

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
ROBERTS SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5
DECEMBER 8, 2015**

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, Roberts School District No. 5, was called to order by Joel Bertolino at 6:06 p.m. on December 8, 2015, in the library at the Roberts School.

ATTENDANCE

Sarah DeVries, Chair (arrived at 6:10 p.m.)
Rusty Niemi, Vice Chair (arrived at 6:25 p.m.)
Joel Bertolino
Deborah Hill
Sanford Langager

Alex Ator, Superintendent
JaLayne Obert, Business Manager/Clerk

GUESTS: Ward Braten, Patti Prinkki, Stacie Nardinger, Sydney Miller, Brittany Prinkki, Nathan Hyvonen, Caleb Rioux, Abe Hernandez, Carter Moore, Erika Binando, Jene Reinhart

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES

Motion was made by Deborah Hill, seconded by Sanford Langager and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the November 10, 2015 meeting as presented. (YES— Bertolino, Hill, Langager. NO—none).

CLAIMS, SEQUENCE, AND VOIDED CHECKS

Motion was made by Sanford Langager, seconded by Joel Bertolino and carried unanimously to approve the claims, sequence, and voided checks for December, 2015 as presented. (YES-- Bertolino, Hill, Langager. NO—none).

(Ms. DeVries arrived at 6:10 p.m.)

TEACHER REPORTS

Ward Braten and Crystal Wright presented Teacher Reports for the month.

Mr. Braten stated Ag-Ed is covering animal science and projects until the Christmas break. He stated after the break the advanced group will be going to a higher level in animal science and the beginner group will go into a different area of animal science.

Mr. Braten stated the FFA group has been working on putting together fruit baskets.

Mrs. Hill asked how many members there are in FFA.

Mr. Braten stated there are 11 in FFA and 16 in Ag-Ed.

Mr. Langager asked if any of the students are interested in welding and is there anyone lined up to help teach.

Mr. Braten stated he doesn't have anyone to help teach welding. He stated welding would be for a group of five students and would be introductory material.

Mrs. Wright stated she attended the Montana Youth Transitions Conference in Great Falls in November with Alex Dickhausen and Elijah Foss. The students reported on the workshops they attended at the conference and what impressed them the most.

Mrs. Wright stated the special education program passed the Office of Public Instruction audit and is currently trying to promote positive self-talk. She stated the caseload is currently at 14 with evaluations taking place for six more students and a pre-schooler. She stated she works closely with the AltaCare program and is very thankful for the paraprofessionals she works with.

SENIOR TRIP

Mr. Ator asked that the senior trip be moved up on the agenda.

Members of the senior class presented the agenda for the senior trip to Denver, outlining venues to be visited and costs. They reported they currently have \$7687 and the trip expenses are \$6726, leaving a balance of \$961 with money put away for graduation and one more fund-raiser to be held. It was added that Bobbie Jo Martinez and Jene Reinhardt will be chaperoning the trip.

Mr. Ator stated his main concern with the planning is the comfort level of the chaperones driving a fifteen passenger van but otherwise the trip is well planned. He added a smaller van could be considered.

Motion was made by Joel Bertolino, seconded by Deborah Hill and carried unanimously to allow the senior class access to their funds for the senior trip to Denver as presented. (YES—DeVries, Niemi, Bertolino, Hill, Langager. NO—none).

NEW BUSINESS

2016-2017 CALENDAR – Mr. Ator stated the draft of the 2016-2017 calendar that was approved by the staff at the PIR day is included in the agenda material. He stated this draft has PIR days on August 22-23, 2016 with school beginning on August 24, 2016 and ending on June 2, 2017.

Mr. Ator stated we need to stay productive with the four-day week and protect the instructional time. He stated his concern with this draft is it adds another two day week and three day week with the school start date on Wednesday. He added he would prefer that the start of school was on Monday but this is the draft the staff chose.

Mr. Bertolino and Mrs. Hill stated they would be to see another option but if the teachers chose this draft, they must feel they can make it work.

Motion was made by Rusty Niemi, seconded by Joel Bertolino and carried unanimously to approve the 2016-2017 calendar as presented. (YES---DeVries, Niemi, Bertolino, Hill, Langager. NO—none).

2016-2017 SCHEDULE – Mr. Ator stated he will have a draft of next year's schedule next month but he hasn't heard any concerns with this year's schedule except for the length of time for music. He added he is looking at having a math rotation that includes a business math.

OFFICE CLOSURE NOTICE – Mr. Ator stated he would like to close the office for the Christmas break but both he and Mrs. Obert are planning on working some of those days.

Motion was made by Deborah Hill, seconded by Sanford Langager and carried unanimously to close the office during the Christmas break. (YES—DeVries, Niemi, Bertolino, Hill, Langager. NO—none).

RESOLUTION TO DISPOSE OF OBSOLETE PROPERTY – Mr. Ator stated approval of the resolution to dispose of obsolete property (see attached) is needed to allow for the sale of the 1994 school bus, 15 used gymnasium lights, and two used steam radiators. He stated he would like to use an open bidding process for the items.

