

**VARIANCES TO STANDARDS:
CREATING A CHARTER SCHOOL/PROGRAM APPLICATION
Renewal Application (three years)**

Purpose: ARM 10.55.604(4). Following the second year of implementation of a “charter school,” the school district shall provide evidence to the Superintendent of Public Instruction that the methods selected by the district implement, meet, or exceed results that could have been achieved under established standards.

ARM 10.55.604(11)(c) The procedure by which a school district may apply to create a charter school/program and by which the BPE may approve, deny, evaluate, and renew a charter school/program shall be identical to that outlined in ARM 10.55.604(1) through (10).

DUE DATE: First Monday in March

COUNTY: Gallatin County

DISTRICT: Bozeman School District

SCHOOL(S): Bozeman High School, Bridger Charter Academy

1. Provide evidence through official minutes of the board of trustees that local school community stakeholders were involved in the consideration and development of the renewal of the charter school/program. Stakeholder groups include trustees, administrators, teachers, classified school staff, parents, community members, and students as applicable.
PLEASE SEE ADDENDUM FOR CHARTER APPLICATION RENEWAL
2. Provide board of trustees’ meeting minutes that show the trustees adopted the application for the renewal of the charter school/program at an official, properly noticed meeting.
3. Reflection of the initial implementation of the charter school/program
 - a. Describe the specific goals, measurable objectives, and rationale that were listed in the initial charter school/program application that demonstrated how the proposed charter school/program was to meet or exceed the results under the current standards. Include how the variance was workable and educationally sound.
 - b. How were these goals and objectives met or exceeded? (Implementation)

- c. Provide a summary of the evidence or data gathered to demonstrate that the charter school/program meets or exceeds results that could have been achieved under the established standards.
- d. What evidence do you anticipate will be collected for the renewal application's goals/objectives?
- e. After reflection of the evidence/data gathered on the initial variance, what is the status of your renewal application?
 - Continue with current goals and measureable objectives (state)
 - Propose new goals and measureable objectives for renewal application (state)
 - Adjustments to implementation need to be made to meet or exceed standard (state)

A school district proposing a charter school/program shall, at a minimum, provide evidence that the district will continue to guarantee the following assurances.

- f.
 - School district governance and control of the charter school
 - Unrestricted, open student access;
 - Compliance with all health and safety laws
 - Teacher licensure and endorsement to the same extent as required or provided by state law or accreditation standards
 - Employee collective bargaining to the same extent as required or provided by state law; and
 - A plan for consideration of input by community members and staff as to formation and implementation issues. Consideration of input may be identified by formation of advisory committees involving staff and/or community members, conduct of a properly noticed public meeting for purposes of comment on the formation or operation of the charter school, or any other reasonable means that result in an opportunity for input by staff and community members prior to a decision of significant interest to the public regarding the formation or operation of the charter school.

Required school district signatures:

Board Chair Name: ANDREW J. WILLET

Board Chair Signature: 

Date: March 1, 2018

Superintendent Name: ROBERT WATSON

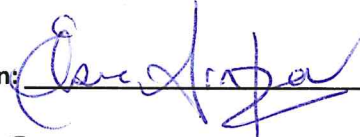
Superintendent Signature: 

Date MARCH 1, 2018

Mail your signed form to:

**Accreditation and Educator Preparation Division
Office of Public Instruction
PO Box 202501
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Superintendent of Public Instruction: 

Date 5/15/2018

Approve Disapprove

Board of Public Education Chair 

Date 5/10/2018

Approve Disapprove

BOARD MEETING, BOARD OF TRUSTEES, SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 7 AND HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

Open Session

DATE: February 26, 2018

TIME: 12:00 p.m.

PLACE: Willson Board Room

MEMBERS

PRESENT: Heide Arneson, Vice Chair
Douglas Fischer
Gary Lusin
Greg Neil
Tanya Reinhardt
Wendy Tage
Sandy Wilson

MEMBERS

ABSENT: Andy Willett, Chair

STAFF

PRESENT: Robert Watson, Superintendent
Steve Johnson, Deputy Superintendent Operations
Pat Strauss, Director of Human Resources
Mike Waterman, Director of Business Services/District Clerk
Todd Swinehart, Director of Facilities
Nancy Brady, Secretary

OTHERS

PRESENT: Tami Phillippi, BEA President

MEDIA: Gail Schontzler, Bozeman Chronicle

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 p.m. by Vice Chair Arneson. Following the Roll Call and the Pledge of Allegiance, Arneson welcomed visitors and explained the purpose of the meeting and procedures to be followed.

