

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
ROBERTS SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5
OCTOBER 13, 2014**

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, Roberts School District No. 5, was called to order by Sarah DeVries at 6:02 p.m. on October 13, 2014, in the library at the Roberts School.

ATTENDANCE

Sarah DeVries, Chair
Rusty Niemi, Vice Chair
Joel Bertolino
Tami Hoines
Luke Holdbrook

Alex Ator, Superintendent
JaLayne Obert, Business Manager/District Clerk

GUESTS: Claire Schoening, Calvin Mann, Rylee Perkins, Courtney Halvorsen, Mary Allen, Bob Carter, Mitzy Carter, Jackie Ronning, Amanda Smith, Stacie Nardinger, Chris DeVries

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES

Motion was made by Tami Hoines, seconded by Luke Holdbrook and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on September 9, 2014 as presented. (YES-- DeVries, Niemi, Bertolino, Hoines, Holdbrook. NO—none).

CLAIMS, SEQUENCE, AND VOIDED CHECKS

Motion was made by Luke Holdbrook, seconded by Rusty Niemi and carried unanimously to approve the claims, sequence, and voided checks for October 2014 as presented. (YES--DeVries, Niemi, Bertolino, Hoines, Holdbrook. NO—none).

PUBLIC COMMENT

SENIOR TRIP -- Rylee Perkins and Claire Schoening addressed the Board regarding plans for the senior trip.

Ms. Perkins stated the class would like to have 2.5 school days off for a trip in the window of March 27 to April 4, 2015.

Ms. Schoening stated the group is looking to go to Seattle or Denver and if all five seniors go plus a chaperone, there would be funding for about \$1100 per person.

Mr. Ator stated the handbook that has just been revised requires the class to pay all costs and allows for two school days.

Ms. Perkins stated the group will be taking a road trip rather than flying and asking what the driver of a personal vehicle or rental car would need to do.

Mr. Ator stated the driver would have to pay the cost for liability insurance.

Mrs. Nardinger stated the group is starting to look at dates and will then plan from there.

Mr. Ator stated the FFA state convention begins on March 25.

Mr. Bertolino stated the group would be asking for a variance from the policy of a half day.

Mr. Ator stated the decision to allow two school days for the senior trip was just made by the leadership team when reviewing the handbook and whatever we do here needs to be reflected in the handbook.

Mr. Bertolino stated we probably need to review the changes in the handbook before we decide on this issue.

Mr. Ator stated if the seniors decide to take one of our busses, they are responsible for fuel and costs for the driver.

RPPA – Mary Allen and Amanda Smith, representing the Roberts Parents for the Performing Arts, addressed the Board about things the group would like to do and see happen in the school.

Mrs. Allen stated the sound system in the gym is a concern. She stated Mr. Ator allowed her to have a sound company look at it and they feel the problem is with the speakers and how they are mounted. She stated they will be getting back to her with a quote on what it would cost to fix them and the group may have to do some grant writing to come up with the funding.

Mrs. Allen stated RPPA would like to have access to the stage again, which would mean moving the exercise equipment.

Mr. Ator stated an inventory needs to be done and a resolution passed to dispose of some of the equipment and some would have to be moved to the weight room.

Ms. DeVries stated it would be great to have access to the stage again and we should see what can be done.

BOOSTER CLUB – Ms. DeVries stated the Booster Club is trying to arrange a dance for the community at the school, possibly on December 6.

Mr. Ator stated he has no problem with that.

ALTA CARE OF MONTANA – Calvin Mann of Alta Care of Montana spoke to the Board about the possibility of bringing the Alta Care program into the school. He explained the intent of the program is to partner with the school to provide mental health services for students. He stated Alta Care has programs at 160 schools and is the largest provider of Comprehensive School and Community Treatment (CSCT) in Montana.

Mr. Mann stated Alta Care is an early intervention system and the goal is to immerse the staff, a therapist and a behavior intervention specialist, into the school. He added the three criteria that must be met for a child to receive services are the parents must agree to it, the child must be seriously emotionally disturbed, and there has to be a funding source for each child.

