

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
ROBERTS SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5  
JUNE 20, 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 June 20, 2017, in the library at the Roberts School.

**ATTENDANCE**

Sarah DeVries, Chair  
Joel Bertolino, Vice Chair  
Tyler Allen  
James Binando  
Sanford Langager

Alex Ator, Superintendent  
JaLayne Obert, Business Manager/Clerk

GUESTS: Courtney Halvorsen, Jackie Ronning, Charlotte DeVries, Randy DeVries

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**MINUTES**

Motion was made by Sanford Langager, seconded by Joel Bertolino, and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the May 9, 2017 meeting as presented. (YES— DeVries, Bertolino, Allen, Binando, Langager. NO—none).

**CLAIMS, SEQUENCE, AND VOIDED CHECKS**

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

**STAFFING**

RENEWAL OF CONTRACTS FOR ACTIVITIES – Mr. Ator recommended hiring the following activities positions:

Cass Cole	Activities Director	\$3400.00
Julie Jones	Pep Band	\$1125.00 or extra prep
Brian Frank	BPA Advisor	\$1125.00 or extra prep
Bill Harvison	FFA Advisor	\$1125.00 or extra prep
Jene Reinhart	Head Cross Country	\$2375.00
Jackie Ronning	Head JH Volleyball	\$1375.00
James Sigl	Asst. JH Boys Basketball	\$875.00
Jene Reinhart	Head Track	\$2675.00
George Nelson	Asst. Track	\$1675.00

Motion was made by James Binando, seconded by Joel Bertolino and carried unanimously to approve the superintendent's recommendations for activities coaching staff as presented. (YES—DeVries, Bertolino, Allen, Binando, Langager. NO—none).

Mr. Ator recommended hiring John Payovich as head junior high girls' basketball coach.

Motion was made by James Binando, seconded by Sanford Langager and carried unanimously to hire John Payovich as head junior high girls' basketball coach. (YES—DeVries, Bertolino, Allen, Binando, Langager. NO—none).

Mr. Ator recommended hiring the following activities coaching staff:

Melissa Bertolino	Head HS Volleyball Coach	\$2275.00
Theresa Kosel	Asst. HS Volleyball Coach	\$1675.00
Dan Kosel	Head HS Boys Basketball	\$2275.00
Theresa Kosel	Head HS Girls Basketball	\$2200.00
Melissa Bertolino	Asst. HS Girls Basketball	\$1675.00

Motion was made by Sanford Langager, seconded by Tyler Allen and carried unanimously to approve the superintendent's recommendations for activities coaching staff as presented. (YES—DeVries, Allen, Binando, Langager. NO—none. Abstained – Bertolino (conflict of interest)).

Motion was made by Joel Bertolino, seconded by Sanford Langager and carried unanimously to hire John Payovich as Assistant High School Boys Basketball Coach (\$1675.00) and Head Junior High Boys Basketball Coach (\$1375.00). (YES—DeVries, Bertolino, Allen, Binando, Langager. NO—none).

Motion was made by Joel Bertolino, seconded by Sanford Langager and carried unanimously to hire Lindy Allen as Assistant Junior High Volleyball Coach (\$875.00). (YES—DeVries, Bertolino, Langager. NO—none. Abstained – Allen, Binando (conflict of interest)).

**EXTENDED CONTRACTS** – Mr. Ator recommended approval of the following extended contracts:

Cass Cole	Special Education	\$2805.96
Courtney Halvorsen	Counselor	\$1639.52
Bill Harvison	Vo-Ag	\$1280.90

Motion was made by Joel Bertolino, seconded by Sanford Langager and carried unanimously to approve the superintendent's recommendations for extended contracts. (YES—DeVries, Bertolino, Allen, Binando, Langager. NO – none).

Mr. Ator stated the new hire for math, Dusty Reno, has not been able to sell his home and so has not returned his contract. He stated the position has been readvertised and he has reached out to other applicants who applied.

Ms. DeVries stated we need to schedule interviews as soon as possible and she would be willing to be on the interview team.

Ms. DeVries stated Mr. Reno was also going to be a bus driver. Mr. Ator stated he'll talk about that later.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**REVIEW OF CELL PHONE POLICY** – Mr. Ator stated Charlotte and Randy DeVries are here to talk to the Board about concerns they have with the cell phone policy.

