highly charged topic. Our top priority throughout the entire process is the safety and wellbeing of the people in our buildings and under our care. With that thought in mind, we are proceeding with the steps that will lead up to the active shooter drill. We will be communicating these steps and the process before, during and after the drill. Two items we want made very clear is the elementary school will only be put on lockdown and will not be actively participating in the drill and we will be giving parents the opportunity to either "Opt In or Opt Out" their student for the day of the drill at the junior high/high school. We want students, staff, parents and the community to be aware and informed as we navigate this scenario that we hope we never have to implement; however, know we must be prepared for. There will be more information to come on our Facebook page "Absarokee Huskies", our school website and in communication coming home to parents and shared with students. We ask that parents have conversations with their children and to please feel free to contact the school if you have questions.

In the upcoming months the board will be continuing to work on our district board goals and we have begun the process of a 5 year strategic plan. There will be opportunities for the community to have input as we move forward and we encourage you to be involved. As always, please keep an eye on our Facebook page and website for board and school happenings. Thank you to our students, staff and community for a great start to the school year, we are excited to see what the year is to bring! You can't help but feel the Husky Pride as your drive through our town all decked out in orange and black after Homecoming. Thanks to each of you who make us "One Town, One School, One Family". Go Huskies!

Robotics, Classes & Young Entrepreneurs by Heidi Gunderson

High School Robotics Club

We are kicking off our high school robotics club with a bang this year. We are also excited to announce that our junior high club will meet this month. Last year, we were unable to offer the junior high robotics club as our students were all involved with sports. This year we have a few eager members and we are excited to begin again!

Challenging Classes

We are excited to announce that we have a lot of students taking advanced classes this year! We currently offer AP Computer Science Principles, AP English Language and Composition, and Joy and Beauty of Computing, which is a dual credit college course. These classes are all offered on campus and we have 10 students enrolled. That is 15% of our high school enrollment! It is great to see so many students challenging themselves! Way to go Huskies!

Youth Entrepreneurs

Ms. Feddes and I are starting a Youth Entrepreneur program at Absarokee High School. The goals of this program are to teach students entrepreneurship, ethics, and leadership skills. The goal is to weave these skills into our daily lives so it becomes second nature. What is an entrepreneur? The definition of an entrepreneur is:

"Entrepreneurs are those who initiate exchanges of value in a market, solving problems with a win-win solution. When viewed through this lens, anyone can be entrepreneurial. It is much bigger than starting a business. These entrepreneurial concepts are about more than dollars and cents. Social entrepreneurs, for example, solve problems and create value in ways that can't be measured on a financial statement. But the same underlying attributes of markets are true; people freely exchanging things of value which results in individual and community transformation" (teachempowered.org).

Our goal is to teach our students how they may positively impact our community and prepare them for their career goals. Our students are excited to start this program! We are looking forward to the many wonderful ideas our students will bring to life!

Stillwater Valley FFA *by Bailey Karnick, Reporter*

The Stillwater Valley FFA went to Park City on September 10th for District Leadership School. We took all grades from 7th to 12th, the turnout was greatly impressive for the district. Our chapter is part of the Southern District. We took 24 kids total from our chapter. The younger kids participated in games with some of the state officer team and learned more about FFA opportunities. The older kids went with the two state officers and was involved in leadership activities, along with representatives from Montana State University and learned about Ag Education opportunities for the state. The meeting concluded with pizza and line dancing.

With the new school year started, we had our first meeting and gearing up for our first contests. The chapter's first contest is the Nile Livestock Judging and Agricultural Sales contest. This contest gets our teams ready to compete for the rest of the season. The next thing in the timeline is our FFA Nationals trip that is coming up at the end of October. This takes place in Indianapolis, Indiana for a week. The trip is an opportunity for the older members to celebrate their accomplishments as they are getting ready to be finished with their FFA career.

This summer Trevor and Mr. Yates traveled to Great Falls for the Jr. Ag Mechanics Show during the State fair. The hay feeder Trevor made the past school year was entered into the competition. He won Reserve Grand Champion in the Livestock Equipment division. His prize consisted of a belt buckle and some tools that Trevor can make more winning equipment with. Shayla is also a member that had some accomplishments over the summer. She was awarded two heifers from well-known organizations. One heifer came from the Rocky Mountain Stockgrowers Association Youth Investment Heifer program. The other heifer came from the Nile Merit Heifer program. Donated by Walloom Cattle Company, out of Hardin, Montana. Shayla will show her heifers at Stillwater livestock show and many various other jackpots.

