

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
ROBERTS SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5  
JANUARY 15, 2013**

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, Roberts School District No. 5, was called to order by Chair Frank Ropp at 6:02 p.m. on January 15, 2013, in the library at the Roberts School.

**ATTENDANCE**

Frank Ropp, Chair  
Joel Bertolino, Vice Chair  
Sarah DeVries  
Tami Hoines  
Rusty Niemi

Elliott Crump, Superintendent  
JaLayne Obert, District Clerk

GUESTS: Chris DeVries, Mary Allen, Mike Creeden, Stacie Nardinger, Michelle Schoening, Ron Prinkki, Kyle Neibauer, Crystal Wright.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**MINUTES**

Motion was made by Sarah DeVries, seconded by Rusty Niemi and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the regular meeting December 11, 2012, as presented. (YES—Ropp, Bertolino, DeVries, Hoines, Niemi. NO—none).

**CLAIMS, SEQUENCE, AND VOIDED CHECKS**

Motion was made by Joel Bertolino, seconded by Sarah DeVries and carried unanimously to approve the claims, sequence, and voided checks as presented for January, 2013. (YES—Ropp, Bertolino, DeVries, Hoines, Niemi. NO—none).

**STUDENT APPEAL**

Mr. Ropp stated the next issues to come before the Board involve students and would be heard in closed session as it is his determination that the privacy rights of the students supersede the merits of public disclosure. He closed the meeting at 6:05 p.m. and returned it to regular session at 7:04 p.m.

Motion was made by Rusty Niemi, seconded by Joel Bertolino and carried unanimously to reinstate credits for SW for the first semester with the understanding the absences of the attendance policy are extended through the year to 18 and at 19 absences the credits are lost. (YES—Ropp, Bertolino, DeVries, Hoines, Niemi. NO—none).

**TEACHER REPORTS**

Crystal Wright and Kyle Neibauer gave the teacher reports for the month.

Mrs. Wright stated her kindergarten class is smaller this year as she started the year with seven and now has eight students. She stated they are doing really well and already know 23 sight words and are working on reading and writing.

Mrs. Wright stated the weekly teacher meetings in the elementary are very helpful. She uses the Promethean Board all the time and really likes it.

Mrs. Wright added she really enjoyed coaching junior high girls' basketball this fall and organizing the ski program.

Mr. Neibauer stated the sixth grade class will soon be starting the seventh grade English book and also the reading program that goes along with it. He stated the class utilizes the active vote systems for those classes. He stated the group just started reading "Where the Red Fern Grows" and using a bookmark program he recently learned about.

Mr. Neibauer stated in math the class is right where they need to be and just finished with fractions. He stated

Mrs. Hogan is an aide in that class and has been so helpful. He added in social studies they just finished a chapter on China and built the Great Wall of China with toothpicks.

Mr. Neibauer stated he is also teaching science for the seventh and eighth grades this year and the district purchased a new program that is really working well. It utilizing workbooks instead of textbooks and has really great labs to go with them.

Ms. Hoines asked if the teachers cross reference the math for the sixth and seventh grades to see if the sixth graders are ready for the seventh grade math.

Mr. Neibauer stated he did that more last year than he has this year but the mastery of the sixth grade in math is right where it should be.

Mr. Ropp asked Mrs. Wright if she could use more touch screen computers in the kindergarten room.

Mrs. Wright stated she is very happy with the two she has but could always use more.

### **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

Mrs. Obert presented an overview on the status of the budgets.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mary Allen stated she is co-authoring a history book about Roberts that is almost ready to go to print. She asked if the district wants to put in a pre-order for the book for history classes. She added the books would cost the district \$50.00 per copy when pre-ordered.

Mrs. Obert suggested ordering 20 copies of the book with REAP dollars so there would be enough for a classroom set.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

MHSA ANNUAL MEETING – Mr. Crump stated Ms. Reinhardt is the Athletic Director this year and in that capacity will be attending the annual meeting of the Montana High School Association in Missoula later this month. He stated the Board usually gives direction to our delegate on how to vote with the flexibility to change if the information received at the meeting shows otherwise.

Following are the proposals with administrative recommendations:

1. Proposal to Amend Executive Board's Authority to Grant Waivers – Yes
2. Proposal to Amend Appeals Process By-Law – Yes
3. Proposal to Amend Reclassification Timeline – Yes
4. Proposal to Amend Cooperative Sponsorship Enrollment Limits – Talk to others at the meeting to decide
5. Proposal to Amend Cooperative Sponsorship Enrollment for Six-Player Football – No
6. Proposal to Amend Wrestling Weight Classes – Yes

FIREARM RAFFLE – Mr. Crump recommended the Board allow the junior class to hold a raffle for a rifle.

Motion was made by Rusty Niemi, seconded by Joel Bertolino and carried unanimously to approve a rifle raffle for the junior class. (YES—Ropp, Bertolino, DeVries, Hoines, Niemi. NO—none).

