

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
ROBERTS SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5
JANUARY 26, 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 6:03 p.m. on January 26, 2022 in the library at the Roberts School.

ATTENDANCE

Joel Bertolino, Chair
Michelle Swansborough, Vice Chair
Sam Langager

Absent: Tyler Allen, Brandon Crane

Alex Ator, Superintendent
JaLayne Obert, Business Manager/Clerk

GUESTS: Sanford Langager, Steve Keebler, Alan Schuyler, Bill Bullock, Ressa Herta, Sarah Shoopman, Erin Cross, Serena Allen, Jackie Ronning and Lindsay Thompson (teleconferenced)

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 December 15, 2021 regular meeting as presented. (YES— Bertolino, Swansborough, Langager. NO—none).

WARRANTS

Motion was made by Sam Langager, seconded by Michelle Swansborough and carried unanimously to approve warrants 47763-47844 as written. (YES— Bertolino, Swansborough, Langager. NO—none).

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Ator stated Marco LaRowe contacted him about the lights we installed a few years ago for safety reasons shining in his living room window. Mr. Ator stated we have adjusted the lights but he maintains they are still a problem.

Mr. Ator stated Mr. LaRowe also stated the fence line that borders his property needs repair so his cows don't get onto the football field. He also doesn't think that the culvert that was installed for his ditch is big enough.

Mr. Ator stated we probably need to set up a meeting with Mr. LaRowe.

Bill Bullock, Carbon County Commissioner, stated in the past some agreements are made with a handshake and there is no written record of what happened when that culvert was installed.

He added the open range law says the owner of the cattle is responsible for keeping them where they belong.

Joel Bertolino and Sam Langager both stated they would sit on a committee to meet with Mr. LaRowe. Mr. Ator stated he would reach out to the County Commissioners and maybe the water commissioner to see if he could arrange a meeting.

Alan Schuyler, representing the Roberts Community Foundation invited the board to an All-Board meeting the foundation is sponsoring on February 10, 2022. He added he will also be coming in to meet with Mr. Ator on the scholarship the foundation offers.

Steve Keebler, representing the Roberts Activity Committee, spoke to the board about events the committee is undertaking. He stated the group will be sponsoring a monthly get together for senior citizens at the fire hall as well as organizing the 2023 Centennial All School Reunion. He added the committee would like to be able to use the school for the event and it would be a great opportunity for student fund-raising.

Mr. Ator stated he will put the request to use the school on next month's agenda.

Sanford Langager asked Mr. Bertolino if he followed up on the concerns expressed about disruptive students in the classroom.

Mr. Bertolino he has but has not heard the same things as Mr. Langager.

Mr. Langager stated our better students are being hurt by the amount of time spent with disruptive students. He also asked if there is anything the district needs to do in the St. Charles incident.

Mr. Ator stated the concern was not with us but with taking the students out of school and the district without parental permission.

Bill Bullock, Carbon County Commissioner, stated he knows there are concerns with having a marijuana dispensary as close to the school as the one opening across the highway. He stated the commissioners met with the Governor today and issues with the passage of legislation allowing the sale of recreational marijuana in Montana will be discussed in the next legislative session. He added in the meantime we can look at refining the local ordinance in the county for the location of a dispensary and a letter of support from the school board would be helpful.

TEACHER REPORTS

Ressa Herta gave the teacher report for the month.

Mrs. Herta stated she co-teaches with some elementary teachers and also works with special education students. She added she was a paraprofessional for twenty years so is experienced with working with children and received her special education teaching certificate last year.

ACTIVITIES REPORT – Sarah Shoopman gave the following activities report:

1. High school girls' basketball team is currently tied with Harlowton for 6th place in the district and had two big wins over the weekend.
2. Senior Night is this weekend.