Mr. Mann stated the cost to the school is to provide space, desks, and reasonable supplies. He added there can be quite a lot of photocopying.

Ms. Hoines asked what the enrollment is in the smallest school the group serves. Mr. Mann stated the smallest school has about 60 students and the largest is Bozeman.

Ms. Hoines stated it may be a challenge to get parents to agree and pay for treatment but she feels we should pursue the program.

RECESS

Ms. DeVries called for a recess at 7:07 p.m. and returned the meeting to regular session at 7:12 p.m.

PERSONNEL

COACHING OPENINGS – Mr. Ator stated he received one application for the high school boys’ basketball coach and recommended the Board hire Bob Carter for that position at the stipend salary of \$2150.

Mr. Bertolino asked what Mr. Carter’s background is for coaching.

Mr. Carter stated he has coached summer league, at the recreation center, and was a basketball referee for eleven years.

Motion was made by Joel Bertolino, seconded by Luke Holdbrook and carried unanimously to approve hiring Bob Carter as high school boys’ basketball coach with a stipend of \$2150. (YES—DeVries, Niemi, Bertolino, Hoines, Holdbrook. NO—none).

NEW BUSINESS

SPECIAL EDUCATION CO-OP CONTINGENCY FUNDS – Mr. Ator stated districts with larger than expected special education workloads can apply to the special education co-op for contingency funds to help with that workload. He stated he would like to apply for these funds to pay for an aide two days a week because of the workload and time needed to prepare for a special education audit this year.

Motion was made by Luke Holdbrook, seconded by Joel Bertolino and carried unanimously to approve requesting contingency funds from the special education co-op for an additional part-time aide. (YES—DeVries, Niemi, Bertolino, Hoines, Holdbrook. NO—none).

Mr. Ator stated if the co-op approves our request for additional funds, he will advertise the position and would like one trustee to serve on an interview committee.

SNOW REMOVAL REQUEST FOR BIDS – Mr. Ator stated in preparation for winter, he is planning on contacting the same individual who did our snow removal last year for a bid for this year.

BUS ROUTE TRADE WITH JOLIET – Mr. Ator stated according to state regulations, districts cannot send busses into other districts to pick up out-of-districts students without the approval of both districts. He stated the Joliet district is willing to let our bus pick up students at Boyd if their bus can pick up students at the Cooney Dam Store. He added neither district can apply for additional reimbursement to pick up out-of-district students.

Mr. Holdbrook stated there are huge safety issues for both districts that would be addressed with this trade-off.

Motion was made by Luke Holdbrook, seconded by Rusty Niemi and carried unanimously to allow the Joliet district school bus passage into our district to pick up students at the Cooney Dam Store contingent on them allowing us passage to pick up students at the post office in Boyd. (YES—DeVries, Niemi, Bertolino, Hoines, Holdbrook. NO—none).

Mr. Ator stated if Joliet also approves this request, he would like it to go into effect immediately.

APPROVAL OF BUS ROUTES – Mr. Ator asked for approval of the bus routes that were submitted to the County Transportation Committee in August. He stated this approval needs to be for routes 1, 2, and 3 as they were in August.

Motion was made by Joel Bertolino, seconded by Tami Hoines and carried unanimously to approve bus routes 1, 2, and 3 as submitted to the County Transportation Committee in August, 2014. (YES—DeVries, Niemi, Bertolino, Hoines, Holdbrook. NO—none).

OLD BUSINESS

BEARTOOTH CONCRETE BID – Mr. Ator stated he has not been able to get in contact with Beartooth Concrete and recommended this item be tabled until spring. He added it is getting too close to winter to try to do this project now.

PART-TIME ATTENDANCE POLICY – THIRD AND FINAL READING – Mr. Ator recommended the Board pass the Part-Time Attendance Policy on third and final reading (see attached). He added we currently have two students attending part-time.

Motion was made by Joel Bertolino, seconded by Luke Holdbrook and carried unanimously to approve the Part-Time Attendance policy as presented on third and final reading. (YES—DeVries, Niemi, Bertolino, Hoines, Holdbrook. NO—none).

