

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
ROBERTS SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5
OCTOBER 13, 2010**

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, Roberts School District No. 5 was called to order by Chair Randy Weimer at 7:00 p.m. on October 13, 2010 in the library at the Roberts School.

ATTENDANCE

Randy Weimer, Chair
Tracy Timmons, Vice Chair
Frank Ropp

Absent: Carl Easthouse, Sanford Langager

Elliott Crump, Superintendent
JaLayne Obert, District Clerk

GUESTS: Rory Bauer, Kathy Bauer, Jordyn Croft, Joyce Croft, Kelsey Kessner, Sarah Novasio, Seth Zumbrun, Stacie Nardinger, Rezina Zeiler, Annette Hart, Sam Miller, Selina Miller, Sue Schwend, Jacob Timmons, Jacob Miller

MINUTES

Motion was made by Tracy Timmons, seconded by Frank Ropp and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the regular meeting September 15, 2010 as presented. (YES—Weimer, Timmons, Ropp. NO—none.)

CLAIMS, SEQUENCE, AND VOIDED CHECKS

Mrs. Timmons asked if anything has been done with the 403(b) plans. Mrs. Obert stated she hasn't had time to check old payroll records.

Mrs. Timmons asked about the budget amount for Traffic Education. Mrs. Obert stated that is a non-budgeted fund and she hadn't set a starting amount but would do so.

Mrs. Timmons asked what the check to the Carbon County 4-H was for. Mrs. Obert stated it was for the FFA club's share of summer fair awards.

Motion was made by Mr. Ropp, seconded by Mrs. Timmons and carried unanimously to approve the claims, sequence, and voided checks for October, 2010, as presented. (YES—Weimer, Timmons, Ropp. NO—none).

STUDENT PRESENTATION

The class of 2011 presented a proposal to the Board to go to Orlando, Florida for their senior trip. Members of class presented different areas of educational opportunity on the trip.

Motion was made by Tracy Timmons, seconded by Frank Ropp and carried unanimously to approve the request by the Class of 2011 to go to Orlando, Florida for their senior trip with the understanding the district is not responsible for any financial aspect of the trip. (YES—Weimer, Timmons, Ropp. NO—none).

STUDENT REPORT

Kelsey Kessner, Student Council President, reported to the Board on the following student events at the school:

- Homecoming – athletic events, parade, and bonfire
- Bus evacuation drill
- Fire prevention presentation for elementary
- Sexual Harassment program for seniors
- Rocket Gear for sale

Ms. Kessner stated the council will be working hard on completing their constitution.

Mr. Weimer asked if there are any student concerns for the Board. Ms. Kessner stated it isn't a concern for the Board but something student council will be considering is a request from the junior high grades to be part of student council.

Mrs. Timmons asked what is done with the money raised by Student Council. Ms. Kessner stated it is used for homecoming activities and awards, Spirit Week awards, and prom.

Mr. Crump stated another Student Council duty is to decide which fundraisers classes and groups may do.

Mrs. Timmons stated this is the first time since she's been on the Board that there has been a student report by a student.

TEACHER REPORT

Annette Hart and Rezina Zeiler presented teacher reports for the month.

Mrs. Hart stated things are going well with special education with seventeen students receiving services, some for speech and language only. She added we do have students with higher levels of need but the aides are working with them very well and she is seeing good progress.

Mrs. Hart stated she is the junior class sponsor this year and concessions are going great guns and the parents have been wonderful.

Mrs. Hart stated the school received a grant for computers for special needs students. She stated it is her understanding those computers can be checked out by students and we need to have policy and procedures in place to do that.

Mrs. Hart stated in the last year or so the school purchased Read Naturally software but she would like to have it for every level. She stated the only other concern is the heat in the high school wing is still an issue.

Mrs. Hart stated there have been many new guidelines in special education recently and she has been attending training on how to complete the paperwork. She added her five-year monitoring will be done in January and OPI has advised teachers that with all the new changes, there will probably be issues reported.

Mrs. Zeiler stated in the math program she is continuing the focus on formative assessment and most of the work is done in the classroom. She stated there is another leadership conference in January that covers technology in the classroom and she would like to once again attend.

