

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
ROBERTS SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5  
SEPTEMBER 16, 2020**

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Roberts School District No. 5, Roberts, Montana was called to order by Chair Sarah DeVries at 6:00 p.m. on September 16, 2020 in the library at the Roberts School.

**ATTENDANCE**

Sarah DeVries, Chair  
Joel Bertolino, Vice Chair  
Michelle Swansborough

Absent: Brandon Crane (technical issues, not able to join remotely)  
Tyler Allen  
Alex Ator, Superintendent

JaLayne Obert, Business Manager/Clerk

GUESTS: Jackie Ronning, Jessica Parpart, Sarah Shoopman

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**MINUTES**

Motion was made by Joel Bertolino, seconded by Michelle Swansborough and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the regular meeting August 12, 2020 as presented. (YES—DeVries, Bertolino, Swansborough. NO—none).

**CLAIMS, SEQUENCE, AND VOIDED CHECKS**

Motion was made by Joel Bertolino, seconded by Michelle Swansborough and carried unanimously to approve warrants 46413 through 46479 as presented. (YES—DeVries, Bertolino, Swansborough. NO—none).

**TEACHER REPORTS**

Sarah Shoopman and Jessica Parpart gave teacher reports for the month.

Mrs. Shoopman stated she would report on activities first and stated there are fourteen girls in grades 4-8 out for volleyball and 12 high school girls on the junior varsity and varsity teams. She added there are five elementary/junior high boys participating in football in Red Lodge as well as one high school boy. There are also three high school boys on the cross country team and two girls and two boys participating at the elementary/junior high level.

Mrs. Shoopman stated it has been difficult to schedule cross country meets as many of the schools won't allow non-conference participation. She added we will be sponsoring a meet on October 16.

Mrs. Shoopman stated FFA and BPA have started to meet, pep band has been practicing, and the National Federation of High Schools cameras are installed to broadcasts sports events in the gym.

Mrs. Shoopman stated having eight students out of 45 taking math classes remotely was a challenge at first but they are all figuring it out. She stated the students are doing well with the curriculum as it is the second year of it for most. She added grades 7-12 math students either maintained or improved their MAP scores with no one regressing.

Miss Parpart reported instead of teaching math and science for grades four to six, this year she is teaching strictly fifth grade. She stated they are spending as much time as possible outside, are working better together as a team with a smaller class, and it is easier to focus on individual needs.

Miss Parpart stated this is her first time to teach CKLA for language arts and she really likes the program.

Ms. DeVries asked if teacher fatigue is a problem.

Miss Parpart stated she has an hour of prep time this year and that works for her.

### **STAFFING**

**CUSTODIAL** – Mrs. Obert reported it is Mr. Ator’s recommendation to hire Erica Cooper for a custodial position, 40 hours per week at \$11.00 per hour, pending results of a background check with 90 days probation.

Motion was made by Joel Bertolino, seconded by Michelle Swansborough and carried unanimously to hire Erica Cooper for a custodial position, 40 hours per week at \$11.00 per hour, pending results of a background check with 90 days probation. (YES—DeVries, Bertolino, Swansborough. NO—none).

**PARAPROFESSIONAL** – Mrs. Obert stated it is Mr. Ator’s recommendation to hire Kelley Guasp for the paraprofessional position for 17 hours per week, \$11.50 per hour, pending results of a background check with 90 days probation.

Motion was made by Joel Bertolino, seconded by Michelle Swansborough and carried unanimously to hire Kelley Guasp for the paraprofessional position for 17 hours per week, \$11.50 per hour, pending results of a background check with 90 days probation. (YES—DeVries, Bertolino, Swansborough. NO—none).

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**INDIVIDUAL TRANSPORTATION CONTRACT** – Mrs. Obert stated it is Mr. Ator’s recommendation that the individual transportation contract with Nicole Joyce be approved.

Motion was made by Michelle Swansborough, seconded by Joel Bertolino and carried unanimously to approve the individual transportation contract with Nicole Joyce for the 2020-2021 school year. (YES—DeVries, Bertolino, Swansborough. NO—none).

**FAN ATTENDANCE AT ATHLETIC COMPETITIONS** – Mrs. Obert reported Mr. Ator is looking at increasing the number of people who can attend athletic events to five fans per athlete, or the family unit, to allow more people who would normally be at the games to attend.

Ms. DeVries stated social distancing gets more difficult with more people in the gym.

Mrs. Shoopman stated she would still want to keep the number of fans from the visiting team to two per athlete.

Ms. DeVries stated that is what other schools are doing for visitors so we should continue with that.

After discussion it was determined we would keep things the way they are for now with allowing two guests or a family unit per player for our team and two guests per player for the visiting team.

Mrs. Shoopman added we still need 24-hour notice of who will be attending home and away games.

FRIDAY PROGRAM – Mrs. Ronning reported we are working to fill the Friday program schedule, keeping in mind safety requirements such as masks, social distancing, and pods of students.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

STAFF/STUDENT HANDBOOKS – Mrs. Obert stated discussion on the staff and student handbooks needs to be tabled again until Mr. Ator is available.

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

LITERACY UPDATE – Mrs. Ronning stated MAP testing is getting done and she has been getting materials to new teachers and trying to give them breaks during the day. She stated our educational consultant has been holding Zoom meetings with teachers and the K-2 consultant will be in the building next week.

UPCOMING MEETING DATES – Mrs. Obert stated upcoming meetings are scheduled for October 21, November 18, and December 16.

Ms. DeVries stated with the risk of sports being shut down because of COVID-19, perhaps we should consider having senior night sooner than the last game of the season, maybe on October 10 with Pack the Place in Pink night.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Ms. DeVries called for adjournment at 6:51 p.m.

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Board Chair

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District Clerk