3. High school boys' team has been working hard and improving, are at #9 now but could end up higher.
4. At the MHSA Annual Meeting, adding the shot clock next year was approved. At the MHSA board meeting in April there will be more conversation about its use.
5. 8th grade participation rule was amended and clarification will be sent after the April meeting.
6. Work is being done on the master schedule for basketball and our area will split into three divisions instead of two.
7. FFA is working on a project for FFA week
8. BPA is getting ready for state competition
9. 13 of 15 girls on the basketball team were on the honor roll
10. Junior high boys' basketball starts in February
11. High school track starts on March 14

Mr. Ator stated adding the shot clock will cost about \$4200 and will require an additional person to run it.

LITERACY REPORT – Jackie Ronning stated she is a member of a county-wide team working on early childhood programs. She added we are showing good growth in the elementary scores in reading and are ready to exit some students from Title help.

NEW BUSINESS

CARBON COUNTY SCHOOL NURSE UPDATE – Erin Cross and Serena Allen introduced themselves as the new public health team for Carbon County. County Commissioner Bill Bullock stated he is excited about the work the team has been doing.

CERTIFIED STAFF NEGOTIATIONS – Sarah Shoopman reported the staff met on Friday and when Brandon Crane returns, the negotiating team will meet again.

Michelle Swansborough stated a counter offer has been extended to the certified staff and we are waiting for their reply.

MEMO OF UNDERSTANDING WITH OPI ON CSCT – Mr. Ator stated a memo of understanding with the Office of Public Instruction concerning CSCT services is included in the board packet. He stated the CSCT program works as a government match with Medicaid, the State of Montana, and the school district. The 2019 legislature removed the funding provided by the state and placed it back on the school district and the MOU facilitates how that money is paid to the state.

Motion was made by Michelle Swansborough, seconded by Sam Langager and carried unanimously to approve the MOU with the Office of Public Instruction (see board packet) as presented. (YES—Bertolino, Swansborough, Langager. NO—none).

RESOLUTION FOR DISSOLUTION OF PROPERTY (School Bus) – Mr. Ator recommended approval of the resolution to dispose of abandoned, obsolete and desirable property, in this case a 2005 Thomas school bus.

Motion was made by Michelle Swansborough, seconded by Sam Langager and carried unanimously to approve the Resolution for the Disposition of Abandoned, Obsolete and Undesirable Property (see attached) as presented. (YES—Bertolino, Swansborough, Langager. NO—none).

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

MEETING DATES – Mr. Ator stated the next meeting dates are February 16, March 16, and April 20, 2022.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Mr. Bertolino called for an executive session at 7:27 p.m. stating that the next item of business is the evaluation of the superintendent and it is his determination that the privacy rights of the individual supersede the merits of public disclosure.

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

Mr. Bertolino returned the meeting to regular session and called for adjournment at 8:30 p.m.

Board Chair

District Clerk

RESOLUTION

DISPOSITION OF ABANDONED, OBSOLETE AND UNDESIRABLE PROPERTY

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5, ROBERTS, MONTANA TO DISPOSE OF ABANDONED, OBSOLETE AND UNDESIRABLE PROPERTY THROUGH THE SALES OR OTHER MEANS, AS PROVIDED BY SECTION 20-6-604, MCA.

WHEREAS it has been determined certain personal property as shown on the attached list has become abandoned, obsolete and undesirable by School District No. 5.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees will dispose of this property through the sale or other means commencing on February 18, 2022 which will be 14 days after notice of this resolution has been made in the manner required in Section 20-20-204, MCA.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5 THIS 26TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2022.

Chairperson

Date

Attest:

Clerk

Date

**LIST OF OBSOLETE, ABANDONED, SURPLUS PROPERTY
January 26, 2022**

One (1) 2005 Thomas 40 passenger conventional school bus

VIN #4UZAAXC5X5CN82570

Questions should be directed to Alex Ator, Superintendent, at 406-445-2421 or ator@roberts.k12.mt.us. Sealed bids will be accepted until 4:00 p.m. on March 31, 2022 and should be sent to:

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