

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
ROBERTS SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5
NOVEMBER 16, 2022**

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Roberts School District No. 5, Roberts, Montana was called to order by Chair Michelle Swansborough at 6:00 p.m. on November 16, 2022 in the library at the Roberts School.

ATTENDANCE

Michelle Swansborough, Chair
Brandon Crane, Vice Chair
Joel Bertolino
Sam Langager
Mariah Holdbrook (via teleconference)

Alex Ator, Superintendent
JaLayne Obert, Business Manager/Clerk

GUESTS: Connie Cooper, Braydon Pratt, Joe Allen, Sarah Shoopman, Kyle Young, Bentley Bertolino, Naomi Gross, Kennedee Blankenship, Parker Predmore, Zoe Larson, Jen Larson, Sanford Langager, Jackie Ronning, Kelley Guasp, Tera Baver

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES

Motion was made by Joel Bertolino, seconded by Sam Langager and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the October 18, 2022 regular meeting as presented. (YES—Swansborough, Crane, Bertolino, Holdbrook, Langager. NO—none).

WARRANTS

Motion was made by Brandon Crane, seconded by Joel Bertolino and carried unanimously to approve warrants 48773 to 48834 and voided checks 48684 and 48835 to 48845 as presented. (YES—Swansborough, Crane, Bertolino, Holdbrook, Langager. NO—none).

NEW BUSINESS

SENIOR TRIP

Joe Allen and members of the senior class presented a slide show on their proposed senior trip to Phoenix, Arizona between the basketball and track seasons March 9 to March 12.

Joe Allen stated the budget for the trip is \$5500 and outlined the education components of the trip.

Mr. Ator stated with the size of the class, two chaperones will be needed.

Michelle Swansborough stated the presentation was well prepared and feels the class should be allowed access to their funds.

Motion was made by Joel Bertolino, seconded by Brandon Crane and carried unanimously to allow the senior class to have access to their funds for their senior trip. (YES—Swansborough, Crane, Bertolino, Holdbrook, Langager. NO—none).

REVIEW INTEREST OF WRESTLING COOPERATIVE WITH RED LODGE AND BELFRY – Mr. Ator stated the last couple of years we've been pushed by Red Lodge to enter into a sports cooperative with them for wrestling. He stated in the past there hasn't been much interest but there are now a couple of students who would be interested in participating.

Mr. Ator stated with the cost of dues to MHSA, co-op costs to Red Lodge, and transportation costs, it would potentially cost the district four to six thousand dollars per year for at least a three-year period. He added neither the district or the athletic fund is in great financial shape right now.

Mr. Ator stated a motion needs to be on the table in order to hear comments from the audience.

Motion was made by Sam Langager and seconded by Brandon Crane to support joining a wrestling co-op with Red Lodge and Belfry.

Jennifer Larson stated her daughter is a senior who likes to wrestle and they have been in communication with the Red Lodge wrestling coach about the possibility of a co-op. She added her daughter did club wrestling in Red Lodge last year but it is very expensive.

Michelle Swansborough stated the costs of the program have to be considered over a few years as the commitment for a co-op is three years.

Mr. Ator stated he really doesn't feel the district can afford this right now.

Mariah Holdbrook stated it is helpful that club wrestling is still available in Red Lodge so there is an opportunity for the student to participate.

Brandon Crane stated for him, the financial aspect makes the decision for him.

The motion was voted on and failed. (YES—none. NO—Swansborough, Crane, Bertolino, Holdbrook, Langager).

RESOLUTION FOR DISPOSAL OF OBSOLETE PROPERTY – Mr. Ator asked for approval of the attached Resolution for Disposal of Obsolete Property.

Motion was made by Joel Bertolino, seconded by Sam Langager and carried unanimously to approve the Resolution for Disposal of Obsolete Property as presented by the superintendent. (YES—Swansborough Crane, Bertolino, Holdbrook, Langager. NO—none).

TEACHER REPORTS

Kennedee Blankenship, Tera Baver, and Sarah Shoopman gave teacher reports for the month.

Mrs. Blankenship stated she teaches 7-12 history and social studies and is an advisor for Student Council. She thanked the Board for the opportunity to teach in Roberts and as a first-year teacher, is learning a lot and enjoying her work.

Mrs. Blankenship reported she does a great deal of public speaking in her classes and likes to prepare the students for doing that in the future.

Mrs. Bayer reported she is teaching 7-12 English and gave the board an overview of the classes. She stated she is also an advisor for the freshman class and they have been working hard on the upcoming craft fair.

Mrs. Shoopman gave an overview of her 7-12 math classes and stated she is really enjoying working with the new teachers to have processes the same in each classroom. She added the fall MAP scores showed growth in math in all but two students with those two maintaining where they were. She added she has been doing ACT prep since the beginning of the year.

ACTIVITIES REPORT – Sarah Shoopman reported the following for activities:

1. Junior high girls' basketball is in full swing and will wrap up on November 28.
2. The high school basketball season starts tomorrow and both varsity teams will play an opening tournament in Lockwood on December 2 and 3.
3. A big thank you to the Roberts Community Foundation for the purchase of the shooting machine.
4. High school volleyball team ended fifth in the conference, third in the district tournament and fourth in the divisional tournament.
5. Football team lost to Malta in the playoffs.
6. 17 of 19 fall athletes made academic all-state
7. FFA attended NILE events and participated in John Deere Ag Days where members participating in Quiz Bowl won the state contest.
8. BPA is getting ready for regionals on December 6.

