

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
ROBERTS SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5
DECEMBER 11, 2012**

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, Roberts School District No. 5, was called to order by Chair Frank Ropp at 6:00 p.m. on December 11, 2012, in the library at the Roberts School.

ATTENDANCE

Frank Ropp, Chair
Joel Bertolino, Vice Chair
Sarah DeVries
Tami Hoines
Rusty Niemi

Elliott Crump, Superintendent
JaLayne Obert, District Clerk

GUESTS: PJ Bertolino, Katie O'Hara, Ward Braten, Chris DeVries

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES

Motion was made by Joel Bertolino, seconded by Sarah DeVries and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the regular meeting November 13, 2012, as presented. (YES—Ropp, Bertolino, DeVries, Hoines, Niemi. NO—none).

CLAIMS, SEQUENCE, AND VOIDED CHECKS

Motion was made by Rusty Niemi, seconded by Tami Hoines and carried unanimously to approve the claims, sequence, and voided checks as presented for December, 2012. (YES—Ropp, Bertolino, DeVries, Hoines, Niemi. NO—none).

STUDENT ATTENDANCE ISSUE

Mr. Ropp stated the next issue to come before the Board involves a student and would be heard in closed session as it is his determination that the privacy rights of the student supersede the merits of public disclosure. He closed the meeting at 6:04 p.m. and returned it to regular session at 6:30 p.m.

Motion was made by Rusty Niemi, seconded by Tami Hoines and carried unanimously to reinstate credits for KAB for the first semester with the stipulation she doesn't go over the twenty day limit for absences for the entire school year. (YES—Ropp, Bertolino, DeVries, Hoines, Niemi. NO—none).

TEACHER REPORTS

Ward Braten and Katie O'Hara gave the teacher reports for the month.

Mr. Braten stated he is the Ag-Ed teacher and also the advisor for FFA. He stated the chapter held a district competition today that was attended by schools in our area.

Mr. Ropp thanked PJ Bertolino for his help today with the district competition.

Mr. Bertolino stated he would like to commend all the students who participated today as he was very impressed with their professionalism.

Katie O'Hara stated she has thirteen students in the first grade and they are currently studying Christmas around the world. She stated the Promethean Board is well used, especially for teaching math.

OLD BUSINESS

PENDING CLAIM UPDATE -- Mr. Ropp called for a closed session at 6:35 p.m. to discuss strategy to be followed with respect to litigation when an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the litigating position of the district. He returned the meeting to regular session at 7:33 p.m.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

PROGRAM UPDATE – Mr. Crump reported the junior class brought a proposal to Student Council to have a raffle for a gun. He stated we have had gun raffles before and usually he doesn't bring fundraisers to the Board for approval but as this involves a firearm he would like the Board's approval. He added the gun will not be in the school.

PJ Bertolino, parent of a junior, stated the group needs to get going on this project as soon as possible.

Mr. Ropp stated it will be put on next month's agenda for a formal motion.

PERSONNEL

SPECIAL EDUCATION PARAPROFESSIONAL – Mr. Crump stated interviews were held for the special education paraprofessional position and Mr. Niemi and Mr. Bertolino served on the interview panel.

Mr. Crump stated he is recommending the Board offer the special education paraprofessional position for 36.5 hours per week at \$12.67 per hour to Brandelyn Kirkness.

Motion was made by Sarah DeVries, seconded by Joel Bertolino and carried unanimously to offer the special education paraprofessional position to Brandelyn Kirkness for 36.5 hours per week at \$12.67 per hour. (YES—Ropp, Bertolino, DeVries, Hoines, Niemi. NO—none).

NEW BUSINESS

JUNIOR HIGH ATHLETICS – Mr. Crump stated he would like the Board to consider charging admission for junior high athletic events so MOA officials can be scheduled to officiate those events. He stated he is seeing a negative impact from having our staff officiate junior high games and charging \$3.00 for adults and \$1.00 for students would help offset the officiating expense.

Motion was made by Rusty Niemi, seconded by Sarah DeVries and carried unanimously to begin charging admission to junior high sporting events, \$3.00 for adults and \$1.00 for students, and pay MOA officials to officiate. (YES—Ropp, Bertolino, DeVries, Hoines, Niemi. NO—none).

SUPERINTENDENT EVALUATION – Mr. Crump stated he included a copy of his evaluation form in the Board packet. He stated in the past he has filled out his portion, given it to Board members, and they then complete their sections and return them to the Board Chair for compilation.

It was decided Mr. Crump would have his portion to Board members by January 29, 2013, and they would then have their completed evaluations to Mr. Ropp by the February board meeting on February 12, 2013.

OLD BUSINESS (continued)

SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL – Mr. Crump stated he received the report back from Great West Engineering and gave Mr. Ropp a copy to review.

Mr. Ropp stated he went through the document and feels it is non-usable information. He stated he will be meeting with the engineers to discuss the report.

CHRISTMAS/WINTER HOLIDAY EVENT – Mr. Crump stated the staff dinner will be held at the Roberts Café on December 17 at 6:30 p.m. He stated the menu is the same as last year, chicken fried steak at \$15.00 per person.

Mr. Crump asked if we could write the check for the dinner the day after and get it to the café instead of waiting until the next Board meeting.

Motion was made by Sarah DeVries, seconded by Tami Hoines and carried unanimously to preapprove and authorize payment for the staff dinner on the following day, December 18. (YES—Ropp, Bertolino, DeVries, Hoines, Niemi. NO—none).

SCOREBOARD REPAIR – Mr. Crump stated he has a bid from Hi-Altitude Electric to not exceed \$1040.00 for checking on what is wrong with the scoreboard. He stated the bid is for two people each putting in eight hours to determine the cause of the scoreboard failure.

Motion was made by Rusty Niemi, seconded by Joel Bertolino and carried unanimously to accept the bid from Hi Altitude Electric to not exceed \$1040.00 for finding the problem with the scoreboard. (YES—Ropp, Bertolino, DeVries, Hoines, Niemi. NO: none).

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT (continued)

SUPERINTENDENT SCHEDULE – Mr. Crump stated Carbon County school personnel will be meeting with Jason Priest and Joanne Blyton, local area representatives, to discuss what to look for in the legislature.

Mr. Ropp stated he may also try to attend.

MHSA ANNUAL MEETING – Mr. Crump stated the MHSA Annual Meeting will be held January 21, 2013 in Missoula. He stated he will get the proposals to trustees.

WINTER BREAK OFFICE HOURS – Mr. Crump stated he is taking vacation days on December 24 and 26, 2012. He stated the office will be closed from December 24, 2012 to January 2, 2013, although he and Mrs. Obert may work some of those days.

PROGRAM UPDATE – Mr. Crump distributed a letter from Sam Miller asking the district to teach U.S. History to juniors and Government to seniors instead of combining and rotating the courses.

STUDENT UPDATE – Mr. Crump stated the student count is at 113.

MISCELLANEOUS – Mrs. Obert stated December 24 is the first day for people to request the paperwork to run for a trustee position.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Ropp adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Board Chair

District Clerk