Mrs. Zeiler stated she is trying to integrate more projects into the classroom, such as the rocket project her classes have done every year. She added she will be working with another math teacher on completing more projects during the PIR days and will also attend an ACE curriculum meeting to align math curriculum with state standards.

Mrs. Timmons asked if the alignment of courses is better now this year. Mrs. Zeiler stated the class progression has been successfully changed and although the junior class is still a concern, they are taking Algebra II. She added she teaches two advanced classes, advanced math and pre-calculus with one student taking AP calculus on-line.

Mrs. Timmons asked if the class is one being offered through the state this year.

Stacie Nardinger stated we have four students taking advanced placement classes through the Montana Digital Academy, one in biology, one in calculus, and two in U.S. History.

Mr. Weimer asked if Mrs. Zeiler is okay for books. Mrs. Zeiler stated she is, although she doesn't have some of the teacher CD's. She stated the new book for sixth grade is very good and it will be helpful with the fifth graders using the same series. She added teaching the sixth graders has been very enjoyable.

Mrs. Zeiler suggested putting a ceiling fan upstairs to help control the heat.

PERSONNEL

BUS DRIVER POSITION – Mr. Crump stated Amber Mullin took the written test for driving bus and is scheduled to take the driving portion on October 26 so she should be certified to drive bus for us soon. He added Dick Sederberg will ride with her the first time she drives the route.

NEW BUSINESS

MOVIE GUIDELINES – Mr. Crump stated he included a copy of the proposed guidelines for movies in the Board packet and asked for comments from the Board.

Mr. Weimer asked if it is too cumbersome to work with. Mr. Crump stated the guideline could be as simple as K-5 can watch only G movies and 6-12 only G and PG movies.

Mrs. Timmons asked if the signed consent form is good for the year. Mr. Crump stated the signed consent form would only be needed if someone requested showing a movie with a rating higher than PG. He stated the staff member making the request would have to have a valid reason and the movie a recognizable educational value for it to be approved.

Mrs. Timmons stated she feels it may be difficult to get the paperwork done to show a movie higher than PG and does the superintendent really want that extra job.

Mr. Crump stated PG13 movies can contain nudity and violence so there would have to be a very good reason to request showing one.

Stacie Nardinger stated from the counselor position, she believes the parents should be allowed to make the decision of what their child is watching.

Mr. Weimer asked if there will be backlash for the student whose parent wouldn't grant permission.

Mrs. Timmons stated we're going from no regulation to a great deal of regulation.

Mr. Ropp stated perhaps we should try using the guidelines for awhile and see how they work.

Mr. Weimer noted at this point they are guidelines and not policy.

Mr. Crump stated he'll take them to the staff for comment. He added since the last meeting, he approved one movie brought to him and said no to another.

BOARD MINUTES ON THE WEBSITE – Mr. Crump stated the website is working well and a request he received is to have the Board minutes of the website. He stated it is fine to post them after Board approval but that is a month after the meeting and asked what the Board would think of posting them as "unofficial minutes" before approval by the Board.

Mr. Weimer stated he isn't comfortable posting them before the Board has seen them.

Mrs. Timmons stated on the other hand she would like to get the communication to the public.

Mrs. Obert suggested sending them to the Board before posting and if there are no concerns, post them as unofficial.

The determination was made to let Board members read the minutes before posting them as unofficial on the website.

SKI DATES – Mr. Crump stated he included the correspondence on the request for ski days in the Board packet. He stated it is his understanding that Crystal Wright coordinated the program last year and the request is for ski days on January 21, February 24, and March 7, 2011. He added this would be two student vacation days and one school day.

Mr. Weimer stated he feels this is a good program and he would like to see our students be able to participate.

Mr. Crump stated he would let Mrs. Wright know to proceed with the ski program and to see if the day scheduled on a school day can be changed to a vacation day.