Colton Young was our state winner in Agriculture Services for his proficiency in Auctioneering. He advanced to compete at the National Level. Colton received a Bronze for his application.

The rest of the school year has many opportunities and contests in the future. The chapter is looking forward to competing in the contest.

Counselor's Corner *by Nicki Reissig*

Happy Fall, Huskies! We have hit full stride with our school year and are off to a wonderful start. Our elementary guidance lessons have consisted of skills needed to be a respectful learner. Our focus will shift to understanding our own emotions and how to advocate when help is needed. At-home activities may occasionally come home with students. These are absolutely optional, but can be a fantastic resource when discussing guidance lessons with your kiddos. Mrs. Ator and I have also started our individual counseling sessions in both buildings. If you feel like your child may benefit from these, please feel free to contact us. We are here to help in any way we can. Senior parents, we will be having an informational meeting on October 6 at 6pm. We will be going over scholarships, college/career planning, and graduation logistics. As always, have a great day and Go Huskies!

Art *by Matthew Mullen*

High School Visual Arts- It has been a great start to the school year in high school studio art. Students are currently working on the theme of "Journey" to express through their colored pencil, acrylic paintings, and graphite pencil drawings. When students complete these artworks, these can be seen on a Google photos site. Look for the website address in the next newsletter.

Mr. Mullen and some high school student artists will soon start a large mural painting in Absarokee.

Elementary Art- Students have recently completed Elements of Art drawings and paintings focused on line, shape, and color. This basic approach gives a foundation to students to be able to think, analyze, and discuss artworks going forward.

FCCLA News *by Carolyn Story*

We had our first meeting on September 2nd and elected officers for 2021-2022, President: Kailey Campbell, Vice President: Adree Langley & Secretary: Allison Howes. Our Leadership Rally this year will be held in Fairmont Hot Springs on September 26th and 27th. Our officers plan on attending. The agenda includes keynote speaker, Brooklyn Gross, helping FCCLA members develop real world skills. Also presenting is Lindsay Walter, M.Ed.,LCPC, whose work's focus is helping individuals to be their best. As always, our agenda includes team building activities. Officers from our district will meet on October 6th in Columbus to plan our annual fall district meeting. The location and date is yet to be confirmed. Our National FCCLA Conference will be held next summer in San Diego. We will be working on qualifying to attend.

Adult Education *by Mary Byron*

Beginning Quilting, Sundays, October 17th, 24th and 31st 12pm – 4pm. Learn all the essential of quilting or come practice with us on a beautiful 4-patch pattern. Choose your own fabrics at Cloud Nine Quilts. Taught by Jane Oltrogge. Class fee paid by Absarokee Adult Education. Class kit is \$45 including fabric, matching thread and instruction book with multiple patterns and all the information a quilter needs. Stop by or call the store at 406-328-4032 to sign up.

Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes *by Tanya Lester*

July 19, 2021

The Board of Trustees of School District 52 & 52C met at a regular meeting on Monday July 19, 2021 at 9:02 AM in the High School Library and on the Zoom platform with the following in attendance: Kayce Arthun, Justine Dawson, Mark Ferster, Shari DeSaveur, Garth Pelton, Mike Pasiecznyk, Superintendent Meredith Feddes, Principal Cameron Barber, and Clerk Tanya Lester. Trustees Kathleen Howes and Josh Royce were absent. Also present were Brande Young, Stephanie Young, Kevin Owens, Johna Zumbun, Van Wood, Bill Pascoe, Mindy Young, and Richelle Kelley. Chairman Arthun called the meeting to order and after the pledge she recognized all visitors.

