

Montana City School

District No. 27 Board of Trustees

Regular Meeting

December 10, 2025

The Regular Meeting of the Montana City School District No 27 Board of Trustees was called to order by Chairperson Cole Mosby at 6:30 pm in the Montana City School Library.

Trustees present were Chairperson Cole Mosby, Stephanie Boysen, and Betty Ferriter

Others present included: Superintendent Tony Kloker, Principal Cori Trudeau, Principal Connor Kline, Clerk Diane Smith, and Jennifer Burnett.

Stephanie Boysen made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 12, 2025 Regular Meeting as written. Betty Ferriter seconded the motion and all members present voted in favor.

Stephanie Boysen made a motion to approve the list of claims warrants #67106 through #67140 the list of payroll warrants #2164 to #2186 and the direct deposits #85496 to #85585 all totaling \$415,389.61. Betty Ferriter seconded the motion and all members present voted in favor.

Stephanie Boysen made a motion to approve the following extracurricular checks as written: #2883 Ken Krantz \$80; #2884 Rick Oie \$80; #2885 Tony Kloker \$300; #2886 Rea Deernose \$80; #2887 Katie Lockett \$80; #2888 Queen City Ballet \$124; #2889 Branna Schmidt \$170.85; #2890 Gary Harlan \$80; #2891 Katie Lockett \$80. Betty Ferriter seconded the motion and all members present voted in favor.

The board received an invitation to the winter concerts from Kayleigh Griffith, the music teacher.

The opportunity to donate to Montana City School for the Innovative Education state tax credit is coming up in January. Tony Kloker reported that we will send thank you letters and reminders to those who took advantage of this in the past. The cap for the state donations in 2026 is \$7,200,000. Ashgrove is considering a donation this year.

We received correspondence from the OPI School Nutrition reviewer that included a commendations document highlighting the work of MacKenzie Ledesma and Diane Smith. The evaluator also made verbal comments while here in regard to MacKenzie being further ahead than other lunchroom supervisors who have done the job for several years. She also stated we are very lucky and that we need to do whatever we can to keep her. Good lunch program managers are really hard to find. There are a few findings which we are addressing, some had been addressed while she was still on-site. This was a good experience for Miss Ledesma's first year as a school food manager.

A paraprofessional position has been opened and advertised due to the recent changes to IEP's requiring the need for additional contact time as well as the added support for recess coverage.

The board members present agreed to continue using the same Superintendent Evaluation tool as last year. The evaluations will be turned into Diane Smith by winter break for compilation and presentation at the January board meeting. Cole Mosby has the electronic version, and it will be shared with board members later this week.

The newly formed Bridged Health Alliance Trust has been provided funds through legislature for a school health insurance option. We had a bad experience with Montana Unified Schools Trust several years ago, and some of the contract language with Bridged is similar in costs for early withdrawal as well as high need benefits. We have looked at what Bridged is offering, and the health insurance plans are not comparable to our current Blue Cross offerings. This would require negotiating a change of benefits with

the certified staff union. The rates with Blue Cross have remained stable for years, and we are very happy with our insurance. Those present agreed that Bridged is not something we would be interested in joining at this time.

There were minor updates or changes for the board to consider regarding several amendments to policies recommended by MTSBA. Stephanie Boysen made a motion to adopt the following policies as discussed: 1401, 1700F, 2158 P(1), 2161, 2161 P(1), 2335, 2335 NF(1), 3110, 3150, 3600, 3600 NF(1), 3600 P(1), 4550, 5015, 5321, 5321 P(1), 5334 P(1), and 8210. Betty Ferriter seconded the motion and all members present voted in favor.

Stephanie Boysen made a motion to adopt the following resolution for election.

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees for School District No. 27 Montana City School, Jefferson County, State of Montana, will hold the Annual Regular School Election on Tuesday, the 5th day of May, 2026, which date is not less than one hundred forty five (145) days after the passage of this resolution.

The election will be conducted by:

Mail Ballot Poll Election

The purpose of the election is to elect One (1) trustee for a three-year term.

Approval of additional levies to operate and maintain the General fund for FY 2027, the Technology Fund, and the Building Fund will also be requested.

If it is later determined that any portion of the election is not required, the Board of Trustees authorizes Diane Smith, election administrator, to cancel that portion of the election in accordance with [13-1-304](#) and [20-3-313](#), MCA.

The following voting locations will be used for the election and the three electors of this district who are qualified to vote at such election are hereby appointed to act as judges at the election at each voting place as follows:

Voting Location and Address: MAIL BALLOT ONLY

The County Election Administrator, Jefferson County Clerk and Recorder's Office will appoint judges for this school election.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the clerk of this school district is hereby directed to notify the county election administrator of the date of holding said election, and request the clerk to close regular registration and to prepare and furnish election materials and judges as required by law. If any of these judges should not be able to serve, the election administrator will choose a replacement from certified judges.

No further proceedings were conducted relating to the election.

Betty Ferriter seconded the motion and all members present voted in favor.

Stephanie Boysen made a motion to hire Rebecca Hartman, Marianne Baumeister, Katie Jenneskens and Zachary Harris as Substitute Teachers for the 2025-2026 School Year pending complete applications and background checks. Betty Ferriter seconded the motion and all members present voted in favor.

For the Good of the Order

Cori Trudeau encouraged the board members to take a look at the Christmas Decorations throughout the school. Staff members have gone "over the top" with the great seasonal decorations this year.

Tony Kloker told the board members that he has yet to receive a quote from Carehawk, after several



phone calls and emails they still have not responded. He and Cole Mosby will review the quote that has been received from another vendor to determine proceeding forward.

Chairperson Cole Mosby adjourned the meeting at 7:00 pm

Submitted by

Approved by

Date