Consent Agenda – High School District

Trustee Wilson moved that the Board of Trustees approve items #1 and 6. Trustee Tage seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

1. Temporary Construction Easement – Irrigation Line Relocation on High School #2 Property

6. Resolution of Intent to Increase Nonvoted Levies

Consent Agenda – Elementary District

Trustee Fischer moved that the Board of Trustees approve items #9 and 12. Trustee Neil seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

9. Resolution of Intent to Increase Nonvoted Levies

12. Irving Elementary Elevator Addition – Bid Negotiations

Board of Trustees

Trustee Tague encourage the Board to participation in upcoming BSF Spelling Bee and form a team.

Trustees thanked Superintendent Watson for the great job he is doing in presenting the "school safety message".

Public Participation on Non-Agenda Items

None

Call for May 8, 2018 School Election – High School District

Mike Waterman, Director of Business Services, explained by law the Board of Trustees shall call for an election at least seventy (70) days before the date of the election. The purpose of the May 8, 2018 election is to vote on one Trustee for a three-year term and a General Fund Operating Levy.

Trustee Tague moved the Board of Trustees call for the annual school election and adopt the following resolution. Trustee Lusin seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

RESOLUTION CALLING FOR AN ELECTION

Be it resolved, the Board of Trustees for Bozeman High School District #7, Gallatin County, State of Montana, will hold the Annual Regular School Election on Tuesday, May 8, 2018, which date is not less than seventy (70) days after the passage of this resolution.

The purpose of the election is voting on one Trustee for a three-year term and a General Fund operating levy.

The election will be held by mail ballot conducted by the Gallatin County Election Administrator with all qualified electors in Bozeman High School District #7 participating.

Mike Waterman, District Clerk, is instructed to notify the County Election Administrator of the date of the election, and request her to close registration and to prepare election materials as required by law. The Gallatin County Election Administrator is further instructed to submit a written mail ballot plan to the office of the Montana Secretary of State in a timely manner and to publish and post notice of the election in a manner and at the times required by law, and to appoint a sufficient number of judges and to conduct the election as required by law.

Bridger Charter Academy Charter Renewal

Superintendent Rob Watson introduced this item explaining in January Bozeman School District was notified of the process to renew the Bridger Charter Academy charter application. The approval for the initial charter was two years, with the option to renew the charter in the Spring of 2018 using the process outlined in MCA 10-55-604. Per this process the Board must adopt the application renewal of the charter program prior to submission to the Board of Public Education. This application needs to be submitted Monday, March 5, 2018. If approved, Superintendent Watson will finish the application this week and submit it.

Watson talked about the staff goals, concerns and recommendations and answered Trustees' questions.

Trustee Lusin moved the Board of Trustees approve the application for renewal for the Bridger Charter Academy and authorize Chair to sign the renewal application. Trustee Neil seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Call for May 8, 2018 School Election – Elementary District

Director of Business Services Mike Waterman explained the purpose the Elementary District Resolution calling for an election is to elect three Trustees for three-year terms, voting on a General Fund Operating Levy and three land parcel acquisitions.

Deputy Superintendent Johnson explained even though we are proposing to purchase three parcels of land, there are only two school site ballot questions. Two of the parcels are contiguous and the purchase of only one of the two parcels will not meet the needs of the District. Those two parcels will be included in one school site question on the ballot and the third parcel, which stands alone, will be listed as a separate question on the ballot.

Johnson discussed the timing of the purchase options. Director of Facilities Todd Swinehardt is working on making sure the properties will work for the District's needs.

Johnson and Waterman answered Trustees' questions.

Trustee Lusin moved the Board of Trustees call for the annual school election and adopt the following resolution. Trustee Reinhardt seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

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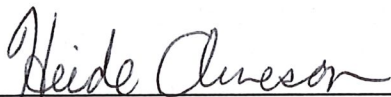
Be it resolved, the Board of Trustees for Bozeman Elementary District #7, Gallatin County, State of Montana, will hold the Annual Regular School Election on Tuesday, May 8, 2018, which date is not less than seventy (70) days after the passage of this resolution.

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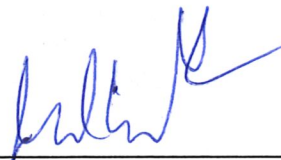
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Meeting adjourned at 12:31 p.m.



Heide Arneson, Acting Board Chair



Mike Waterman, District Clerk