Motion was made by Rusty Niemi, seconded by Joel Bertolino and carried unanimously to approve adoption of the resolution to dispose of obsolete property. (YES—DeVries, Niemi, Bertolino, Hill, Langager. NO—none).

OLD BUSINESS

STAFF APPRECIATION EVENT – Mr. Ator stated the holiday event for the staff will be held on Thursday, December 10, at the Roberts Café.

BID FOR PLAYGROUND UPDATES—Mr. Ator stated no one is doing jobs of this nature this time of year.

POLICY UPDATES/AMENDMENTS – Mr. Ator stated Policy 1105 regarding membership of the Board of Trustees has been amended to reflect the Roberts district is a K-12 district (see attached).

Motion was made by Deborah Hill, seconded by Rusty Niemi and carried unanimously to approve the amendment to Policy 1105. (YES—Devries, Niemi, Bertolino, Hill, Langager. NO—none).

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

ACTIVITIES REPORT – Mr. Ator reported the following for activities:

1. High school basketball has begun. Boys will have enough players for a JV team and the girls will have six players. He added he is proud of the effort put forth from both groups.
2. The junior high/elementary girls' basketball team has done a great job this season.

ACADEMICS REPORT – Mr. Ator reported the following for academics:

1. Second half of MAPS testing will start after the end of the first semester
2. BPA is getting ready for regional competition in January
3. FFA begins district competition this week
4. Christmas concert will be held on December 16
5. Ski days will be included as part of the Friday program

BUILDING PROJECTS REPORT – Mr. Ator stated he and Rick Sederberg are both getting hours in under Dan Nardinger on operation of the boiler and once Mr. Sederberg is licensed, he can train under him.

FOUR-DAY WEEK UPDATE – Mr. Ator stated he was interviewed for an article on the four-day week that was recently published in the Billings Gazette.

SUPERINTENDENT SCHEDULE – Mr. Ator reported the following schedule items:

1. Special Education Co-op meeting December 8
2. ACE/MASS is looking at the federal reauthorization of educational funding
3. MHSAA Annual Meeting will be held in Billings January 17-18
4. MTSBA training on hiring in Laurel in February

SUPERINTENDENT EVALUATION PROCESS – Ms. DeVries stated the next item of business involves an individual and called for an executive session at 8:03 p.m. stating it is her determination that the individual's rights to privacy supersede the merits of public disclosure. The meeting was returned to regular session at 9:03 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. DeVries adjourned the meeting at 9:03 p.m.

Board Chair

District Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 1

**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 20-6-602, 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 January 4, 2016 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 8TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2015.

Date

Chairperson

Attest:

Clerk

Date

LIST OF OBSOLETE, ABANDONED, SURPLUS PROPERTY

DATE _____

DESCRIPTION OF ITEM	QUANTITY	RESALE VALUE	RECOMMENDED DISPOSAL
Used gymnasium lights Lithonia Lighting Co. Model 526588	15		
Used Heat Radiators American Radiator Co. 16 bar	2		
1994 Bluebird School Bus 47 rated capacity, diesel engine, VIN 1BAADCSH7RF054851	1		

Roberts School District

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THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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Membership

The District is governed by a Board of Trustees consisting of five members. The powers and duties of the Board include the broad authority to adopt and enforce all policies necessary for the management and government of the public schools. Except as otherwise provided by law, trustees shall hold office for terms of three (3) years, or until their successors are elected and qualified. Terms of trustees shall be staggered as provided by law.

All trustees shall participate on an equal basis with other members in all business transactions pertaining to the District. Official action by Board members must occur at a duly called and legally conducted meeting. "Meeting" is defined as the convening of a quorum of the constituent membership of the Board, whether in person or by means of electronic equipment, to hear, discuss, or act upon a matter over which the Board has supervision, control, jurisdiction, or advisory power.

Board members, as individuals, have no authority over school affairs, except as provided by law or as authorized by the Board.

Legal References:

- § 2-3-202, MCA Meeting define
- § 20-3-301, MCA Election and term of office
- § 20-3-302, MCA Legislative intent to elect less than majority of trustees
- § 20-3-305, MCA Candidate qualification and nomination
- § 20-3-306, MCA Conduct of election
- § 20-3-307, MCA Qualification and oath
- § 20-3-341, MCA Number of trustee positions in elementary districts – transition
- § 20-3-344, MCA Nomination of candidates by petition in first-class elementary district
- § 20-3-351, MCA Number of trustee positions in high school districts
- § 20-3-352, MCA Request and determination of number of high school district additional trustee positions – nonvoting trustee
- § 20-3-361, MCA Joint board of trustees organization and voting membership
- Previous Reference 100.2

Policy History:

Adopted on: 3/09/2010

Reviewed on: 12/8/15

Revised on: 12/8/15