There were no agenda changes. Per the consent agenda, **DeSaveur/Ferster moved to approve the minutes of the June 21, 2021 regular board meeting, the minutes of the July 15, 2021 special meeting, July 15, 2021 closed session, pay the elementary bills, pay the high school bills, and approve the activity account. Motion carried.**

Supt. Feddes updated the Board on work and activities that are going on at the school over the summer. Supt. Feddes read a statement regarding retirement issues. "I have received questions about the special board meeting held last week. There were issues with the Teachers' Retirement System relating to Mr. Zumbun's resignation agreement. The Board was briefed by the school lawyers. No action was taken by the Board and the matter with TRS was resolved." There was no report from the athletic director. No special reports were presented to the Board.

On third reading of the policies, **Ferster/Pelton moved to approve Policies 3110, 2050, 2410P, and 2221. All trustees voted in favor.**

Beartooth Electric presented an option to the District for solar power as discussed at the last board meeting. The estimate is from Sundance Solar Systems LLC for \$30,000.00. Beartooth Electric would cover \$15,000. Stillwater Protective Association would cover \$7,500. The rest would be up to the Absarokee School District in the amount of \$7,500. The Board had many questions for the representatives from Beartooth Electric and Stillwater Protective Association. The Board would like the Facilities Committee to meet with Sundance Solar Systems to finalize prices and determine if the school would like to proceed.

Supt. Feddes presented bids from Hartley's and I-State. The Hartley's bid is in the amount of \$112,250 for a Blue Bird Bus, and the bid from I-State is \$104,867.00 for a Thomas Bus. There would be an option to trade the 2011 bus to lower the purchase price. **Ferster/Pasecznyk moved to purchase the Thomas Bus with the trade in for \$100,000. Motion carried.**

Recommendations for junior high volleyball, junior high golf, academic olympics, and honor society were made by Supt. Feddes. **Dawson/Ferster moved to hire Tori Lewis for junior high volleyball, Katrina Feddes for junior high golf, and Catherine Frazer for academic olympics. All elementary trustees voted in favor. Pasecznyk/Pelton moved to hire Katrina Feddes for Honor Society. Pelton, Dawson, Pasecznyk, Ferster, and Arthun voted in favor. DeSaveur voted against.** Supt. Feddes made recommendations for certified positions and explained how the candidates would be acceptable in TEAMS. Katrina Feddes who was hired at the last meeting has an approved plan from UM-Western. She must complete a Class 5 Provisional for TEAMS in three years. Nicki Reissig, hired early in the year, has been accepted by MSU-Billings and also must complete the Class 5 Provisional for TEAMS in three years. The recommendation for physical education will trigger a nepotism notice and will not be voted on until the next meeting. English Language Arts is still an open position. As for an interventionist, Supt. Feddes will be moving Ms. Joan Howe to this position and will need to hire a paraprofessional to replace her in her current position.

The Junior High/High School Handbook was reviewed by the board. The administration has worked hard this summer to combine handbooks to make it easier for parents, students, and staff.

There is a request from a student asking to take two classes as dual enrollment as a sophomore. The classes are for basic college classes and would be allowed as electives. The problem lies in a failed class during the student's freshman year. The proper procedure is for the student to retake the class for credit recovery through MTDA. This would make the student have more than seven credits. Only seven are allowed.

Supt. Feddes presented the report from the property and liability inspection that occurred in June. Most of last year's hazards have been addressed, but there are items that will need to be looked into this year.

There is a significant amount of property that has been collecting around both school buildings. The Board was asked to consider a Resolution of Disposal of Surplus Property. **Ferster/Pasecznyk moved to approve the Disposal of Surplus Property Resolution. Motion carried.** A copy of the resolution is attached as part of the minutes.

MTSBA 1900 Model policies are still in effect, but the board will need to extend the declaration of emergency. **DeSaveur/Ferster moved that the Board of Trustees declare an unforeseen emergency within the meaning of that term as set forth in Title 20, Chapter 9, Part 8, to become immediately effective and to continue through June 30, 2022, or until terminated by a vote of the Board of Trustees. The declaration is necessary due to community and school health concerns related to COVID-19. The Board of Trustees authorizes the district to take the necessary steps to execute this declaration and inform the public and government agencies of the declaration. Motion carried.**

Renewal of the daycare/preschool lease was presented to the Board with the recommendation to keep the daycare/preschool in the elementary for the 2021-22 school year. **Ferster/DeSaveur moved to renew the daycare/preschool lease for the 2021-22 school year. All elementary trustees voted in favor.**

