

**LEWISTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Lincoln Board Room
215 Seventh Avenue South
Lewistown, Montana 59457

Wednesday, April 30, 2014

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

CALL TO ORDER (12:00 p.m.--Noon)

AGENDA

1. Roll Call
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Recognition of Parents, Patrons, and Others Who Wish to Address the Board

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

4. Other Items

ACTION ITEM

INDIVIDUAL ITEM

5. Approve Changes to the Self-Insured Dental Plan
6. Approve Health Insurance Provider for the 2014-2015 School Year
7. Approve Call for Bids for Lewis & Clark Playground Project

ADJOURNMENT

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The Board of Education encourages participation at public school board meetings. Under normal circumstances it is desirable to allow everyone to address the Board. However, when there are many persons who wish to address the Board, the following rules shall apply to protect the public's right to be heard:

- Each speaker shall be allowed a presentation not to exceed three (3) minutes at the appropriate time on the Agenda.
- There will be a limit of one presentation per person.
- The Board requests that organizations and groups be represented by a single spokesperson. The spokesperson for each group shall be limited to a presentation of three (3) minutes. To save repetition and time, the Board also requests that persons not speak if a previous speaker has expressed a similar position on the same issue.
- The Board will accept comments from the public on each agenda item as it is discussed.

By a majority vote of the Board, these rules may be suspended for special reasons at any particular meeting. Further, the Board may reserve the right to adjust the length of time.

CONSENT GROUP ITEMS

The action of adoption of the "Consent Group" as an official item on the agenda means that all items appearing under the title "Consent Group" shall be adopted by majority approval of a single motion, unless a member of the Board or the Superintendent requests that any particular item be removed from the "Consent Group" and voted on separately.

Generally "Consent Group" items are matters which members of the Board and Superintendent agree are routine in nature and should be acted upon in one motion to conserve time and permit focus on other than routine matters on the agenda.

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Lewistown, Montana

BOARD AGENDA ITEM

Meeting Date

04/30/2014

Agenda Item No.

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ITEM TITLE: RECOGNITION OF PARENTS, PATRONS, AND OTHERS WHO WISH TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Requested By: Board of Trustees **Prepared By:** _____ **Date:** 04/30/2014

SUMMARY:

Time is provided on the agenda for anyone who wishes to address the Board.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Additional Information Attached Estimated cost/fund source _____

NOTES:

<i>Board Action</i>	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Other
Bristol						
Irish						
Koterba						
Monger						
Thomas						
Thompson						
Weeden						

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Lewistown, Montana

BOARD AGENDA ITEM

Meeting Date

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ITEM TITLE: OTHER ITEMS

Requested By: Board of Trustees
Prepared By: Superintendent
Date: 04/30/2014

SUMMARY:

Time is provided on the agenda for the Superintendent to discuss with the Board any calendar items, concerns, correspondence, future agenda items, and announcements.

- ❖ "What's Wrong with the Common Core" Presentation Recap
- ❖ Montana Quality Education Coalition (MQEC)
- ❖ Staffing

SUGGESTED ACTION: Discussion

Additional Information Attached **Estimated cost/fund source** _____

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Thompson						
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BOARD AGENDA ITEM

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04/30/2014

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ITEM TITLE: APPROVE CHANGES TO THE SELF-INSURED DENTAL PLAN

Requested By: Board of Trustees **Prepared By:** Rebekah Rhoades **Date:** 04/30/2014

SUMMARY:

The Board of Trustees needs to approve the changes to the District Self-Insured Dental Plan as outlined below.

The Insurance Committee is making the following recommendations:

1. Lewistown Public Schools continue to use Boulder Dental as their Self-Insured Dental Insurance Provider.
2. Discontinue the Stop-Loss Insurance.
3. Increase premiums by \$4.00 per employee.

For the past two years, Lewistown Public Schools has purchased Stop-Loss Insurance in the event that claims exceed premiums by a large amount. This Stop-Loss Insurance would be available if claims reached \$150,000. In 2012-2013, claims were very high but only reached approximately \$125,000.

