

VARIANCES TO STANDARDS APPLICATION Initial Application (two years)

Purpose: [ARM 10.55.604\(1\)](#) "A local board of trustees may apply to the Board of Public Education through the Superintendent of Public Instruction to implement variance to an assurance standard or a section of assurance standards, excluding standards stating statutory criteria, standards pertaining to educator licensure or endorsement, and content standards as defined by the Board of Public Education and provided in guidance from the Superintendent of Public Instruction."

DUE DATE

First semester implementation; second Monday in October

COUNTY:

DISTRICT:

LIST EACH SCHOOL THAT IS REQUESTING THE VARIANCE:

Anaconda Junior Senior High School

1. Standard(s) for which a variance is requested, e.g., 10.55.709. If there is a program delivery standard, be sure to list it as well, e.g., 10.55.1801.

MCA 10.55.709 (1) The school library shall be housed in a central location, and each school shall have a licensed and endorsed library media specialist in the following ratio:

- (a) .5 FTE for schools with 126-250 students;
 - (b) 1 FTE for schools with 251-500 students;
 - (c) 1.5 FTE for schools with 501-1000 students;
 - (d) 2 FTE for schools with 1001-1500 students;
 - (e) 2.5 FTE for schools with 1501-2000 students;
 - (f) 3 FTE for schools with 2001 or more students;
- (2) Schools of fewer than 126 students shall employ or contract with a licensed and endorsed school library media specialist.
- (3) If a district has fewer than 126 students, the district may utilize a consortium, multidistrict agreement, or interlocal cooperative to secure these services.

We are a 7-12 school within one building servicing elementary and high school students.

2. Describe the variance requested.

We would like to be allowed 1 FTE Librarian within the school to service our 469 students.

3. Describe how and why the proposed variance would be:

a. Workable.

The way we have created our schedule there is a certified librarian available in the library all seven (7) periods every day during the student school year.

b. Educationally sound.

Both FTE's that service students throughout the day are certified Library Media Specialists.

c. Designed to meet or exceed results under established standards.

MCA 10.55.709 (c) 1 FTE for schools with 251-500 students, our current enrollment is 469 students and we have 1 FTE Library Media Specialist to fulfill the needs of our students.

- d. Where applicable, aligned with program standards under ARM 10.55.1101 through 10.55.2101.

ARM 10.55.1801 Library Media and Information Literacy Program Delivery Standards Scheduling ensures that libraries respond to information needs, foster intellectual curiosity, and support learning, collaboration of classroom teachers of all disciplines to implement content area standards and to assist students in engaging in the inquiry/research process is ensured, modeling and supporting the ethical use of information, adherence to copyright laws, and respect for intellectual property is evident. We do have a physical and digital library collection that is current, balanced and reflects authentic historical and cultural contributions of Montana's American Indians and other minority and ethnic groups and engages in comprehensive long range planning to administer and manage, in a secure area, the human financial, digital, and physical resources of the library to locate, access, and use resources that are organized and cataloged and implements a viable collection development policy which includes the following components: materials selection and de-selection (our library has been recently purged), challenged materials procedure, intellectual/academic freedom statement, confidentiality assurance, copyright guidelines, gifts and donations. Our Library Media Specialists collaborate with classroom teachers of all disciplines to highlight and reinforce commonalities and links among curricular areas, cooperate and join with other libraries, encourage partnerships with information centers, and participate in school-wide technology and telecommunications digital service content planning. AJSHS meets the above standards

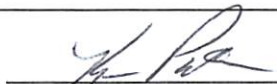
4. Attach Board of Trustee meeting minutes that show the Board of Trustees adopted the application for a variance at an official, properly noticed meeting that provides evidence that local school community stakeholders were involved in the consideration and development of the proposed variance to an assurance standard or a section of assurance standards.

(Stakeholder groups include trustees, administrators, teachers, classified school staff, families, community members, and students as applicable.)

School Board will meet and review during the October 11, 2023 Regular Board of Education Meeting.