Supt. Feddes presented the MTSBA resolutions. **Pasecznyk/Pelton moved to vote in favor of all four MTSBA resolutions. All trustees voted in favor.**

At the last regular meeting Trustee Clayton Young presented a letter of resignation to the clerk. The letter is attached as part of the minutes. **Ferster/Pasecznyk moved to accept Young's resignation and declare a vacancy on the Board of Trustees. Motion carried.** The Board requested applications to fill the vacancy be addressed to Chairman Arthun and sent to the school. The Board will appoint one candidate to fill the vacancy. Should the Board fail to fill the vacancy in 60 days the County Superintendent shall appoint in writing a competent person to fill the vacancy. An appointee shall qualify by completing and filing an oath of office with the county superintendent within (15) days after receiving notice of appointment and shall serve until the next regularly scheduled school election and a successor has qualified.

Supt. Feddes presented policy updates from MTSBA. **Ferster/Pelton moved to approve policies 3310, 3416, 3417, 5325, 8200, 8301, 8411, 2332, 2600, 2600P, 3150, 3233, 3413, 3121, 3510, 3550, and 4331 as they are required, or have required language changes and can be passed on the first reading. Motion carried.** Policies 2170, 2170P, 3311, 4315, 4332, 5223 will need another reading.

There was no public comment. After adjournment the Board continued discussion with a working session for Board Goals and a Five-Year Plan, but no action was taken. With no further business, **Pasecznyk/Pelton moved to adjourn at 12:20 PM. Motion carried.**

August 23, 2021

The Board of Trustees of School District 52 & 52C met at a regular meeting on Monday August 23, 2021 at 7:00 PM in the High School Library and on the Zoom platform with the following in attendance: Kayce Arthun, Mark Ferster, Joshua Royce, Garth Pelton, Kathleen Howes, Mike Pasecznyk, Superintendent Meredith Feddes, Principal Cameron Barber, and Clerk Tanya Lester. Trustees Justine Dawson and Shari DeSaveur joined by Zoom. Also present were Ty Williams, Chris Gunderson, Heidi Gunderson, Catherine Frazer, Janel Brunckhorst, Jackie Walker, Andy Simpson, Brian Young, Mindy Young, Kailey Campbell, Van Wood, Kevin

Owens, Jordan Hicketier, Brande Young, Johna Zumbun, Kenady Royce, Anna Donohoe, Afton Lamoreaux, Monique Mondragon, and Sarah Kornick. Chairman Arthun called the meeting to order and after the pledge she recognized all visitors.

There were no agenda changes. Per the consent agenda, **Ferster/Royce moved to approve the minutes of the July 19, 2021 regular board meeting, pay the elementary bills, pay the high school bills, and approve the activity account. Motion carried.**

Due to the resignation of an elementary trustee, a position became open at the last board meeting. One letter of interest was received and an interview was conducted by the Board. **Ferster/DeSavoir moved to appoint Ty Williams as an elementary trustee until the next election. All elementary trustees voted in favor.** Ty was sworn in with the oath of office by the school clerk.

Supt. Feddes updated the Board on work and activities that are going on at the school over the summer and the return of teachers. The Athletic Director Chris Gunderson reported that fall sports have started. Volleyball has 13 participants and football has 11 participants. The football team will be playing a modified schedule at the junior varsity level due to having many first-time players. There was discussion about possibly petitioning MHS to go to 6-man football in the future. The Facilities Committee met on July 27th with Sundance Solar Systems and will have a recommendation on whether or not the school will proceed with the solar array. The Curriculum Committee is scheduled to meet at 3:30 PM on September 15th in the elementary conference room. Kailey Campbell, student council president, reported that student council is working hard to welcome everyone back to school.

