

**THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 16, COUNTY OF HARNEY,
MET AT FRENCHGLEN SCHOOL IN SAID DISTRICT, ON THE 11th day of March,
2025 at 5:00 P.M.**

Board Present: Corbin Hammond, Rene Villagrana, Nevada Miller and Mary Murphy. Debbie Webb was absent.

Others Present: Earlyna Hammond, Clerk, Carolyn Whitney, teacher.

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 P.M. Corbin motioned to approve the Agenda and February minutes as presented and Mary seconded. AIF. Minutes were clarified for Nevada regarding the membership options Shannon presented at the last meeting with OEC. Ellen from PACE says that districts who have PACE insurance have to be OSBA members. Discussion about whether we feel we need representation at the state level by a small group representative.

Carolyn said that Dr. Williams from _____ will be visiting the school the first week in May. The board agreed to wait to hear back from Shannon.

VISITORS

None present.

PENDING BILLS

There was discussion of the Pending Bills . Mary motioned to approve them as presented and Rene seconded. AIF.

CUSTODIAN REPORT/YARD MAINTENANCE

Carolyn stated that the Custodian is good and won't come again until Spring Break. She hasn't heard back on the weed eaters and will follow up. Rene said he will be in Bend tomorrow and then again the next week and could bring them back.

INTERNAL CONTROL

Rene opened the bank statement and performed Internal Control and checks were signed.

POLICY UPDATE

Tabled

TECHNOLOGY UPDATE

Austin did work on library computer but it is still not working right. Carolyn hasn't gotten a quote yet on another laptop for her.

TEACHER REPORT

Ms. Jenny was here and worked on leather coasters. Mr. Anderson was here today; Carolyn had heard he wasn't coming out anymore due to a budget issue but she stated she needed help with the three D printer. He agreed to continue coming out and Beryl from the Library is helping as well.

Carolyn said that there are still some SELCO funds to use for the kitchen. She will be putting some new things on the website. She and Sheri went to a Singapore math workshop and it was really good. Carolyn also attended a Holocaust meeting that was really good.

A Valentine's Dance was held and the annual Science competition is this Thursday. Anthony Lakes field study is next W-F.

April 11th is the Harney Tech conference. Sheri would like to go. The board was asked if there needs to be a sub or cancel school for that day? Corbin asked again if a school day could be added back into the calendar? Carolyn wasn't sure. The board asked if all the students are meeting or exceeding? Carolyn stated that they are not all where she wants them to be. She is working on getting referral services? The board agreed to reschedule the day if possible- they don't want to cancel the day if the students are behind. She will let them know at April's meeting. BOB and Missoula Children's theatre are coming up. SIA will be covering these activities.

SAFETY COMMITTEE UPDATE/PEST MANAGEMENT

There's another broken pole on the fence. Rene talked about maybe a temporary fix for now until forest is accessible? Should we get repair quotes? Caleb Cargill? Josh? This would be for just the front of the yard. Discussion on options. Rene may get trees from Malena's? Corbin would help Rene and maybe Clint and Levi??

NEW BUSINESS

The board agreed that the April meeting will be rescheduled to the 2nd at 6:00. Earlyna will let Shannon know.

Mentoring and REN newsletter handouts from Carolyn.

Next year's Local Service Plan was dropped off by Shannon and handed out. Nevada signed agreements for next year for Erate.

SIA- update: Ms. K stated that at the last meeting, all of the small schools want reader boards outside. That money will be available after June 30th. Mary motioned to approve this and Rene seconded. AIF.

Mike Fox sent out a Rural Fire email stating that the meeting would be held in the gym in March. Nevada asked if she could sign a Gym Use Agreement.

OLD BUSINESS

Carolyn stated that the school phone is working today.

State Land Update- Corbin senses some push back from Ladd and there was discussion if Corbin needs to talk with Mr. Owens? The board said they were fine if Corbin wanted to reach out to Mr. Owens.

ACORN: a new quarter is over soon.

The metal sign is being worked on.

State forester letter regarding Wild Fire Mapping, etc – Carolyn hasn't talked to them.

Tree discussion: Matt Witzel info? Carolyn hasn't talked with him yet.

Rental agreement with the Hotel was discussed and signed?

CORRESPONDENCE

Corbin motioned to send Carolyn a letter of intent for 2026-27. Mary seconded and AIF.

Carolyn stated that she had a lot of sick leave hours accumulated and wanted to know if there was an option to buy them from her? Did Frenchglen sign up for this program back in 1973? She stated that a teacher had retired at a neighboring district and they were not part of this program. The teacher appealed and was denied. Could Carolyn negotiate this? Earlyna will check with the neighboring school and find out what she can about whether or not Frenchglen is a member of this program from 1973.

Valuations NW sent a proposal for the school to update inventory. It will be approximately \$3,000. After discussion, Rene motioned to approve the proposal and Mary seconded. AIF.

The budget calendar for 2025-26 was tabled due to incorrect dates from Julie. Earlyna will let her know and she can make the corrections. The dates will be: May 13th at 3:45 and June 10th for the public hearing.

The meeting adjourned at 6:40 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Earlyna Hammond, Clerk