

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
ROBERTS SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5  
FEBRUARY 19, 2020**

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, Roberts School District No. 5, was called to order by Sarah DeVries at 6:12 p.m. on February 19, 2020 in the library at the Roberts School.

**ATTENDANCE**

Sarah DeVries, Chair  
Joel Bertolino, Vice Chair  
Tyler Allen  
Michelle Swansborough

Absent: Mariah Holdbrook

Alex Ator, Superintendent  
JaLayne Obert, Business Manager/Clerk

GUESTS: Peter Wisniewski, Caitlin Hall, Jackie Ronning

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**MINUTES**

Motion was made by Tyler Allen, seconded by Joel Bertolino and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the January 24, 2020 meeting as presented. (YES –DeVries, Bertolino, Allen, Swansborough. NO—none).

**CLAIMS, SEQUENCE, AND VOIDED CHECKS**

Motion was made by Joel Bertolino, seconded by Michelle Swansborough and carried unanimously to approve warrants 45849 through 45929 for February, 2020 as presented. (YES—DeVries, Bertolino, Allen, Swansborough. NO—none).

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**TEACHER REPORTS**

Peter Wisniewski and Caitlin Hall gave teacher reports for the month.

Mr. Wisniewski reported for maintenance he has been replacing lights with LED lights and hopes to have them in the library soon. He stated snow removal hasn't been too bad and he is working with Ms. Devine on operating the heating system. He added summer projects may be tying up loose ends and perhaps some painting and heavy cleaning but probably not major projects this year.

Mr. Wisniewski stated next year will be his last year of schooling for special education. He stated he is definitely at a better place this year but is still learning. He added it is good to see the students growing and advancing.

Appreciation for all that Mr. Wisniewski does was expressed by the board.

Mrs. Hall stated she teaches grades 4 to 6 social studies and language arts. She stated the new language arts curriculum, CKLA, has social studies imbedded in it for grades 4 and 5 and much of the 6<sup>th</sup> grade curriculum is online, such as CNN10, a ten-minute news program of what is going on in the world. She added she is really happy with the CKLA program.

Mr. Ator asked if there are technology issues with using the internet.

Mrs. Hall stated the sixth grade uses Study Sync and sometimes the students have a problem getting into the program. She added sixth graders each have a chrome book so have the option of working in the book or on the computer.

Mrs. Hall stated she and her husband, Jesse Hall, really enjoy living in Roberts.

Mr. Ator stated we do have some bids for increased band width for better internet access and there is a chance that could be installed this summer.

Mrs. Ronning stated Mrs. Hall is really a whiz at research.

LITERACY REPORT – Mr. Ator stated Mrs. Ronning and Mrs. Koch really stepped up when an aide departed and thanked them for all they do.

Mrs. Ronning stated even though we are putting together a grant application for the next round of the Literacy Grant, work continues with the present grant. She stated teachers are engaged with professional development and also with the educational consultant. She stated she is seeing increased writing in classrooms and students are moving faster with everything.

Mrs. Ronning stated data assessment for coordinating with the Title I program is intense and time consuming. She added she is working toward teachers doing some of the help with students who need additional help.

Mrs. Ronning reported she will be pursuing a Master's degree in Reading.

## **STAFFING**

PARAPROFESSIONAL – Mr. Ator recommended hiring Danielle Shilling for a paraprofessional position for the remainder of the year at \$11.50 per hour.

Motion was made by Joel Bertolino, seconded by Tyler Allen and carried unanimously to hire Danielle Shilling for a paraprofessional position for the remainder of the school year at \$11.50 per hour. (YES—DeVries, Bertolino, Allen, Swansborough. NO—none).

## **NEW BUSINESS**

CLASSIFIED NEGOTIATIONS – Mr. Ator stated negotiations with classified staff should begin soon, possibly between the March and April board meetings. He asked which trustees would be representing the board.

After discussion, it was determined Joel Bertolino and Ty Allen will be the board representatives for negotiations with classified staff.

LEVY OPTIONS – Mr. Ator asked that the board approve a motion to permissively levy for the Adult Education Fund in preparation of an Adult Education Program.

Motion was made by Joel Bertolino, seconded by Michelle Swansborough and carried unanimously to permissively levy for Fund 217, Adult Education, for the 2020-2021 school year for the operation of an Adult Education program. (YES—DeVries, Bertolino, Allen, Swansborough. NO—none).

Mr. Ator stated included in the packet for discussion is a listing of programs and supports the district would like to keep in place by running a levy.

SPECIAL SERVICES CO-OP AGREEMENT – Mr. Ator stated included in the packet is an Interlocal Agreement recently approved by the Yellowstone-West/Carbon County Special

Services Cooperative Management Board. He stated the Management Board is requesting approval of the agreement by district trustees.

Motion was made by Joel Bertolino, seconded by Tyler Allen and carried unanimously to approve the Interlocal Agreement with the Yellowstone-West/Carbon County Special Services Cooperative Management Board as presented in the board packet. (YES—DeVries, Bertolino, Allen, Swansborough. NO—none).

**OLD BUSINESS**

**POLICY UPDATES AND REVIEW**

**SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

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

1. The high school basketball teams will be starting the district tournament in Huntley Project this week.
2. Junior high boys' basketball has begun.
3. FFA competed in a district competition in Joliet.
4. BPA is working on projects for the state competition in Billings on March 8-10, 2020.
5. Rocket Leadership is working on prom.

NEXT MEETING DATES – Mr. Ator stated the next scheduled meeting dates are March 18, April 14, and May 20, 2020.

SUPERINTENDENT'S SCHEDULE – Mr. Ator reviewed his schedule for the next month.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Ms. DeVries called for adjournment at 8:03 p.m.

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Board Chair

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District Clerk