2014-2015 HANDBOOKS – Mr. Ator stated the leadership team has completed review of the Student Handbook and is asking for Board approval.

Mr. Ator stated the section on the senior trip stipulates the trip must be educational with all costs paid by the class and take a maximum of two days off school.

Mr. Bertolino stated he is fine with two days for the senior trip.

Mr. Ator stated with the money this class has for the trip, he doesn't think they can afford to be gone more than four days (weekend plus two school days). He added perhaps the changes in the senior trip section should be guidelines this year and go into effect next year.

Mr. Ator stated the section on discipline has been strengthened. He added a section on drug testing is included in the handbook but won't be implemented until funding is available.

Motion was made by Rusty Niemi, seconded by Tami Hoines and carried unanimously to adopt the 2014-2015 Student Handbook as presented by the superintendent. (YES—DeVries, Niemi, Bertolino, Hoines, Holdbrook. NO—none).

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

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

High school football with Red Lodge is going well and he supports continuing the football co-op with Red Lodge next year.

The junior high football team has had a good season but there were some injuries and eligibility issues that have cut down on the number able to participate. He stated we may need to look at a co-op for that program as well.

The cross country program has been very successful this year and runners will soon be attending the state meet.

The volleyball team is preparing for the district tournament the last week in October. He commended Jackie Ronning for her work with the junior high volleyball program.

Most of the coaching positions for basketball have been filled with only the assistant position for the boys' team open.

Homecoming went okay but was a little drawn out.

At the divisional AD meeting, Mr. Ator found we are out of compliance with allowing our eighth grade volleyball players to practice at both levels. He added he self-reported to the MHSA.

Mr. Ator stated there is a big push to bring back District 5C so there is 4C, 5C and 6C. and he will be sitting on that committee.

MASS MEETING IN BOZEMAN – Mr. Ator reported on the highlights of the MASS meeting he attended in Bozeman.

Mr. Ator stated the big push in the legislature for education will be to keep in place what we have with Senate Bill 175. He stated the Governor's office is pushing hard to implement a state funded Pre-K program, beginning on a voluntary basis.

Mr. Ator stated the group heard a presentation from the father and brother of the first student shot at Columbine High School, and her writings and philosophy of being so kind to people that they are kind to others in return. He stated her family started a foundation in her memory called Rachel's Challenge to help promote safer, more caring school environments.

SUPERINTENDENT SCHEDULE – Mr. Ator stated he will be attending a legal update in Billings on October 15, MCEL in Billings on October 16 and 17, and MASS regional meetings in Billings on October 29 and November 26. He added he will also be attending a board meeting for the special education co-op and making spot checks on FFA activities at the NILE.

BUS LOADING AND UNLOADING – Mr. Ator stated we are in the process of changing pick up and drop off sites for parents and busses.

NEGOTIATIONS – Mr. Ator stated he would like to see the district negotiate in the fall after the legislative session for two-year contracts. He stated he will be proposing this to the teachers and we can go from there.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. DeVries adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

Board Chair

District Clerk

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5 Part-Time Attendance

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7 The District will not accept students eligible to enroll in grades K-6 on a part-time basis unless
8 they are disabled. The District will review requests for part-time enrollment of grades 7-12
9 students on a case-by-case basis, with the Superintendent making a final decision. The District
10 will consider only those students who are not enrolled in any other public school.

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12 Criteria for accepting students in grades 7-12 for part-time enrollment are the following:

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- 14 1. A student must enroll in a minimum of four (4) courses;
- 15 2. The student will be required to take a minimum of two (2) of the courses in the school
16 building, during school time;
- 17 3. The student will be allowed to take the other two (2) additional courses outside of the
18 school building or in the school building.

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20 The course work must be approved by the school counselor and/or the Superintendent prior to
21 enrollment of the courses.

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25 Legal Reference: § 20-9-311(a), MCA Calculation of average number belonging (ANB) –
26 3-year averaging

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28 Policy History:

29 Adopted on:

30 Reviewed on:

31 Revised on: