

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
ROBERTS SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5
FEBRUARY 13, 2018**

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 February 13, 2018, in the library at the Roberts School.

ATTENDANCE

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

Absent: Tyler Allen

Alex Ator, Superintendent
JaLayne Obert, Business Manager/Clerk (arrived at 6:58 p.m.)

GUESTS: Randy Weimer, Stasi Weimer, John Payovich

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES

Motion was made by Sanford Langager, seconded by James Binando and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the January 15, 2018 meeting as presented. (YES— DeVries, Bertolino, Binando, Langager. NO—none).

CLAIMS, SEQUENCE, AND VOIDED CHECKS

Motion was made by James Binando, seconded by Joel Bertolino and carried unanimously to approve the claims, sequence, and voided checks for February, 2018 as presented. (YES—DeVries, Bertolino, Binando, Langager. NO—none).

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Ator stated William Harvison, Associate Pastor of Church of the Rockies, sent a letter and check to express the church's appreciation to the district for use of the gymnasium for the Christmas Store.

Stasi Weimer presented the Board a petition with 48 signatures asking for the reinstatement of John Payovich as the high school boys' basketball coach.

Randy Weimer spoke on behalf of the petition.

Mary Allen addressed the Board on the junior high basketball teams having to travel too much.

STAFFING

ROUTE BUS DRIVER – Mr. Ator recommended hiring Rick Sederberg (contingent on certificate renewal) for the remainder of the school year as the morning route driver on Route One at \$15.00 per hour.

Motion was made by Sanford Langager, seconded by Joel Bertolino and carried unanimously to hire Rick Sederberg to run the morning route for Route One for the remainder of the school year at \$15.00 per hour. (YES—DeVries, Bertolino, Binando, Langager. NO—none).

Mr. Ator recommended hiring Dick Sederberg as the afternoon route drive on Route One for the remainder of the school year at \$15.00 per hour.

Motion was made by Joel Bertolino, seconded by James Binando and carried unanimously to hire Dick Sederberg to run the afternoon route for Route One for the remainder of the school year at \$15.00 per hour. (YES—DeVries, Bertolino, Binando, Langager. NO—none).

Mr. Ator stated the Board has the option of adding William Schuyler to the list for substitute bus driving.

Motion was made by Sanford Langager and seconded by Joel Bertolino to add William Schuyler to the list of substitute bus drivers. Motion failed. (YES—none. NO—DeVries, Bertolino, Binando, Langager).

VARSITY BOYS' BASKETBALL COACH – Mr. Ator reported Chase Burgan took over the role as head varsity boys' basketball coach when the existing coach was placed on administrative leave and asked that a motion be passed to pay him as the head coach at 50% of the salary.

Motion was made by Joel Bertolino, seconded by James Binando and carried unanimously to pay Chase Burgan 50% of the stipend for the head varsity boys' basketball coaching position. (YES - DeVries, Bertolino, Binando, Langager. NO—none).

Mr. Ator stated Randy Weimer stepped up into the assistant coaching position and is volunteering his time. He stated he would publicly like to thank him for his assistance.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Ms. DeVries called for an executive session at 6:25 p.m. stating that the next item of business involves a pending personnel issue and it is her determination that the privacy rights of the individual supersede the merits of public disclosure. The meeting was returned to regular session at 6:58 p.m.

JH BOYS' BASKETBALL COACH – Ms. DeVries stated the Board feels we still need to go week to week on the head coaching position for junior high boys' basketball until the ongoing investigation is complete.

Mr. Ator stated Chase Burgan has indicated he'll help with the team but doesn't want to be head coach.

Randy Weimer stated he could also help out.

Mr. Ator stated he will take over the head coach position until the investigation is concluded.

Motion was made by James Binando, seconded by Joel Bertolino and carried unanimously to offer the assistant junior high boys' coaching position to Chase Burgan. (YES—DeVries, Bertolino, Binando, Langager, NO—none).

Motion was made by Joel Bertolino, seconded by James Binando and carried unanimously to hire Lacy Langager as concessions manager for the second half of the season. (YES—DeVries, Bertolino, Binando. NO—none. Abstained: Langager (conflict of interest)).

PARAPROFESSIONAL POSITION – Mr. Ator recommended hiring Candy Harvison as a paraprofessional for sixteen hours per week at \$11.50 hour, effective February 1, 2018.