GRANT WITH COMMUNITY FOUNDATION AND NORTHWESTERN ENERGY – Mr. Crump stated a grant application for technology has been submitted to Northwestern Energy by the Roberts Community Foundation and if granted will provide \$1,600 from Northwestern Energy, \$500 from the Roberts Community Foundation with the district matching \$1,600. He stated if we receive this grant, it will be used for Elmo projectors (document cameras) and he would like to have one for the elementary and one for high school and see where they get the most use. He added he can see where they would be really useful in math and science.

Mr. Crump stated in the 2011 year, a grant may be written by the Roberts Community Foundation for \$15,000 from the district, \$15,000 from Northwestern Energy, and \$2,000 from the foundation to outfit all classrooms with SmartBoards or like products.

Mr. Weimer asked if the 2010 grant has been approved. Mr. Crump stated the decision date for that grant is October 18 and if awarded, is the district willing to put up the matching funds. He added he doesn't know the timelines for the 2011 grant process but asked if it would be possible for the district to fund \$15,000 for technology.

Mrs. Timmons stated she would like to see more information on the timelines.

Motion was made by Tracy Timmons, seconded by Frank Ropp and carried unanimously to match \$1,600 from Northwestern Energy if awarded a grant through them with the Roberts Community Foundation contributing \$500. (YES—Weimer, Timmons, Ropp. NO—none).

MISCELLANEOUS – Mrs. Timmons asked if the Board is interested in pursuing the Safe Routes to Schools project and if so, a gentleman from Bozeman would come and look at the congestion in front of the school and around the bus area and offer suggestions on ways to solve the problem.

Mr. Crump stated it sounds like a worthwhile project.

Mr. Ropp stated he would be available and perhaps Roly DeVries would be interested.

Mrs. Timmons stated someone from the water and sewer district could also be contacted.

RECESS

Mr. Weimer called for a short break at 8:50 p.m. and returned the meeting to regular session at 8:57 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS

ROCKET GEAR – Mr. Crump stated Rocket Gear has arrived and is being sold at ball games and at the office. He stated mustard colored hats and blue polo shirts are ordered and BPA is going to be selling long sleeved shirts as a fund raiser until December.

SCHOOL WEBSITE – Mr. Crump stated he included a photo/name release agreement for the school website in the packet for consideration by the Board. He stated there are reasons to not have student photos or names posted on the website and this release addresses those reasons.

Mrs. Timmons asked if the website is any different than the newspaper and would we really be putting students at risk.

Mr. Crump stated there are risks and he is supportive of the release as he feels any pictures taken in the classroom need to have a release to be posted on the website.

Mrs. Timmons stated we would then have a list of students to not post on the website.

Mr. Crump stated we would. He added he does feel if a picture is taken at a sporting event and the student is pictured in the stands, it was their choice to be there and the picture could be put on the website.

Mr. Weimer stated we shouldn't identify students by name on the website.

Motion was made by Tracy Timmons, seconded by Frank Ropp and carried unanimously to adopt the Photo/Name Release Agreement as presented by Mr. Crump for approval for student pictures on the website. No names would be listed and parents not wanting their children's pictures posted would not sign the release. (YES—Weimer, Timmons, Ropp. NO—none).

MISCELLANEOUS – Mrs. Timmons asked if there is any news on the Trane bill. Mrs. Obert stated she spoke with Trane and they are supposed to be getting back to her.

Mr. Crump stated Isaac Marble requested the use of the building for making a movie and he will be here to film on November 13, 2010. Mrs. Allen has volunteered to be in the building for supervision.

Other updates included:

- Disposal of bus tires – traded against the cost of the tires
- MUST – communication sent stating payment for contribution adjustment will be made when the company's audit is done and a final invoice is received
- Gas line in old boiler room – still needs to be capped
- Boiler license – custodians have completed training, need to check when test is offered

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

SUPERINTENDENT SCHEDULE – Mr. Crump stated he will be attending the MCEL conference in Billings October 21—22 and perhaps the afternoon of October 20.

TEACHER UPDATES – Mr. Crump stated he had a regularly scheduled meeting with teachers this morning and they are trying to get through a great deal of material but it is going well.

PROGRAM UPDATE – Mr. Crump stated he is updating the course catalog, including books we're using and course prerequisites.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Weimer adjourned the meeting at 9:15 p.m.

Board Chair

District Clerk