

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
ROBERTS SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5  
JULY 18, 2017**

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, Roberts School District No. 5, was called to order by Sarah DeVries at 6:00 p.m. on July 18, 2017, in the library at the Roberts School.

**ATTENDANCE**

Sarah DeVries, Chair  
Joel Bertolino, Vice Chair  
Tyler Allen  
James Binando  
Sanford Langager

Alex Ator, Superintendent  
JaLayne Obert, Business Manager/Clerk

GUESTS: Rhonda Schmaltz, Erika Binando, Rusty Niemi, Leah Niemi, Avery Walker, Mary Allen, Randy DeVries, Charlotte DeVries, Deborah Hogan

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**MINUTES**

Motion was made by Sanford Langager, seconded by Joel Bertolino, and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the June 20, 2017 meeting as presented. (YES— DeVries, Bertolino, Allen, Binando, Langager. NO—none).

**CLAIMS, SEQUENCE, AND VOIDED CHECKS**

Motion was made by Joel Bertolino, seconded by James Binando and carried unanimously to approve the claims, sequence, and voided checks for July, 2017 as presented. (YES—DeVries, Bertolino, Allen, Binando, Langager. NO—none).

**STAFFING**

MATH POSITION - Mr. Ator recommended hiring JoEllen Brennan for the junior high and high school math position at Lane 5, Step 10 on the teacher matrix.

Motion was made by Sanford Langager, seconded by James Binando and carried unanimously to hire JoEllen Brennan for the junior high and high school math position at Lane 5, Step 10 on the teacher matrix. (YES—DeVries, Bertolino, Allen, Binando, Langager. NO—none).

BUS DRIVER – Mr. Ator stated the person we offered the bus driver contract to did not return the contract as he has been unable to sell his home at his present location. He added we do have one other applicant but that person is mainly interested in a substitute position. He asked if the Board would rather advertise the position again and interview all applicants at one time or set up an interview with this one applicant.

Ms. DeVries stated we could wait and do one set of interviews. She and Sanford Langager volunteered to sit on the interview panel.

**NEW BUSINESS**

2017-2018 BUS ROUTES – Mr. Ator stated the proposed bus routes to be submitted to the County Transportation Committee were included in the Board packet. He suggested taking the Shorey Road section off of Route 1 and adding it to Route 3 to shorten up the time frame on

Route 1 as it is getting too long. He recommended approval of the routes with shifting the Shorey Road section off Route 1 to Route 3.

Motion was made by Sanford Langager, seconded by Joel Bertolino and carried unanimously to approve the bus routes with the adjustments made to Route 1 and Route 3. (YES—DeVries, Bertolino, Allen, Binando, Langager. NO—none).

Mr. Ator reported Route 4 no longer exists and asked that it be cancelled.

Motion was made by James Binando, seconded by Joel Bertolino and carried unanimously to cancel Route 4 as it is no longer needed. (YES—DeVries, Bertolino, Allen, Binando, Langager. NO—none).

Mr. Ator stated the County Transportation Committee meeting is scheduled for August 1, 2017 and he will be attending the superintendent's conference in Helena. He asked that Sanford Langager and Joel Bertolino attend the meeting to represent the district.

OUT OF DISTRICT ATTENDANCE – Mr. Ator recommended approval of out-of-district attendance for students GD, AVO, EF, JF AD, MH, CB, MF, BH, TB, PH, AF, AM, SH, SB, MS and invite students GB and AM to the August Board meeting to discuss their attendance agreements.

Motion was made by Joel Bertolino, seconded by Tyler Allen and carried unanimously to approve out-of-district attendance as recommended by the superintendent and invite the two remaining students to the August board meeting to discuss their agreements. (YES—DeVries, Bertolino, Allen, Binando, Langager. NO—none).

SUPERINTENDENT NEGOTIATIONS – Ms. DeVries called for an executive session at 6:18 p.m. to discuss superintendent negotiations, stating the next item to come before the Board involves an individual and it is her determination that the individual's rights to privacy supersede the merits of public disclosure. She returned the meeting to regular session at 7:20 p.m.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

REVIEW OF CELL PHONE POLICY – Mr. Ator stated he, Ms. DeVries, and Mr. Binando met as a committee on the cell phone policy. He stated final recommendations will be included with the handbook updates next month.

Mr. Ator stated the revised policy doesn't allow visual usage by the students except in the morning before school starts and at lunchtime. He stated students will be allowed to carry their phones in their pockets to address the issue of theft.

Mr. Ator stated training for both students and staff are an important aspect of this policy.

#### **POLICY UPDATES AND REVIEW**

Mr. Ator stated Board Policy 2159 deals with Intervention and is a district policy, not MTSBA.

Mr. Binando asked if we have a protocol for when a parent requests an IEP for their child.

Mr. Ator stated we do and that is what this policy starts to address. He stated he is waiting to hear back from MTSBA before going forward with these policies.

#### **SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

2017 MAPS RESULTS – Mr. Ator stated the results of the MAPS testing show our students continue to score at or above the national average. He stated growth from winter to spring was a little low but we may be over testing and the students are experiencing testing fatigue.

MAINTENANCE UPDATE – Mr. Ator stated half of the bus barn doors are replaced and the others will be soon. He stated Mr. Wisniewski has started working on the upstairs remodel and asked how the board wants to handle approval of materials or services needed such as electrical work as the project progressing.

Mr. Binando stated he feels a special meeting should be scheduled if those situations arise.

Mr. Ator stated the classroom cleaning is probably two to three weeks ahead of last year.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Ms. DeVries called for an executive session at 7:53 p.m. to continue negotiation of the superintendent’s contract. She returned the meeting to regular session at 8:45 p.m.

**SUPERINTENDENT CONTRACT**

Motion was made by Joel Bertolino, seconded by Sanford Langager and carried unanimously to approve the superintendent contract for Alex Ator for the 2018-2019 school year with a salary of \$79,310 and the addition of one personal day for a total of ten (10) per year. (YES—DeVries, Bertolino, Allen, Binando, Langager. NO—none).

**ADJOURNMENT**

Ms. DeVries called for adjournment at 8:46 p.m.

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Board Chair

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District Clerk