Required school district signatures:

Board Chair Name: Kevin Patrick

Board Chair Signature:  Date: 10-11-23

Superintendent Name: John Sullivan

Superintendent Signature:  Date 10-11-23

Email the signed form to:

OPIAccred@mt.gov

THE TRUSTEES OF ANACONDA PUBLIC SCHOOLS DISTRICT NO. 10 MET IN A REGULAR SESSION ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2023 AT THE ADMINISTRATION BOARD ROOM.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Patrick called the Regular meeting of the School Board of Trustees (Board) to order at 5:30 P.M. The meeting convened with 7 members of the Board present: Teal Allick, Charlie Farmer, Matt Ives, Sam Jovanovich, Keriann Orrino, Kevin Patrick, and Gayle Venturelli. All present was Superintendent John Sullivan and Business Manager/Clerk of the Board Gayle Holm.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Trustee Venturelli moved to approve the agenda as submitted. Trustee Orrino seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0 with no objections.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Patrick called for public comment. At this time the public had the chance to speak on items not on the agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION

- Minutes - Regular Board Meeting - September 13, 2023
- Bills and Warrants for September 2023
 - Activity Warrants: 13336-13429
 - AP Claims Warrants: 55048-55120
 - Payroll Claims Warrants: 73721-73766
- Student Attendance Agreements/Tuition Agreements for Foster/Group Home Students

Trustee Venturelli moved to approve the consent agreement as submitted. Trustee Farmer seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0 with no objections.

REPORTS

The following District staff and administration presented updated reports to the board and public:

- Administration submitted written reports that accompanied the board packet. At this time questions regarding those reports were asked.
- Administration In-Person report: Holly Bjerke - Principal - Lincoln Elementary School Report
- John Sullivan -Superintendent -District Report

BOARD DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS

- ✓ Strategic Plan Discussion:

- Report on the Strategic Plan meeting that was just recently held. Items included goals, communications, and detail surrounding the status of the goals currently in place.
- ✓ 95 Mills Discussion was held. Superintendent Sullivan read some details and quotes surrounding the decisions and effects for counties to pass only the 77.9 mills. Deer Lodge County did pass the 95 Mills. Mr. Bill Everett, Chief Executive Officer was in attendance and also spoke on litigations and information moving forward on this topic.

ACTION ITEMS:

MOTION - AGENDA ITEM A - APPROVAL OF PERSONNEL ACTION REPORT

October 11, 2023 PAR NAME	POSITION	ACTION	BUILDING	EFFECTIVE DATE
Jacqueline Venard	Substitute	Hire	District	9/20/2023
Lori Harvey	Substitute	Hire	District	10/11/2023
Kasey Faur	Substitute	Hire	District	09/27/2023
Theodore Hall	Substitute	Hire	District	10/11/2023
Lori Carney	Substitute	Hire	District	10/11/2023
Kora Kelly	Substitute	Hire	District	10/11/2023
Karen Vaughn	Substitute	Hire	District	10/11/2023
Dixie Johnson	Substitute	Hire	District	10/11/2023
Rochi Estes	7 th Grade Boys Basketball Coach	Hire	AJSHS	10/11/2023
Henry Huber	8 th Grade Boys Basketball Coach	Hire	AJSHS	10/11/2023
Aimee Mitchell	7 th Grade Girls Basketball Coach	Hire	AJSHS	10/11/2023
Tiffany Patrick	8 th Grade Girls Basketball Coach	Hire	AJSHS	10/11/2023
Carson Hritsco	Asst. Boys Basketball Coach-C Squad	Hire	AJSHS	10/11/2023

** All new hires are contingent on clean background checks and all proper licensing and paperwork

Trustee Venturelli moved to approve the personnel action report as submitted. Trustee Orrino seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-1. (Allick opposed)

MOTION - AGENDA ITEM B - APPROVE RECREATION PROGRAM CONTRACT

Trustee Farmer moved to approve the recreation program contract as presented. Trustee Jovanovich seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0 with no objections.

MOTION - AGENDA ITEM C - REVIEW POLICY 2309 - LIBRARY MATERIALS

No Motion on Agenda Item C. Discussion took place and new policy with changes was handed out for review.

MOTION - AGENDA ITEM D - APPROVE VARIANCE TO STANDARDS

Trustee Jovanovich moved to approve the variance to standards as presented. Trustee Ives seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0 with no objections.

MOTION - AGENDA ITEM E - CHARTER SCHOOL (HB 549) - DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION

No Motion on Agenda Item E. Discussion took place and District will not be ready to adopt within the two week time frame. The uncertainty of the Bill and the effects on ANB numbers will be reviewed prior to next year's possible adoption or review.

BOARD MEMBER INFORMATION FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER


- ✦ Federal Law change ensuring school hunting, archery education won't lose funding. Adult Ed will now continue under these changes within our District.
- ✦ Trustee Farmer secured a new shed to be located near the tennis courts for our tennis program. Job Corp will be building and our County will pay for the materials of the building. Thank you to all for this project.

ADJOURN

Trustee Venturelli moved to adjourn; second by Trustee Allick

The Chair adjourned the regular meeting at 6:34 P.M.

SIGNATURES


_____ Board Chair Approval


_____ Attest Board Clerk Approval

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