Motion was made by Sanford Langager, seconded by Joel Bertolino and carried unanimously to hire Candy Harvison as a paraprofessional for sixteen hours per week at \$11.50 per hour, effective February 1, 2018. (YES—DeVries, Bertolino, Binando, Langager. NO—none).

Mr. Ator recommended adding Amanda Barnes and Marcia Bickell to the substitute teacher list.

Motion was made by Sanford Langager, seconded by James Binando and carried unanimously to add Amanda Barnes to the substitute teacher list. (YES—DeVries, Bertolino, Binando, Langager. NO—none).

Motion was made by Joel Bertolino, seconded by Sanford Langager and carried unanimously to add Marcia Bickell to the substitute teacher list. (YES—DeVries, Bertolino, Binando, Langager. NO—none).

NEW BUSINESS

ADOPTION OF 2018-2019 CALENDAR – Mr. Ator stated the calendar that was chosen by the majority of teachers and staff is enclosed in the packet. He stated school will begin for teachers on August 15, 2018, August 20, 2018 for students, and be out on May 23, 2019.

Motion was made by Sanford Langager, seconded by Joel Bertolino and carried unanimously to approve the 2018-2019 calendar as proposed. (YES—DeVries, Bertolino, Binando, Langager. NO—none).

SCHOOL CULTURE SURVEYS – Mr. Ator stated as part of MBI, school culture surveys were conducted and results are included in the packet. He added either he or Mrs. Wright, who is the MBI leader, would be happy to discuss the survey with anyone interested.

CALL FOR ELECTIONS – Mr. Ator stated approval of the resolution calling for the trustee election on May 8, 2018 is needed.

Motion was made by Joel Bertolino, seconded by Sanford Langager and carried unanimously to approve the Trustee Resolution Calling for an Election as presented in the agenda material. (YES—DeVries, Bertolino, Binando, Langager. NO—none).

OLD BUSINESS

CERTIFIED NEGOTIATIONS – Ms. DeVries stated the negotiating committee is meeting Thursday morning at 7:15 a.m.

BUDGET AMENDMENT – Mr. Ator reported our enrollment has increased enough this year to submit a request to the Office of Public Instruction for an increase in budget authority and additional state funding in the amount of \$32020.68. He stated the first step in the process is for the Board to adopt a budget amendment proclamation so we can petition OPI for the increased funding.

Motion was made by Sanford Langager, seconded by Joel Bertolino and carried unanimously to adopt the Budget Amendment Proclamation included in the board packet. (YES—DeVries, Bertolino, Binando, Langager. NO—none).

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

SUPERINTENDENT SCHEDULE – Mr. Ator reported he will be attending the MASS spring conference in Helena on March 19 and 20 and MASS/ACE meeting in Billings on March 28.

STAFF EVENT – Mr. Ator asked board members to look at Thursday or Friday nights in March that would work for a staff appreciation event.

ACTIVITY REPORT – Mr. Ator reported on the following activities:

BPA – State competition in Billings March 11-13 and Mr. Frank would like permission to stay overnight in Billings one night.

Motion was made by James Binando, seconded by Sanford Langager and carried unanimously to allow the BPA members attending the state conference to stay overnight one night in Billings at the district's expense. (YES—DeVries, Bertolino, Binando, Langager. NO—none).

High School Basketball – The boys' basketball team won the play-in game and will play at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday. The girls' team will play at 2:30 p.m. on Wednesday.

LITERACY GRANT – Mr. Ator reported we were notified we received the literacy grant and will soon be meeting with staff from the Office of Public Instruction on how to proceed.

LEVY DISCUSSION – Mr. Ator stated he doesn't feel it will be necessary to run a general fund levy this year but with the change in the law during the last legislature, we will have to set budget amounts for permissive levies for next year in March.

CLERK EVALUATION – The clerk's evaluation will be held off until after the audit is completed.

DRIVERS EDUCATION – Mr. Ator reported Adam Ruhnke is interested in conducting a Drivers' Education class in Roberts this summer.

VALEDICTORIAN/SALUTATORIAN INFORMATION – Mr. Ator stated he surveyed twelve small schools about valedictorian/salutatorian requirements and only one school out of the twelve uses a weighted GPA. He stated the survey results are included in the packet and if there is sufficient interest, he will add it to a future agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. DeVries called for adjournment at 7:40 p.m.

Board Chair

District Clerk