Mrs. DeVries stated the current cell phone policy is very non-restrictive and a video was taken on the playground of their child that she didn't want taken. She stated she hopes the video has been destroyed but she can't know for sure and with today's social media, it could reappear in five years. She stated she would like the Board to look at the problems with the policy of students having their cell phones all the time and the distractions it may cause.

Mr. Langager stated he was upset when he heard about the video taken of their child and agreed we need to reexamine the policy.

Mr. Bertolino stated when we looked at this policy he didn't think about it applying to the younger students but many of them now have their own phones.

Randy DeVries stated he sees students in the classrooms on their cell phones and doesn't think it should be allowed.

Mr. Binando stated we definitely need to look at the policy from the standpoint of younger students.

Mrs. DeVries distributed copies of cell phone policies from other schools in the county.

Mr. Ator stated we need to have some major education for staff on cell phone usage by students as some staff won't confront a student with a phone and that is inappropriate.

Mr. Ator recommended a committee look at revisions to the policy and whatever is decided by the Board, we need to see it is enforced. Ms. DeVries and Mr. Binando volunteered to examine the policy with Mr. Ator.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

SPRING ORDER REVIEW – Mr. Ator stated bids for the bus barn doors, floor and carpet cleaner, science curriculum and technology purchases are included in the packet. He added junior high volleyball uniforms can be purchased from the activities account.

Mr. Ator recommended accepting the bid from Red Lodge Overhead Door for the bus barn doors in the amount of \$14,000.

Motion was made by James Binando, seconded by Joel Bertolino and carried unanimously to award the bid for the bus barn doors to Red Lodge Overhead Door for \$14,000. (YES—DeVries, Bertolino, Allen, Binando, Langager. NO—none).

After discussion, it was decided to get more bids for the electrical work on the bus barn doors.

Mrs. Ronning stated she will get the junior high volleyball girls together and do some research on the uniforms they like best.

Mr. Ator recommended approval of the following year-end purchases:

Floor Scrubber/Carpet Cleaner	Hanson Chemical	\$10301.98 (Gen. Fund)
Science Curriculum	Various	\$12441.79 (REAP)
Tables/Chairs	Classroom Direct	\$5399.30 (Gen. Fund)
Technology Purchases	Rimrock Computers	\$13530.00 (Tech Fund)

Motion was made by Sanford Langager, seconded by Tyler Allen and carried unanimously to approve the superintendent's recommendation for year-end purchases. (YES—DeVries, Bertolino, Allen, Binando, Langager. NO—none).

APPROVAL OF 2017-2018 CLASS SCHEDULE – Mr. Ator asked for approval of next year's schedule as presented.

Motion was made by James Binando, seconded by Joel Bertolino and carried unanimously to approve the 2017-2018 class schedule as presented. (YES—DeVries, Bertolino, Allen, Binando, Langager. NO—none).

### **SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

CONTRACT FOR NURSING SERVICES – Mr. Ator recommended approval of the Service Agreement for School Nurse Services for next school year at a cost of \$36.58 per hour and 55 cents per mile for travel.

Motion was made by Joel Bertolino, seconded by James Binando and carried unanimously to approve the Service Agreement for School Nurse Services as presented. (YES—DeVries, Bertolino, Allen, Binando, Langager. NO—none).

COPIERS – Mr. Ator reported the new copiers are in place.

DATA REVIEW – Mr. Ator stated he will be doing data review and should have some information at the July meeting. He stated he feels the winter and spring testing is the most valid and perhaps we'll only test new students next fall.

Mr. Ator stated he wants to look at some trend lines of students who have been in our system for a few years. He added we may need to adjust the timelines in the Strategic Plan to correlate with the testing data we use.

FESTIVAL ON FIRST – Mr. Ator stated the Roberts Activity Committee has requested use of the gymnasium for the Festival on First in August. He stated he will check and see if they have liability insurance.

CONTRACT EXTENSION – Mr. Ator stated he would like to discuss an extension of his contract with the Board.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Ms. DeVries called for an executive session at 7:35 p.m. to discuss the superintendent's contract. She returned the meeting to regular session at 8:27 p.m.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Ms. DeVries called for adjournment at 8:27 p.m.

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Board Chair

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District Clerk