

**HARLEM PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
**Regular Board Meeting**  
**September 16, 2021**

**ROLL CALL/CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson Johnathan Walker called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. Trustees present were Johnathan Walker, Kathleen Adams, Valerie Blackcrow, Clayton Talks Different and Michael King. Dr. Arlene Bigby, Superintendent, Teresa Cornell, Interim Business Manager/Clerk and ten guests were also present. Approximately fifteen guests attended the meeting via zoom.

**A. GUESTS AND DELEGATIONS**

Titan Brockie from Student Council and 5 students in person, had a question on weekly eligibility and grade checks. Chairperson Walker asked them to wait for agenda item K where it would be addressed.

**B. UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion by Clayton Talks Different to approve:

1. Minutes of the August 16 Regular and August 20, August 31, and September 3, 2021 Special Board Meetings.
2. Payroll Warrant number 78907 – 78925 in the amount of \$369,814.70
3. Claim Warrant numbers 19030 – 19046 in the amount of \$88,921.06 and void warrant # 18979
4. Student Account check number 22065 – 22083 in the amount of \$6,273.25
5. Purchase Orders over \$10,000:
  - a) PO#210227 – Cengage Learning - \$25,642.31 – 7-12 Math Curriculum
  - b) PO#210322 – Armacost Trane - \$15,130 - Replace roof top unit on District Offices Building
  - c) PO#21047 – WIPFLI - \$21,000 – 2020-2021 Audit Contract
  - d) PO#21104 – First Bank of Montana - \$54,261.89 – Capital Lease Pmt due 10/1/21 for JCI Performance Contract
  - e) PO#21105 – First Bank of Montana - \$54,261.89 – Capital Lease Pmt due 4/1/22 for JCI Performance Contract
  - f) PO#210147 – Blaine County Treasurer - \$33,168.44 – Garbage, landfill, streets, lights, mosquito, irrigation
  - g) PO#210148 – City of Harlem - \$25,638.01 – monthly bill - ongoing all year.

Second by Kathleen Adams and motion carried 5 for.

**C. PROGRAM REPORTS**

Dr. Arlene Bigby, Teresa Cornell, Marty Dirden, Bonnie Nesslar (Zoom), David Murray (Zoom), Evelyn Bigby, Robert Bear and Laramie Schwenke reviewed their written reports. The Superintendent has received and accepted letters of resignation from Elementary Teachers Sherri Pronto and Kathleen Johnson (retirement effective 5/27/22) and Paraprofessionals: Nicole Trotter (resignation effective 8/24/21), Amanda Lopez (resignation effective 8/27/21), and Robin Folk (resignation effective 8/23/21).

**D. REOPENING PLANS FOR 2021-22 SCHOOL YEAR**

The current reopening plan is fine as is, but a discussion was held concerning staff leave and parent notifications. These items will be addressed at a working Board meeting on October 6<sup>th</sup>.

**E. POSSIBLE HOUSING TENANT PLACEMENT APPROVAL**

Motion by Kathleen Adams to allow Marty Dirden to place the FCS teacher in an available housing unit. Second by Valerie Blackcrow and motion carried 5 for.

**F. TURNER COUNSELING AGREEMENT**

Motion by Valerie Blackcrow to continue the counseling agreement with Turner School for the 2021-22 school year. Second by Clayton Talks Different and motion carried 5 for.

**G. ACCEPT/REJECT BIDS FOR 1995 MCI COACH CHARTER BUS**

Motion by Valerie Blackcrow to accept the bid from Jonathan Baker for \$2,500 for the 1995 MCI Coach Charter Bus. Second by Kathleen Adams and motion carried 5 for.

**H. MOU WITH OPI WRAPAROUND**

Motion by Clayton Talks Different to accept the MOU with OPI Wraparound, with an extension through March 30, 2022. Second by Valerie Blackcrow and motion carried 5 for.

**I. FBIC BEHAVIORAL HEALTH**

Dr. Foster was available to discuss with the Board the possibility of providing behavioral health and testing services for our students. This will be put on the next agenda.

**J. POTENTIAL ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY**

No action. This item will be placed on the next agenda so more information can be gathered.

**K. REVISE STUDENT PARENT HANDBOOK**

A discussion was held on eligibility and having weekly grade checks. This item will be discussed further at the October 6<sup>th</sup> working meeting.

Recess: 7:50 – 7:58.

