

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
ROBERTS SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5  
APRIL 20, 2022**

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Roberts School District No. 5, Roberts, Montana was called to order by Chair Joel Bertolino at 6:00 p.m. on April 20, 2022 in the library at the Roberts School.

**ATTENDANCE**

Joel Bertolino, Chair  
Michelle Swansborough, Vice Chair  
Tyler Allen (via teleconferencing at 6:06 p.m.)  
Brandon Crane  
Sam Langager

Alex Ator, Superintendent  
JaLayne Obert, Business Manager/Clerk

GUESTS: Steve Keebler, Michael Estomo, Alan Schuyler, Debra Hill, Misty Pitts, Sanford Langager, Katie Day

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**MINUTES**

Motion was made by Michelle Swansborough, seconded by Sam Langager and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the March 17, 2022 regular meeting as presented. (YES— Bertolino, Swansborough, Crane, Langager. NO—none).

**WARRANTS**

(Tyler Allen joined the meeting at 6:06 p.m.)

Motion was made by Brandon Crane, seconded by Michelle Swansborough and carried unanimously to approve warrants 48043-48123 as written. (YES— Bertolino, Swansborough, Allen, Crane, Langager. NO—none).

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Ator stated he didn't put the MOU with the Carbon County Health Department on the agenda as another area superintendent has requested a legal opinion from the County Attorney.

**TEACHER REPORTS**

Misty Pitts gave the teacher report for the month.

Mrs. Pitts stated she teaches library skills for kindergarten through grade six and coordinates the activities and parent volunteers for the preschool.

Mrs. Pitts stated she has been rearranging the library so books are sorted by age level. She stated she held two books fairs this year and the school receives scholastic dollars for those

which have been used to purchase some display stands, bins, and books for students, teachers, and the library.

Mrs. Pitts reported there are thirteen students in preschool, nine of which will be coming here for kindergarten next year. She added the program will wrap up on May 12 with a year-end celebration.

Joel Bertolino stated he is so proud that Roberts has a preschool and thanked Mrs. Pitts for her assistance.

### **STAFFING**

**NEW HIRES**—Mr. Ator stated he has an offer out for the science teaching position, has offered the English teaching position to two different people who have declined, and has five applicants for the history teaching position that closes next week.

Mr. Ator stated he hasn't advertised the custodial position yet as we are pretty well covered for the summer.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**SPRING ORDERS** – Mr. Ator stated he received a bid of \$2588.22 from Christian Brothers to replace the radiator, blower motor, and instrument panel on the plow truck.

Tyler Allen asked if the repairs could be used as a shop class project.

Mr. Ator he hasn't pursued any other options at this point. He stated he would have to talk with Darryl Grove to see what his classes are studying to make this a worthwhile learning experience.

Michelle Swansborough stated another consideration is whether or not the shop class has the proper tools to do such a project.

Joel Bertolino stated he'd rather just get it fixed by Christian Brothers and be done with it.

Motion was made by Michelle Swansborough, seconded by Brandon Crane and carried to approve the repairs to the plow truck by Christian Brothers for a total of \$2588.22. (YES—Bertolino, Swansborough, Crane, Langager. NO—Allen).

**TEACHER ORDERS** – Mr. Ator stated most of the teacher orders for next year are in and he'll be reviewing those for next month.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**CLASSIFIED STAFF NEGOTIATIONS** – Mr. Ator stated the classified staff has a meeting set to discuss negotiations and then will be in contact with Joel Bertolino and Sam Langager to set a meeting date.

Mr. Ator stated we probably need to negotiate an hourly rate for activity drivers separately from classified negotiations, perhaps with extra-curricular positions.

(Mr. Allen left the meeting at 6:50 p.m.)

**SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

BIDS FOR BUS – Mr. Ator stated we received two bids for the school bus declared obsolete and he will bring a recommendation to the Board next month.

BATHROOM UPDATE – Mr. Ator stated we now have the permits for the bathroom remodel. He added he hopes to have this project completed by the opening of school next fall.

SCHOOL CALENDAR UPDATE – Mr. Ator stated we lost a day of school because of weather so either need to make up the day or approve an emergency resolution for the day. He added the staff is in favor of having school on Friday, April 29, 2022, with perhaps attending the opening ceremonies for Special Olympics.

MEETING DATES – Mr. Ator stated the next meeting dates are May 18 and June 15.

ACTIVITY UPDATE – Sarah Shoopman reported the following for activities:

1. Junior high boys' basketball is over.
2. Shot clocks are ordered.
3. Eleven boys and eight girls are out for high school track.
4. Sixteen girls and eight boys are out for junior high track which started on April 11.
5. BPA conducted an Easter egg hunt and bake sale and held bingo on April 29.
6. Mr. Frank and Luke Kosel will be going to the National BPA conference.
7. District and divisional track are May 13 and 20 with the state meet in Great Falls on May 27 and 28.
8. Activities Banquet is May 17.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Bertolino called for adjournment at 7:15 p.m.

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Board Chair

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District Clerk