It has been determined that the Stop-Loss Insurance is no longer needed and, according to the latest claims data from Boulder Dental, the District's dental insurance claims have stabilized. It is recommended that the employee premium increase by the \$4.00/month previously contributed to the Stop-Loss premium. **Therefore, employees will see no increases to their premiums.**

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Additional Information Attached Estimated cost/fund source _____

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Lewistown, Montana

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04/30/2014

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ITEM TITLE: APPROVE HEALTH INSURANCE PROVIDER FOR THE 2014-2015 SCHOOL YEAR

Requested By: Board of Trustees **Prepared By:** Rebekah Rhoades **Date:** 04/30/2014

SUMMARY:

The Board of Trustees needs to approve Montana Schools Health & Welfare Plan and Joint Powers Trust (MSHWP/JPT) as the Health Insurance Provider for the Lewistown Public Schools for the 2014-2015 School Year.

Brief Snapshot of Plan Offerings:

- Insurance Plan options are essentially the same as current benefits (CM1000, CM2500, HDHP3500, HDHP5000)
- Rates will decrease by approximately 9%
- Additional Life (\$5000 per employee) and AD&D (\$15,000 per employee) Insurance
- 3-year contract with the option of leaving at any time (as long as account is "in the black" at the time of exit)

REASON FOR CHANGE: The District is currently in an agreement with MSHWP for health insurance services, but due to new regulations within the Affordable Care Act they are no longer able to offer fully insured plans. Due to this change, MSHWP is now contracted with Joint Powers Trust and EBMS as the Third Party Administrator.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Additional Information Attached Estimated cost/fund source _____

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Meeting Date

04/30/2014

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ITEM TITLE: APPROVE CALL FOR BIDS FOR THE LEWIS & CLARK PLAYGROUND PROJECT

Requested By: Board of Trustees **Prepared By:** Paul Stengel **Date:** 04/30/2014

SUMMARY:

The Board of Trustees needs to approve the Call for Bids to repair the playground area at Lewis & Clark Elementary School. The *Call to Bid* is attached for your review.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Additional Information Attached Estimated cost/fund source _____

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LEWISTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOLS
LEWISTOWN, MONTANA

CALL FOR BIDS FOR REMODEL & LANSCAPING OF PLAYGROUND AREA AT
LEWIS & CLARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Trustees of School District Number One, Fergus County, Lewistown, Montana, will receive sealed bids at the office of the Business Manager/Clerk in the Lincoln Administrative Building, 215 7th Avenue South, for the Remodel and Landscaping of the Playground Area at Lewis & Clark Elementary School, according to the specifications that will be on file in the office of the Business Manager/Clerk. Bids will be opened for consideration on the date and time specified when advertised. Bids are to be made only on the bidding form which contains the required specifications, and which can be obtained upon request at the office of the Business Manager/Clerk once available.

The Board of Trustees reserves the right to reject any or all bids or any portion thereof.

Rebekah Rhoades, Business Manager/Clerk,
Lewistown School District #1,
Fergus County

To Be Published: ASAP

School District #1 Mission Statement:

Excellence Today, Success Tomorrow

Core Values of the Lewistown Public Schools:

1. **High Standards:** Lewistown Public Schools upholds high standards and expectations for the Board, staff and students of the District. We strive to provide challenging curriculum taught by innovative leaders in the field of education, utilizing research-based curriculum and implementing best practices.
2. **Student-Centered:** The motivation for everything we do is based upon what is right and best for the children of our community. We ensure the development, well-being and education of students through a variety of academic and extracurricular activities. We assist students in overcoming challenges and help them celebrate their successes, all as part of a plan to maximize the potential of each student.
3. **Effective and Efficient Practices:** Lewistown Public Schools is committed to effective and efficient stewardship of our resources.
4. **Accountability:** Lewistown Public Schools is accountable for all that we do from fiscal management to the performance of students, staff, administration and the Board.
5. **Community Support:** Lewistown Public Schools understands that community support is vital, earned and continually renewed through consistent dedication to quality service. We believe the key to success is found through mutual engagement of the community and the schools, effective interaction between parents, students, staff, administrators, trustees and all elements of the Lewistown Community. We value the trust the community has invested in our public schools and we strive to earn and maintain that trust.
6. **Communication:** Lewistown Public Schools values effective and open communication with parents, students, staff, trustees and the community.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
 Stan Monger, Board Chair

Jeremy Bristol
 Joe Irish
 Phil Koterba
 Barbara Thomas
 Jennifer Thompson
 Monte Weeden

LEWISTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOLS
2013-2014 SCHOOL CALENDAR