Supt. Feddes presented a response from Kris Goss, the school legal counsel, on the policy questions the Board had at the last meeting. On the second reading of the policies, **Ferster/DeSavoir moved to approve Policy 4332 with recommended changes (Option 2 – school buildings only). Ferster and DeSavoir voted in favor. Arthun, Howes, Royce, Pelton, Williams, Dawson, and Pasescnyk voted against. Motion failed. Howes/Pasescnyk moved to approve Policy 4332 with recommended changes (Option 1- entire campus). Arthun, Howes, Royce, Pelton, Williams, Dawson, and Pasescnyk voted in favor. Ferster and DeSavoir voted against. Motion carried. Royce/Pelton moved to approve Policy 4315. Arthun, Howes, Pelton, Royce, Williams, Dawson, and Pasescnyk voted in favor. Ferster and DeSavoir voted against. Motion carried. Royce/Pasescnyk moved to approve Policy 5223 with recommended changes. All trustees voted in favor. There will be a third reading on policy 3311. Pelton/Ferster moved to approve Policy 2170. All trustees voted in favor. Pelton/Ferster moved to approve 2170P with recommended changes. All trustees voted in favor.**

The Facilities Committee met with Sundance Solar Systems to verify any additional costs and look at alternatives for the solar array that is being considered. The committee made a recommendation to wait while they work on the roofing issues.

Supt. Feddes presented the FY 2021-22 budgets to the Board. There was discussion about what changes the Board is able to make to final budget amounts. **Ferster/Williams moved to approve the FY 2021-22 elementary budget. All elementary trustees voted in favor. Howes/Pasescnyk moved to approve the FY 2021-22 high school budget. Motion carried.**

A letter of resignation was received from Jenny Sullivan. The letter is attached as part of the minutes. **Pelton/Howes moved to accept Jenny Sullivan's resignation. All trustees voted in favor.**

The Board was briefed on the scenario for the active shooter drill. The Board presented questions to Supt. Feddes to return to the sheriff's department. Department of Emergency Services presented ideas to the Board to work on for the future. Concerns were voiced about staging such a realistic scenario with students present. In the current arrangement, parents would be able to opt out their children's attendance on the day of the exercise. Some suggestions included doing the exercise with no students involved, just high school students present, or having the students volunteer.

The following hiring recommendations for certified positions were made by Supt. Feddes: Beth Pelton for junior high/high school physical education and Julie Witt for junior high English. Brittany Kober was recommended for the elementary paraprofessional position. **Ferster/Williams moved to hire Julie Witt for junior high English. All elementary trustees voted in favor. Williams/Ferster moved to hire Brittany Kober as an elementary paraprofessional. All elementary trustees voted in favor. Howes/Ferster moved to hire Beth Pelton as a junior high/high school physical education teacher. Howes, Pasescnyk, Royce, Williams, Ferster, DeSavoir, Dawson, and Arthun voted in favor. Pelton abstained.**

For extra-curricular positions, Larry Barch was recommended for varsity boys basketball coach, Drea Obert for Freshman advisor, Chris Gunderson and Matt Mullen as Sophomore advisors, Joan Howe and Heidi Gunderson for Junior advisors, and Nicki Reissig and Tera Baver as Senior advisors. **Ferster/Williams moved to hire Larry Barch as head high school basketball coach, Drea Obert as Freshman advisor, Chris Gunderson and Matt Mullen as Sophomore advisors, Joan Howe and Heidi Gunderson as Junior advisors, and Nicki Reissig and Tera Baver as Senior advisors. Howes, Ferster, Royce, Williams, Pelton, DeSavoir, Dawson, and Arthun voted in favor. Pasescnyk abstained.**

Olivia Mondragon was recommended to move to the kitchen and Katrina Hubbard to take the janitorial position. **Pelton/Howes moved to hire Olivia Mondragon in the kitchen and Katrina Hubbard for the janitorial position. Motion carried.**

The Sandstone Committee was on hand to update the Board on the sandstone building. They presented a letter that is attached as part of the minutes. Public meetings will be held in September and October. The Sandstone Committee will meet with the School Board again in November.

The final version of the junior high/high school handbook was reviewed by the Board. **Pasescnyk/Pelton moved to approve the junior high/high school handbook as presented at the last meeting. All trustees voted in favor.**

Supt. Feddes informed the Board of new rules pertaining to COVID-19. The document will be posted on the website and will be updated as necessary. It is necessary to remember that the rules pertaining to COVID-19 are changing all the time.

Policy 1905 was presented to the Board. **Williams/Pasescnyk moved to approve Policy 1905 with changes discussed during the meeting on the first reading as it is a required policy. Motion carried.**

There was no public comment. With no further business, **Pelton/Pasescnyk moved to adjourn at 9:59 PM. Motion carried.**

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