

1                   **MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
2   **HELD MARCH 28, 2022**

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4 A duly called Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Great Falls Public  
5 Schools was held at the District Offices Building, 1100 4<sup>th</sup> Street South, on the 28<sup>th</sup> day  
6 of March 2022.

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8 **ROLL CALL:** Brian Patrick took roll call.

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10 **Trustees Present:** Gordon Johnson, Vice Chairperson  
11                                   Bill Bronson  
12                                   Mark Finnicum  
13                                   Nathan Reiff  
14                                   Marlee Sunchild  
15                                   Kim Skornogoski

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17 **Trustees Absent:** Jeff Gray, Chairperson - Excused

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20 **Others Present:** Tom Moore, Superintendent; Brian Patrick, Director of Business  
21 Operations; Tom Hering, Director of Information Technology; Ruth Uecker, Assistant  
22 Superintendent K-6; Heather Hoyer, Assistant Superintendent 7-12; Kerry Dattilo,  
23 Director of Human Resources; and Stephanie Schnider, GFPS Foundation Executive  
24 Director. Also present was Tom Cabbage, Great Falls Education Association (GFEA)  
25 President.

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27 At 5:30 pm, Vice Chairperson Johnson called to order the Regular Meeting of the Board  
28 of Trustees and asked everyone to join in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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31 **ADOPT AGENDA**

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33 Motion – Mark Finnicum, Seconded – Bill Bronson, passed unanimously to adopt the  
34 agenda as presented.

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37 **APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA**

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39 Motion – Nathan Reiff, Seconded – Kim Skornogoski, passed unanimously to approve  
40 the Consent Agenda as presented.

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42 **A. Minutes of the March 14, 2022, Regular Board Meeting** – The Board approved the  
43 minutes of the March 14, 2022, Regular Board Meeting as presented.

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45 **B. Personnel Actions** – The Board approved the Personnel Actions as presented.

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47 **C. Good Apple Awards** - The Board approved the nomination for a Good Apple  
48 Awards: Kathie Sybrant, Administrative Assistant at North Middle School; Debra

1 Thomas, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher at Whittier Elementary School; Daneen Pate, Administrative  
2 Assistant at the District Office Building; Brent Cutler, Facilities Director for Building and  
3 Grounds; Bill Schlosser 1<sup>st</sup> Engineer at North Middle School; Larry Habermas,  
4 Substitute Teacher District-wide; and Sandy Bennett, Recruitment Specialist at the  
5 District Office Building.

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7 **D. Montana School Bus Driver Certificate – OPI TR-35** – The Board approved the  
8 Montana Bus Driver Certificate – OPI TR-35 for the individual listed in the agenda.

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10 **E. C.M. Russell High School and Great Falls High School Business Professionals**  
11 **of America (BPA) Students Traveling to the National Conference in Dallas, TX,**  
12 **May 3-8, 2022** – The Board approved the qualifying BPA students to attend the National  
13 BPA Conference in Dallas, TX, May 3-8, 2022.

## 14 15 16 **COMMUNICATION**

### 17 18 **A. Superintendent’s Report**

19 Superintendent Moore reported that Jaclyn Mainwaring will be replacing K-6 Assistant  
20 Superintendent Ruth Uecker who is retiring at the end of the school year. He also stated  
21 that Ben Jaques will be replacing Jaclyn Mainwaring as the principal at Lewis and Clark  
22 Elementary School. Both individuals were in attendance and were congratulated by the  
23 Board.

24 Superintendent Moore stated that Great Falls Public Schools is hosting a Summer  
25 School Camp Program in the month of June to help address the learning loss  
26 experienced during the COVID-19 pandemic. Assistant Superintendents Ruth Uecker  
27 and Heather Hoyer explained how Elementary, Middle and High Schools are planning  
28 on implementing these classes.

29 Music in Our Schools Month is coming to an end and Superintendent Moore thanked all  
30 music directors and Dusty Molyneaux for their work.

31 Spring sports start this week with Softball, Track and Tennis.

32 Student Macie Vinaras, SKILLS USA President, won the Young Women’s Christian  
33 Association’s (YWCA) Young Woman of Tomorrow Salute to Women Award.

34 Superintendent Moore reported that over 250 people attended the Science Night Out at  
35 Great Falls College – Montana State University (GFC-MSU) where C.M. Russell (CMR)  
36 High School KEY Club students served dinner.

37 He thanked the Carpenters Union for their financial support of materials for the shed  
38 built by the High School House students. The shed was raffled off Sunday afternoon at  
39 the Home and Garden Show. Superintendent Moore also thanked Industrial Technology  
40 teacher Pete Pace and Community Connections/Workforce Manager Becky Nelson for  
41 their work. Griz Biz students also attended the Home and Garden Show displaying and  
42 selling their products.

