

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
ROBERTS SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5
JANUARY 10, 2017**

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, Roberts School District No. 5, was called to order by Sarah DeVries at 6:00 p.m. on January 10, 2017, in the library at the Roberts School.

ATTENDANCE

Sarah DeVries, Chair
Joel Bertolino, Vice Chair
James Binando
Deborah Hill
Sanford Langager

Alex Ator, Superintendent
JaLayne Obert, Business Manager/Clerk

GUESTS: Jon Milligan

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES

Motion was made by James Binando, seconded by Sanford Langager and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the December 13, 2016 meeting as presented. (YES— DeVries, Bertolino, Binando, Hill, Langager. NO—none).

CLAIMS, SEQUENCE, AND VOIDED CHECKS

Motion was made by Deborah Hill, seconded by Sanford Langager and carried unanimously to approve the claims, sequence, and voided checks for January, 2017 as presented. (YES— DeVries, Bertolino, Binando, Hill, Langager. NO—none).

TEACHER REPORTS

Jon Milligan gave the teacher report for January.

Mr. Milligan stated he teaches science for grades 7-12 and his job is a joy. He stated he really enjoys the small class sizes and getting to be not only a teacher but someone to invest in the students' lives.

Mr. Milligan stated he was raised in Kenya and his parents will be visiting in April. He added his father has taught biology and chemistry and he will be sitting in on some of the classes.

Mr. Milligan stated he will have time this summer to go through his room and make a list of things to be added or replaced.

Mr. Ator stated Mr. Milligan will soon complete his Masters in biology. He added he doesn't think anyone in the district has worked as hard as Mr. Milligan has this year.

PERSONNEL

SUBSTITUTE – Mr. Ator stated he received an application for a substitute teacher from Thomas Reiter, a graduate of Laurel and the US Naval Academy with a degree in mathematics. He added Mr. Reiter is running a boat repair business out by Cooney Dam and recommended Mr. Reiter be added to the substitute teacher list.

Motion was made by Joel Bertolino, seconded by Deborah Hill and carried unanimously to add Thomas Reiter to the substitute teacher list, contingent on the results of the background check. (YES—DeVries, Bertolino, Binando, Hill, Langager. NO—none).

RESIGNATION – Mr. Ator recommended the Board accept the resignation of Rick Sederberg from the afternoon bus route and lawn care during the summer.

Motion was made by Sanford Langager, seconded by Deborah Hill and carried unanimously to accept the letter of resignation from Rick Sederberg from his afternoon bus route and summer lawn care. (YES – DeVries, Bertolino, Binando, Hill, Langager. NO—none).

NEW BUSINESS

FOUR-DAY WEEK DISCUSSION/DECISION- Mr. Ator stated he sees no reason to not continue with the four-day school week for the next two years.

Mr. Binando asked Mr. Milligan how he likes the four-day school week.

Mr. Milligan sated he doesn't see any negatives with the four-day school week and thinks it is probably a good draw for quality teachers.

Mr. Ator stated one of the best things he has seen with the four-day school week as an administrator is that the students, staff, and teachers are more engaged during the four days.

Ms. DeVries stated when her children were smaller, Friday was a wasted school day because so many students were absent for activities.

Motion was made by Joel Bertolino, seconded by Sanford Langager and carried unanimously to approve the four-day school week for the next two years (2017-2018 and 2018-2019 school years). (YES—DeVries, Bertolino, Binando, Hill, Langager. NO—none).

ADOPTION OF 2017-2018 SCHOOL CALENDAR – Mr. Ator stated he included two versions of the 2017-2018 school year calendar in the packet, one ending before Memorial Day and one ending after Memorial Day. He stated the staff is split about 50/50 on the two versions.

Mr. Ator stated version B of the calendar has more times when school is scheduled on Friday to maintain consistency of the four-day school week.

After discussion by the Board, it was decided to amend version B of the 2017-2018 calendar by making Monday, March 12 a regular school day and Friday, March 16 a PIR day and have Monday, April 2 as a regular school day rather than vacation day.

Motion was made by Deborah Hill, seconded by James Binando and carried unanimously to approve the amended version B of the 2017-2018 school calendar beginning on August 23, 2017 and ending on May 24, 2018. (YES—DeVries, Bertolino, Binando, Hill, Langager. NO—none).

RECESS

Ms. DeVries called for a recess at 6:42 p.m. and returned the meeting to regular session at 6:45 p.m.

MHSA PROPOSAL REVIEW – Mr. Ator stated Mr. Cole will be attending the Montana High School Association Annual Meeting in Great Falls on January 16, 2017. He reviewed the following proposals to be voted on at the meeting:

1. Proposal to Amend Executive Board Term for MTSBA Representative – Allow more than two four-year terms for MTSBA representative. Agree.

2. Proposal to Amend Eighth Grade Participation/Academic Transfer By-Laws – Local school board would approve eighth grade participation in any school stipulated MHSA sport instead of the Executive Director of the MHSA. Eighth grade participants would then fall under the MHSA transfer rule. Disagree
3. Proposal to Amend Transfer Rule – Change ineligibility of a transfer student to the number of P.I. days in the current semester of the school to which he/she transfers from the date of enrollment in the school to which he/she transfers. Probably agree, depending on discussion or amendments.
4. Proposal to Amend Jewelry Rule – Allow jewelry depending on the sport. Disagree.
5. Proposal to Amend Allowable Post Season Tournament Expenses – Increase reimbursement to teams participating in post season play. Agree.

Mr. Ator stated he doesn't like to specifically instruct our representative on how to vote as proposals can and do change with discussion and amendments and the person voting needs to have discretion to vote in the manner best for the district.

Motion was made by Joel Bertolino, seconded by Sanford Langager and carried unanimously to allow Mr. Cole to use his discretion in voting for the proposals at the MHSA Annual Meeting. (YES—DeVries, Bertolino, Binando, Hill, Langager. NO—none).

OLD BUSINESS

POLICY UPDATES AND REVIEW – Mr. Ator and the Board reviewed Policy 1513, Management Rights, Policy 1521, Board-Superintendent Relationship, Policy 1610, Annual Goals and Objectives, Policy 1700, Uniform Complaint Procedure.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

BUILDING REPORT – Mr. Ator stated it has been difficult to update the marquee lately and we probably need to move the signal monitor. He added we'll be working on that when it warms up.

Mr. Ator reported a pipe broke in the bathroom in the kitchen area but Peter Wisniewski and Rick Sederberg worked quickly to get it fixed and warm the area. He added the boiler in the new area of the building is now back up and running.

ACADEMIC REPORT – Mr. Ator stated the second round of MAPS testing has been concluded.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR REPORT – Mr. Ator reported the following extra-curricular items:

1. BPA regional competition was postponed from January 10 to January 25 because of weather conditions
2. Student Council – Preparing for fundraiser for Valentines' Day, made a donation for Breast Cancer Awareness, and will begin planning for prom.
3. GREAT Self-Defense – Students in grades 7-12 attended a self-defense assembly in Joliet on January 4.

SUPERINTENDENT SCHEDULE – Mr. Ator reviewed his schedule for the month, noting he is on vacation January 21-28, 2017.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Ms. DeVries called for an executive session at 7:34 p.m. stating the next item to come before the Board involves an individual and it is her determination that the individual's rights to privacy supersede the merits of public disclosure. The Board met with Mr. Ator for the superintendent's evaluation.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. DeVries returned the meeting to regular session and called for adjournment at 8:45 p.m.

Board Chair

District Clerk