**L. CONSIDERATION FOR ISSUANCE OF CONTRACT FOR 2021-22 COACHES/EXTRA-CURRICULAR/MENTOR/MENTEES POSITIONS**

Motion by Kathleen Adams to hire Nate Mount as JH Girls Basketball for 21-22 SY, per the CBA. Second by Clayton Talks Different and motion carried 5 for.

Motion by Valerie Blackcrow to hire the following Mentor/Mentees for 21-22SY, per the CBA:

- Mentors: Hope Doney, Heidi Harris, Jack Young, Donna Barber-Schneider, Crystal Doney, Kim Cornell, Nancy Kinyon, Rhonda Yellow
- Mentees: Trenton Woodward, Kylee (Taylor) Urie, Ron Donceras, Josephine Querimit, Jessica Stiffarm, Ken Bigby, Michelle Gorecki, Amber Whiteclay

Second by Michael King and motion carried 5 for.

Motion by Valerie Blackcrow to hire the following Head Class Advisors for the 21-22 SY, per the CBA: 7<sup>th</sup> Gr-Wendy Maratita, 8<sup>th</sup> Gr-Crystal Doney, 9<sup>th</sup> Gr-Lyle Faulkinberry, 11<sup>th</sup> Gr-Wilma Mellville, 12<sup>th</sup> Gr-Dan Owens. Second by Clayton Talks Different and motion carried 5 for.

Motion by Clayton Talks Different to hire the following Club/Extra-Curricular Advisors for the 21-22 SY, per the CBA: TSA-Trenton Woodward, FFA- Kylee (Taylor) Urie, Band-Dan Owens, NHS-Matthew Hodgson, Annual-Hope Doney, Senior Tech Coordinator-Hope Doney. Second by Kathleen Adams and motion carried 5 for.

Motion by Valerie Blackcrow to hire the following Title IX Coordinators for the 21-22 SY, per the CBA: Evelyn Bigby-Elementary and Bonnie Nessler-Jr/Sr High. Second by Clayton Talks Different and motion carried 5 for.

Motion by Valerie Blackcrow to hire Evelyn Bigby as the District SpEd Director for the 21-22 SY at a proposed annual stipend of \$4,200. Second by Clayton Talks Different and motion carried 5 for.

**M. CONSIDERATION FOR ISSUANCE OF CONTRACT FOR 2021-22 CERTIFIED STAFF**

Motion by Valerie Blackcrow to follow the recommendation of the Superintendent to hire Harry Green for High School Math Teacher for 3.71 periods per day Monday – Thursday, beginning 9/20/21 and ending 5/26/22 for \$22,709.28, per the CBA, with the district reserving the right to withdraw the offer based upon the results of the background check. Second by Clayton Talks Different and motion carried 5 for.

Motion by Valerie Blackcrow to follow the recommendation of the Superintendent to hire James Kobeski for Jr/Sr High School FCS Teacher from his first possible start date through the remainder of the 2021-22 SY, with a prorated contract per the CBA, with the district reserving the right to withdraw the offer based upon the results of the background check. Second by Clayton Talks Different and motion carried 5 for.

**N. CONSIDERATION FOR ISSUANCE OF CONTRACT FOR 2021-22 CLASSIFIED STAFF**

Motion by Valerie Blackcrow to follow the recommendation of the interview committee to hire Debora Davis for Elementary Paraprofessional for the remainder of the 2021-22 SY, with a prorated contract per the classified CBA, with the district reserving the right to withdraw the offer based upon the results of the background check. Second by Kathleen Adams and motion carried 5 for.

Motion Valerie Blackcrow to follow the recommendation of the interview committee to transfer Amy Main from Assistant Cook to Jr/Sr High Paraprofessional for the remainder of the 2021-22 SY, per the classified CBA. Second by Kathleen Adams and motion carried 5 for.

**O. SUB/EXTRA HELP LIST APPROVAL**

Motion by Valerie Blackcrow to approve the sub/extra help/volunteer list of applicants below with the district reserving the right to withdraw the offer based upon the results of the background check and age requirement.

Nicole Schroder	Substitute Teacher	\$17.46/hr
Anthony Tristram	Substitute Teacher	\$17.46/hr

Second by Kathleen Adams and motion carried 5 for

**P. ADJOURN**

Motion by Valerie Blackcrow to adjourn at 8:11 PM. Second by Kathleen Adams and motion carried 5 for

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Johnathan Walker, Chairperson

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Teresa Cornell, Clerk