43 He stated that CMR’s theatrical production entitled TRAP concluded this weekend.

44 Superintendent Moore reviewed the timeline of the Citizen’s Academy hosted by Great  
45 Falls Public Schools.

46 Superintendent Moore reviewed the ongoing meetings taking place with community  
47 partners such as United Way and the Great Falls Chamber of Commerce.

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1 **B. Audience Communication** – Troy Oswood with Oswood Construction Company  
2 expressed his concerns with rebidding the Meadow Lark Elementary School classroom  
3 extension project.  
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6 **ACTION ITEMS**  
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8 **A. Financial Report and Approve Check Register for February 2022** - Motion – Kim  
9 Skornogoski, Seconded – Mark Finnicum, passed unanimously to approve the February  
10 2022 Financial Report and Accounts Payable checks #120098 - #120547 in the amount  
11 of \$2,358,928.72 and Payroll checks #73389 - #73652 in the amount of \$3,602,497.96  
12 as presented.  
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14 **B. Student Activity Report for February 2022** – Motion – Mark Finnicum, Seconded –  
15 Kim Skornogoski, passed unanimously to approve the Student Activity Monthly Report  
16 for February 2022 as presented.  
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18 **C. 2023-2024 School Calendar** – Director of Human Resources Kerry Dattilo explained  
19 that the Calendar Committee met three times and developed and discussed options for  
20 the 2023-2024 school year. The committee narrowed down nine options to two. The two  
21 options were available to staff, students, parents, and community members. Groups  
22 were surveyed by the committee from February 14-25, 2022 to provide feedback. The  
23 committee selected the proposed calendar option.  
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25 Motion – Kim Skornogoski, Seconded – Bill Bronson, passed unanimously to adopt the  
26 2023-2024 Great Falls Public Schools' school calendar as presented.  
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28 **D. Board Budget Committee Recommendation Regarding an Elementary and/or**  
29 **High School Levy Including the Related Ballot Proposition and Resolution** –  
30 Trustee Kim Skornogoski explained that the Board Budget Committee held a community  
31 meeting on March 16, 2022, and deliberated after hearing administrative options and  
32 public comment. The Committee believed that with ample federal funds being allocated  
33 to address the learning loss associated with COVID-19 as well as sufficient funding from  
34 the State formula due to enrollment increases, the Board Budget Committee  
35 recommended to forego asking for additional support of District programs via a levy for  
36 the 2022-2023 fiscal year.  
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38 Motion – Kim Skornogoski, Seconded – Mark Finnicum, passed unanimously to  
39 approve to not request a levy for the 2022-2023 fiscal year as presented.  
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42 **ACTION: OTHER**  
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45 **REPORTS, DISCUSSION, AND POLICIES**  
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47 **A. First Reading Revised Board Policies 3310 and New Board Policy 3310P** -  
48 Superintendent Moore reviewed, in detail, the changes to revised Board Policies 3310

1 and new Board Policy 3310P and asked if anyone has comments, concerns or  
2 questions to contact him before the next Board meeting.

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5 **B. Discussion, Committee Reports, and Comments –**

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7 Trustee Finnicum reported that he attended a statewide Montana School Boards  
8 Association (MTSBA) meeting where current/upcoming proposed bills in the legislative  
9 session were discussed. He also reported on the ongoing process of MTSBA and Great  
10 Falls Public Schools leaving the National School Board Association.

11 Trustees Skornogoski and Reiff thanked Director of Business Operations Brian Patrick  
12 and Director of Student Services Lance Boyd for their work regarding the Budget.

13 Trustee Sunchild congratulated Jaclyn Mainwaring and Ben Jaques on their upcoming  
14 change of positions within the District.

15 Trustee Bronson stated that he believes that the Summer School Camp Programs  
16 offered by Great Falls Public Schools will be an excellent opportunity to help students  
17 with their learning loss. He also reported that he was able to attend the CMR Drama  
18 Production TRAP and is grateful that many students were able to participate in the  
19 performance.

20 Vice Chairperson Johnson thanked his fellow Trustees for their work and dedication.

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23 **UPCOMING EVENTS**

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25 Vice Chairperson Johnson said the next Regular Board Meetings are scheduled for  
26 Monday, April 11, 2022, and Monday, April 25, 2022.

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29 **ACTION TO ADJOURN**

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31 Motion – Kim Skornogoski, Seconded – Marlee Sunchild, passed unanimously to  
32 adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees at 6:42 p.m.

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Gordon Johnson, Vice Chairperson

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39 Brian Patrick, Clerk