A. Pupil Instruction

First Semester	89 Days	Second Semester	90 Days
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FIRST QUARTER				DAYS	THIRD QUARTER				DAYS
First Week	Aug 22 -- Aug 23	2	First Week	Jan 21 -- Jan 24	4				
Second Week	Aug 26 -- Aug 30	5	Second Week	Jan 27 -- Jan 31	5				
Third Week	Sept 3 -- Sept 6	4	Third Week	Feb 3 -- Feb 7	5				
Fourth Week	Sept 9 -- Sept 13	5	Fourth Week	Feb 10 -- Feb 14	5				
Fifth Week	Sept 16 -- Sept 20	5	Fifth Week	Feb 17 -- Feb 21	5				
Sixth Week	Sept 23 -- Sept 27	5	Sixth Week	Feb 24 -- Feb 27	4				
Seventh Week	Sept 30 -- Oct 4	5	Seventh Week	Mar 3 -- Mar 7	5				
Eighth Week	Oct 7 -- Oct 11	5	Eighth Week	Mar 10 -- Mar 14	5				
Ninth Week	Oct 14 -- Oct 16	3	Ninth Week	Mar 17 -- Mar 21	5				
Tenth Week	Oct 21 -- Oct 25	5	Tenth Week	Mar 24 -- Mar 26	3				
	44		46						

SECOND QUARTER				DAYS	FOURTH QUARTER				DAYS
First Week	Oct 28 -- Nov 1	5	First Week	Mar 27 -- Mar 28	2				
Second Week	Nov 4 -- Nov 6	3	Second Week	Mar 31 -- Apr 4	5				
Third Week	Nov 11 -- Nov 15	5	Third Week	Apr 7 -- Apr 11	5				
Fourth Week	Nov 18 -- Nov 22	5	Fourth Week	Apr 14 -- Apr 17	4				
Fifth Week	Nov 25 -- Nov 26	2	Fifth Week	Apr 22 -- Apr 25	4				
Sixth Week	Dec 2 -- Dec 6	5	Sixth Week	Apr 28 -- May 2	5				
Seventh Week	Dec 9 -- Dec 13	5	Seventh Week	May 5 -- May 9	5				
Eighth Week	Dec 16 -- Dec 20	5	Eighth Week	May 12 -- May 16	5				
Ninth Week	Jan 6 -- Jan 10	5	Ninth Week	May 19 -- May 23	5				
Tenth Week	Jan 13 -- Jan 17	5	Tenth Week	May 27 -- May 30	4				
	45		44						

B. Pupil Instruction Related Days (PIR) - (Teachers ONLY - No School for Students)

		Totals
August 20-21	All Staff Orientation/PIR	2.00
September 18	PIR -- 4:00-5:30 p.m. (Regular School Day for Students)	0.25
October 17-18	Staff Development Days - Teachers Convention	2.00
November 6-7	Parent Teacher Conferences (Evening on Nov 6, All Day on Nov 7)	1.50
December 4	PIR -- 4:00-5:30 p.m. (Regular School Day for Students)	0.25
January 20	PIR	1.00
February 12	PIR -- 4:00-5:30 p.m. (Regular School Day for Students)	0.25
April 3	Parent Teacher Conferences - Evening ONLY (Regular Day for Students)	0.50
April 16	PIR -- 4:00-5:30 p.m. (Regular School Day for Students)	0.25
		8.00

2013-2014		
Regular Board Meetings		
July	8	5:30 p.m.
Aug	12	5:30 p.m.
Sept	9	7:00 p.m.
Oct	14	7:00 p.m.
Nov	11	7:00 p.m.
Dec	9	7:00 p.m.
Jan	13	7:00 p.m.
Feb	10	7:00 p.m.
Mar	10	7:00 p.m.
Apr	14	7:00 p.m.
May	12	6:00 p.m.
June	9	6:00 p.m.

C. Holidays / Vacations (Dates Inclusive)

September 2	Labor Day
October 17-18	Fall Vacation (Teachers - Convention)
November 7	Parent Teacher Conferences (Vacation Day for Students)
November 8	Vacation Day
November 27-29	Thanksgiving Vacation
December 23-January 3	Winter Break
January 20	PIR (Vacation day for Students)
February 28	Vacation Day
April 18-21	Spring Break
May 26	Memorial Day
May 27	Memorial Day