SCORE TABLE – Mr. Crump stated when attending the basketball tournament in Reed Point, Roly DeVries noticed their score table and has offered to pay half the cost of purchasing one for our gymnasium where his logo would be displayed. Mr. Crump asked if the Board would be interested in trying to find additional sponsors to purchase the score table.

The Board consensus was to see if there would be other individuals or groups interested in sponsoring a portion of the cost for the score table.

REVIEW EMERGENCY PROCEDURES – Mr. Crump stated he included a copy of the district's emergency procedures in the packet for the board's review. He stated we need to find a way to speed up the process of calling for assistance and perhaps we need to have a direct line to dispatch in case of an emergency. He stated the safety of our entry way doors and the location of the computer lab and library are also concerns.

Mike Creeden stated the science room should be enclosed instead of being all windows.

Elta Ayre stated the computer lab and library are too accessible.

Chris DeVries stated the front doors could be locked and the side doors used for entry.

Mr. Niemi asked if there is a contingency plan if there is a problem. Mr. Crump stated a lockdown would be announced and the police department called.

Mr. Ropp asked Mr. Crump to discuss this with the teachers and rest of the staff and get their input.

**RECESS**

Mr. Ropp called for a recess at 8:15 p.m. and returned the meeting to regular session at 8:30 p.m.

**OLD BUSINESS**

SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL—Mr. Ropp reported he had a good conversation with one of the engineers from Great West Engineering about the Safe Routes to School project and expressed his concerns with their report.

SCOREBOARD REPAIR – Mr. Crump stated the electricians came to see if they could figure out the problem with the scoreboards but couldn't locate anything that would make them shut off. Mr. Crump recommended the district start looking at trying to find sponsors to help purchase a new scoreboard for next year.

CLAIM REPORT – Mr. Crump reported that the claim filed by Mr. Creeden with the U.S. Department of Labor was found to be without merit and the Department investigator has closed the file. Mr. Creeden has rights of appeal, but at this time we do not have any information as to whether he will pursue this any further.

**SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

PROGRAM UPDATE – Mr. Crump stated Roly DeVries suggested establishing a loading and unloading zone for team busses from other schools. He stated he will work with Mr. DeVries on that idea.

SCHOOL UPDATE – Mr. Crump stated our student count is at 114.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Ropp adjourned the meeting at 8:50 p.m.

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Board Chair

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District Clerk

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
ROBERTS SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5  
JANUARY 21, 2013**

The special meeting of the Board of Trustees, Roberts School District No. 5, was called to order by Chair Frank Ropp at 6:05 p.m. on January 21, 2013, in the library at the Roberts School.

**ATTENDANCE**

Frank Ropp, Chair  
Joel Bertolino, Vice Chair  
Sarah DeVries  
Tami Hoines  
Rusty Niemi

Elliott Crump, Superintendent

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF WARRANT**

Mr. Crump stated Mrs. Obert would like approval of one more warrant for January, #39039 for \$25.86 written to MasterCard.

Motion was made by Sarah DeVries, seconded by Rusty Niemi and carried unanimously to approve an additional warrant for January, 2013, #39039. (YES—Ropp, Bertolino, DeVries, Hoines, Niemi. NO—none).

**STUDENT ATTENDANCE**

Mr. Ropp called for a closed session of the meeting at 6:10 p.m., stating the next item to come before the Board involves students and it is his determination that the students' rights to privacy supersede the merits of public disclosure. He returned the meeting to regular session at 6:45 p.m.

Motion was made by Tami Hoines, seconded by Joel Bertolino and carried unanimously that credit for CW be reinstated with an 18 day absence limit for the year. (YES—Ropp, Bertolino, DeVries, Hoines, Niemi. NO—none).

Motion was made by Tami Hoines, seconded by Joel Bertolino and carried unanimously that credit for TN be reinstated with an 18 day absence limit for the year and TN will need to do one hour of make-up work for each class missed beyond 9 to have credit reinstated. (YES—Ropp, Bertolino, DeVries, Hoines, Niemi. NO—none).

**STUDENT APPEAL**

Mr. Ropp called for a closed session at 6:50 p.m. stating the next item to come before the Board involves an individual and it is his determination that the individual's right to privacy supersede the merits of public disclosure. He returned the meeting to regular session at 8:05 p.m.

Motion was made by Joel Bertolino and seconded by Sarah DeVries to enroll JB at Roberts School on condition of a signed contract.

Ms. Hoines stated "The way I am voting is what I feel is in the best interest of the students, teachers and staff of our school. It doesn't mean I am not pulling for you and I do wish you all the best and success. Please don't take this personally."

Mr. Niemi stated he agrees with Ms. Hoines.

The motion was voted on and carried. (YES—Ropp, Bertolino, DeVries. NO—Hoines, Niemi).

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Ropp adjourned the meeting at 8:50 p.m.

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Board Chair

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District Clerk