Michelle Swansborough stated she chaperoned for John Deere Ag Days and FFA is an incredible organization.

LITERACY UPDATE – Jackie Ronning reported the preschool is going strong and the church is so supportive of the program and the children.

Mrs. Ronning stated grant money is going to be tighter this year and we need to concentrate on what we've learned through longevity.

STAFFING

CUSTODIAL/BUS DRIVER – Mr. Ator reported he received a letter of resignation from Mike Rausch for his custodial/bus driver position and asked that it be accepted.

Motion was made by Brandon Crane, seconded by Joel Bertolino and carried unanimously to accept the letter of resignation from Mike Rausch. (YES—Swansborough, Crane, Bertolino, Holdbrook, Langager. NO—none).

WINTER ACTIVITIES – Mr. Ator stated the Activities negotiators have agreed to remove the previous \$2900 salary cap for coaches and instead cap the longevity years of service at \$50 per year for 15 years. He asked for approval of the recommendation.

Motion was made by Brandon Crane, seconded by Sam Langager and carried unanimously to remove the salary cap of \$2900 for head coaches and add a longevity cap of \$50 per year for 15 years. (YES—Swansborough, Crane, Bertolino, Holdbrook, Langager. NO—none).

Motion was made by Sam Langager, seconded by Mariah Holdbrook and carried unanimously to approve hiring the following for activities:

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| Sam McCrone | Head High School Boys' Basketball Coach | \$3150 |
| Sarah Shoopman | Head High School Girls' Basketball Coach | \$2600 |
| Jacqui Jessen | Asst. Jr. High Boys' Basketball Coach | \$ 965 |

(YES—Swansborough, Crane, Bertolino, Holdbrook, Langager. NO—none).

Motion was made by Joel Bertolino, seconded by Sam Langager and carried to approve hiring J.R. Swansborough as Asst. High School Boys' Basketball Coach at a rate of \$1845. (YES—Crane, Bertolino, Holdbrook, Langager. NO—none. Abstained: Swansborough (conflict of interest)).

Motion was made by Sam Langager, seconded by Brandon Crane and carried to approve hiring Rylee Perkins as Asst. High School Girls' Basketball Coach at a rate of \$1845. (YES—Swansborough, Crane, Bertolino, Langager. NO—none. Abstained—Holdbrook (conflict of interest)).

Mr. Ator stated he will be bringing recommendations for track coaches next month.

OLD BUSINESS

LUNCH PROCEDURE AND OPEN CAMPUS – Mr. Ator reported he has the parent sign-off form for students to leave campus and drive during the lunch hour and will be distributing it next week.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

BUILDING UPDATE – Mr. Ator stated the flooring for the new bathroom is scheduled for installation next week and the shot clock in the new gym is ready to go.

MEETING DATES

Mr. Ator stated he would like to move the December meeting date to December 14, 2022.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Michelle Swansborough called for an executive session at 7:55 p.m. stating the next item of business concerns personnel and it is her determination that the privacy rights of individuals supersede the merits of public disclosure. The meeting was returned to regular session at 8:15 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Michelle Swansborough called for adjournment at 8:15 p.m.

Board Chair

District Clerk

RESOLUTION TO DISPOSE OF ABANDONED, OBSOLETE AND UNDESIRABLE
PERSONAL PROPERTY, ROBERTS SCHOOL DISTRICT #5, CARBON COUNTY

At a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of School District No. 5, Carbon County, Montana, held November 16, 2022 at 6 p.m. in the Roberts School Library, the following resolution was introduced:

WHEREAS, it has been determined that certain personal property, including maintenance equipment, computer equipment, exercise equipment, furniture, books, and other miscellaneous equipment, has been abandoned, obsolete, and undesirable for use by the District.

WHEREAS, the abandoned, obsolete, and undesirable property will be disposed of through sale or other means pursuant to MCA 20-6-604.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of School District No. 5, Carbon County, Montana, will dispose of this property in a reasonable manner determined to be in the best interest of the district.

1. Nautilus Weight bench
2. Elliptical machine
3. Nordic Flex Ultra Lift
4. Arm curl bench
5. Nordic Track
6. Weight bench
7. Bench press
8. Body Smith Bench Press
9. Schwinn Biofit
10. Round table
11. Rolling black cart
12. Yellow walker lawn mower (model WBSD, serial #81716)
13. Portamatic Air Lift
14. Glass window blocks (about 200)
15. Flip top desk (3 count)
16. Large desk with chairs connected (14count)
17. Computer desks (Mobil Tech Furniture) (15 count)
18. Rolling metal table with electrical ports
19. Variety of baskets (3 bags)
20. Shelf units (metal 6 count)
21. Doggy gates (2 count)
22. Lawn sweep
23. Speed air compressor
24. Wayne's air compressor (40 gal vertical tank #DD4270)
25. Misc. desk and stool
26. Wood bookshelf/case
27. Rockwell Belt Sander
28. Rockwell Bandsaw
29. Sears Air Compressor
30. Hossfield Bender
31. Dayton Generator
32. Ice Machine
33. 6,2 L V-8 Engine
34. Snap-on Educational Scanner
35. OTC Monitor
36. Cafeteria Tables
37. Wood Doors
38. Metal Doors
39. Gym Scoreboards
40. Other minor items not listed