**THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 16, COUNTY OF HARNEY, MET AT FRENCHGLEN SCHOOL IN SAID DISTRICT, ON THE 10th day of September, 2024 at 6:00 P.M.**

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

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 P.M. Corbin motioned to approve the Agenda and August minutes as presented and Mary seconded. AIF.

**VISITORS**

There were no visitors present.

**PENDING/PAID BILLS**

Bills were discussed. Whit Worx added an invoice for $266.25. IXL expenses are from the general fund. Debbie motioned to approve the bills and Mary seconded. AIF.

**CUSTODIAN REPORT/YARD MAINTENANCE**

Carolyn stated that the weed and feed for the yards will be put on next week. The “elm starts” have been taken out outside. There’s a poplar shoot along the side of the shed at the old teacherage. Tree discussion: Carolyn suggested the board think about trees they want back up trees for- by the slide; for the older ones that may need to be removed? Discussion about where and how to get new trees started. Plant same kind as is there. Spring planting? Coordinate with the Hotel? Keep on the February Agenda. Place protection around each tree and Clint might be willing to plant them.

Custodians are doing well.

**INTERNAL CONTROL**

Debbie opened the bank statement and performed Internal Control. Checks were signed.

**POLICY UPDATES**

Tabled.

**TECHNOLOGY UPDATE**

Austin came for an onsite visit. The library computer can be covered by the balance of the Library Grant.

Internet has not been good lately. Carolyn will keep track of when the school is having trouble and we’ll see what to do then.

SIA at the ESD is needing to spend grant monies by the end of the month and are looking at purchasing 3 D printers for the rurals. Community sign; lock smith/locks/keys; box for first aid/defibrillators, etc. could be possibilities.

**TEACHERS REPORT**

IXL trip to Boise was fun. The water park was not open, and had switched to Fall hours, so they went to the Warhawk Museum and a smaller water splash pad. The kids had fun. The students wrote notes to the board thanking them.

LSP meeting last Friday at the ESD. There was discussion regarding services being offered. Carolyn was reassured at the meeting that if rurals contract for SIA support, they would be available via zoom etc to give support. The other service that rurals would sign up for would be the PE Days (Ms. Kaitlyn) etc. The service delivery won’t change but the funding will. Suggestion for teachers were an extra duty contract from SIA. Don’t track hours within current teacher salary. The clerk hours are addressed within the fiscal piece of the grant.

Surveys will go out in order to find out priority areas for the SIA grant. Another LSP meeting will be held on October 14, 2024.

Reminder on October 15th OSBA roadshow will be at the ESD and will include Board member trainings. It is recommended for board members who haven’t had training and they are encouraged to attend.

TAG plan has been submitted. Nothing back from Joe on the heating in the gym yet.

There is a student leaving at the end of October or first part of November. Could we reconsider doing the Missoula Children’s Theatre in Diamond? Can this be paid with SIA? Carolyn will check. Nevada stated that if they are not where they need to be school-wise, maybe not? With only two students they should be where they are. Corbin motioned to approve two students participating in Missoula Theatre in Diamond if they are where they need to be academically. Debbie seconded AIF. Did anyone ask Diamond if they wanted to join together with Frenchglen for PE as was previously discussed because it was a shorter commute than Fields? Carolyn stated that she had not asked Diamond.

Jumpstart students have been invited to the Health Fair here this Thursday and also to picture day. PE day in Fields will be the next week- there will only be these PE field studies until January. Switching back and forth going to Fields.

Carolyn attended a Legos/robotics class and the students will use the supplies to build certain things etc.

Halloween discussion: there will be about 7 children in the community. The board agreed it is a fun community event to have the trunk or treat, potluck etc. Carolyn will send out a letter of interest to community to see who might be interested.

There will be “theme days” for Friday school this year.

**SAFETY COMMITTEE UPDATE**

Nothing to report.

**NEW BUSINESS**

October 8th at 5:30 will be the next board meeting- ask Rene if time is ok?

Fund 253 discussion- Corbin motioned to obligate the remaining 23-24 funds to be used for the teacher’s aide salary and expenses in the current year and Mary seconded. AIF.

Tax/zoning map discussion regarding upcoming town meeting: the board agreed that it doesn’t seem to affect the Frenchglen area.

**OLD BUSINESS**

There is nothing new from state parks; nothing new on ACORNS account.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Earlyna Hammond, Clerk