

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
ROBERTS SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5  
MARCH 12, 2018**

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, Roberts School District No. 5, was called to order by Sarah DeVries at 6:03 p.m. on March 12, 2018, 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, Mary Allen

**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 February 13, 2018 meeting as presented. (YES— DeVries, Bertolino, Allen, 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 March, 2018, check numbers 43877 to 43906 as presented. (YES—DeVries, Bertolino, Allen, Binando, Langager. NO—none).

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mary Allen, representing RPPA, reported one performance at the Alberta Bair scheduled for elementary students had to be cancelled due to weather but the entire high school is attending a performance of Hamlet. She stated a presentation on lighting and sound held on a Friday morning was well attended and the presenters congratulated the school on the behavior of the students.

Mrs. Allen stated there will be a presentation about Nancy Russell on April 16 and the Talent Show and 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade play will be held on March 16.

Ms. DeVries thanked RPPA and the Roberts Community Foundation for the purchase of the new clavino for the music department.

Lindy Allen stated she would like to see if we have enough students interested to form a cheerleading team, preferably at the junior high level. She stated she would like to see students stay personally interested and involved in their school and cheerleading may be one way to do that.

Mr. Ator stated there may be some certification needs if stunting is involved so some courses would need to be taken.

Mr. Ator stated he'll do some surveys to see how many students would be interested.

## **STAFFING**

LITERACY COACH – Mr. Ator stated interviews for the Literacy Coach were held on Sunday with James Binando, James Sigl, and Sheila Roberts joining him as the interview team. He added three candidates were interviewed, two from outside the district and one from the district.

Mr. Ator stated the committee's recommendation is to offer the Literacy Coach position to Katherine Raines of Eagle River, Alaska. He stated Ms. Raines has a Master's degree in Reading and Literacy and would come into the district with seven years of experience and have a twenty day extended contract.

Motion was made by James Binando, seconded by Joel Bertolino and carried unanimously to offer the Literacy Coach position to Katherine Raines for the 2018-2019 year. (DeVries, Bertolino, Allen, Binando, Langager. NO—none).

Mr. Ator stated he will be bringing a recommendation to bring Ms. Raines in some days in the current school year.

ASST. JUNIOR HIGH BASKETBALL – Mr. Ator stated Chase Burgan did not accept the assistant junior high boys' basketball coaching position.

RESIGNATIONS – Mr. Ator state he received letters of resignation from Cass Cole as special education teacher and Myrna Lastusky as librarian. He added both positions are being advertised.

Motion was made by Sanford Langager, seconded by James Binando and carried unanimously to accept the resignations of Cass Cole as special education teacher and Myrna Lastusky as librarian. (YES—DeVries, Bertolino, Allen, Binando, Langager. NO—none).

## **TEACHER REPORT**

Courtney Halvorsen gave the teacher report for the month.

Mrs. Halvorsen stated she is currently teaching fifth and sixth grade math and fourth grade science and social studies. She stated the fourth grade is studying the Iditarod and it has been fun to be able to the do something new and different. She stated the students built dog sleds as a STEM project.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

YWSSC PRESCHOOL AGREEMENT – Mr. Ator asked for Board approval of the following agreement regarding special education services for eligible 3-5 year old children:

“For the 2018-2019 school year, the Roberts School District will provide special education services to its eligible 3-5 year olds through its existing special education program. In making this decision the district recognizes that participation in the Cooperative center-based special needs program is decided each February through board motion for each district.”

Motion was made by Joel Bertolino, seconded by Sanford Langager and carried unanimously to approve the requested motion for special education services for 3-5 year olds as presented. (YES—DeVries, Bertolino, Allen, Binando, Langager. NO—none).

PERMISSIVE LEVY RESOLUTION – Mr. Ator recommended approval of the following resolution of intent to impose an increase in levies:

**Resolution of Intent to Impose an Increase in Levies**

As an essential part of its budgeting process, the Roberts School District #5 Board of Trustees is authorized by law to impose levies to support its budget. The Roberts School District #5 Board of Trustees estimates the following increases/decreases in revenues and mills for the funds noted below for the next school fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018, using certified taxable valuations from the current school fiscal year as provided to the district:

Fund Supported	Estimated Change in Revenues*	Estimated Change in Mills*	Estimated Impact Home of \$100,000*	Estimated Impact Home of \$200,000*
Bus Depreciation	\$3600 increase	1.99 mills increase	\$2.69 increase	\$5.38 increase
Transportation	\$3100 increase	1.67 mills increase	\$2.27 increase	\$4.53 increase
Tuition	0	0	0	0
Building Reserve Elementary	\$1467 increase	.78 mill increase	\$2.10 increase	\$4.19 increase
Building Reserve High School	\$1467 increase	.78 mill increase	\$2.10 increase	\$4.19 increase
Total	\$9634 increase	5.22 mill increase	\$9.16 increase	\$18.32 increase

**\*Impacts above are based on current certified taxable valuations from the current school fiscal year.**

Regarding the increase in the building reserve levy referenced above, the following are school facility maintenance projects anticipated to be completed at this time:

1. Construction and Repairs of Existing Facilities
2. Electrical and Mechanical System Upgrades
3. Weatherization of Existing Facilities
4. General Grounds and Facilities Maintenance

Motion was made by Joel Bertolino, seconded by Tyler Allen and carried unanimously to approve the Resolution of Intent to Impose an Increase in Levies as presented. (YES—DeVries, Bertolino, Allen, Binando, Langager. NO—none).

**OLD BUSINESS**

CERTIFIED NEGOTIATIONS – Ms. DeVries reported the certified staff negotiating team met on February 16 and the board negotiating team now needs to consult with administration on the certified staff requests.

Mr. Ator stated negotiations with the classified staff should begin soon.

**SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

SUPERINTENDENT SCHEDULE – Mr. Ator reported he will be attending the MASS spring conference in Helena on March 19 and the educational consultant for the literacy grant will be here March 28 and 29.

Mr. Ator stated the MBI conference is June 18-22 in Bozeman and he will see if some people are interested in attending. He added the school’s MBI group applied for the Bronze Award so he would really like them to attend on Thursday when that will be presented.

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

High School Track begins today and there are quite a few high school students participating.

Junior High Boys’ Basketball has 18 participants and is having a lot of success.

Mr. Ator reported he hasn’t received any applications for the Athletic Director position but the person hired as Literacy Coach is interested.

LITERACY GRANT – Mr. Ator stated he met with the OPI liaison for the literacy grant, Rachel Anderberg, on March 6. He added our literacy consultant is William VanCleeve from Pennsylvania, and he feels both will be incredible resources for our teachers.

STAFFING NEEDS – Mr. Ator stated the increase in students has changed our staffing needs to meet accreditation standards. He recommended scheduling a board work session to discuss the needs and options. The work session was scheduled for April 8, 2018, at 2:00 p.m.

SPRING ORDERS – Mr. Ator stated last year we gave each teacher \$750 for classroom supplies for the next year. He added this worked pretty well and he intends to do the same this year.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Ms. DeVries called for adjournment at 7:04 p.m.

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Board Chair

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District Clerk