

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
ROBERTS SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5  
FEBRUARY 21, 2012**

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, Roberts School District No. 5, was called to order by Chair Frank Ropp at 7:02 p.m. on February 21, 2012, in the library at the Roberts School.

**ATTENDANCE**

Frank Ropp, Chair  
Sanford Langager, Vice Chair  
Joel Bertolino  
Sarah DeVries  
Carl Easthouse (via telephone at 7:30 p.m.)

Elliott Crump, Superintendent  
JaLayne Obert, District Clerk

GUESTS: Angela Gamel, Cory Gamel, Joyce Kober, Tami Hoiness, JD Jones, Julie Jones

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**MINUTES**

Motion was made by Sanford Langager, seconded by Sarah DeVries and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of January 10, 2012 and special meetings of January 18 and January 26, 2012 as presented. (YES—Ropp, Langager, Bertolino, DeVries. NO—none).

**CLAIMS, SEQUENCE, AND VOIDED CHECKS**

Mr. Langager asked if there had been a large increase in the cost of natural gas. Mrs. Obert stated the bill covered two months.

Motion was made by Joel Bertolino, seconded by Sarah DeVries and carried unanimously to approve the claims, sequence, and voided checks for February, 2012 as presented. (YES—Ropp, Langager, Bertolino, DeVries. NO—none).

**ALL-SCHOOL REUNION**

Joyce Kober stated the All-School Reunion is scheduled for July 5-7, 2013 and asked if the school can be used. She stated using the school would mean all the summer cleaning would need to be done before the event.

Mrs. Kober stated the committee is looking at having a non-denominational worship service on Sunday morning and is hoping one of the classes will put on a breakfast as a fund-raiser.

Mr. Ropp stated the reunion is already on the school calendar and asked that the committee remind the Board again when the date is closer.

**TEACHER REPORTS**

JD and Julie Jones gave teacher reports for the month.

Mrs. Jones thanked the Board for the privilege and opportunity to teach at Roberts School. She stated it has been an opportunity for her to grow as a teacher and she is grateful.

Mrs. Jones stated being MHSA sanctioned and performing at festival has helped the program grow. She stated it raised the bar and the students are playing at a higher level and received a superior rating last year.

Mrs. Jones stated she has the sixth grade students every day this year instead of twice a week and included them in pep band on certain occasions.

Mrs. Jones stated the semester project for the older band students was to write their own compositions. She added she was quite pleased with the results and the students seemed to enjoy the project.

Mrs. Jones stated this is her seventh year at Roberts and she has had moments this year where she feels it is all bearing fruit.

(Carl Easthouse joined the meeting at 7:30 p.m. via telephone.)

JD Jones stated he was asked last spring if he would like to teach a class in Montana Wildlife and as that is his first love, stated he would. He stated he felt like a first year teacher having to do daily lesson plans as there was no developed curriculum but he started using the Promethean Board and has had good comments from the class.

Mr. Jones stated the course is broken into four categories: Montana Mammals, Montana Fish, Montana Reptiles and Amphibians, and Montana Birds. He added the class will spend a great deal of time outside with the section on birds.

Mr. Jones stated the class has been a lot of work but he has heard good comments from the students and it really challenges them.

### **STUDENT REPORT & ATTENDANCE ISSUES**

Mr. Ropp stated the next item to come before the Board concerns a student and the individual's right to privacy supersedes the public's right to know. He called for a closed session at 7:35 p.m.

Mr. Ropp returned the meeting to regular session at 7:45 p.m.

Mr. Crump recommended student TSN be given "No Credit" for the Small Motors class taken this fall because of excessive absences.

Mr. Langager stated he feels that is a wise decision and agrees with the recommendation.

Motion was made by Sanford Langager, seconded by Joel Bertolino and carried unanimously that student TSN be given no credit for the Small Motors class he took this fall because of excessive absences. (YES—Ropp, Langager, Bertolino, DeVries, Easthouse. NO—none).

### **APPEAL OF REQUEST FOR RESOLVE OF CONCERN**

Mr. Ropp called for a closed session at 7:46 p.m. stating the next item to come before the Board involves an individual and the privacy rights of the individual supersede the public's right to know.

The meeting was returned to regular session at 8:40 p.m. Mr. Ropp stated the Board has thirty days to respond to the appeal in writing and he will draft a response to be reviewed by the Board at the March meeting.

### **PERSONNEL**

COACHING STAFF – Mr. Crump recommended George Nelson be hired as assistant junior high boys' basketball coach at the stipend rate of \$800.00.

Motion was made by Sarah DeVries, seconded by Joel Bertolino and carried unanimously to approve hiring George Nelson as assistant junior high boys' basketball coach at the stipend rate of \$800.00. (YES—Ropp, Langager, Bertolino, DeVries, Easthouse. NO—none).

### **NEW BUSINESS**

AUDIT EXIT – Mr. Crump stated the background work of the audit for the 2009-10 and 2010-11 school years has been completed and there were no findings.

COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT – Mr. Crump stated a Board motion for providing special education services to eligible 3-5 year olds through the existing special education program is needed for the Yellowstone-West/Carbon County Special Services Cooperative.

Motion was made by Carl Easthouse, seconded by Sanford Langager and carried unanimously that the Roberts School District will provide special education services to its eligible 3-5-year olds through its existing special education program. Requests for assistance in completing assessments, consultation, attending meetings, and/or writing IEP's for the preschooler(s) suspected as needing special education services must be made through the Cooperative office. (YES—Ropp, Langager, Bertolino, DeVries, Easthouse. NO—none).

FOOTBALL COOPERATIVE—Mr. Crump stated he received the information from the Montana High School Association about renewing the football cooperative with Fromberg.

Mr. Easthouse asked if we again need to meet with representatives from Fromberg to work out details.

Mr. Crump stated a meeting was held with our players and parents and they indicated they were in favor of continuing the co-op. He stated financially our district has provided the transportation and Fromberg has paid for housing and meals.

Mr. Easthouse stated with some of the uncertainty with administration in Fromberg, perhaps we should take over as host school.

Mr. Crump stated he'll have a conversation with their athletic director.

Mr. Easthouse stated if we put together a committee to discuss the co-op, he would stay on that committee.

Motion was made by Joel Bertolino, seconded by Carl Easthouse and carried unanimously to enter into another three-year football cooperative with Fromberg High School. (YES—Ropp, Langager, Bertolino, DeVries, Easthouse. NO—none).

BOARD MINUTES --- Mr. Crump stated our computer technician informed him the attorney involved with the legal situation in Fromberg recommended that unofficial Board minutes not be posted on the website. He stated he feels we should follow suit and not post minutes until they are approved.

WESTERN STATES INSURANCE – Mr. Crump stated we received a request from Western States Insurance for a three-year commitment for the Montana Schools Property and Liability Plan. He added the three-year commitment guarantees us a renewal rate to not exceed 6% in any one year.

Motion was made by Carl Easthouse, seconded by Sanford Langager and carried unanimously to approve the three-year rate commitment with Western States Insurance. (YES—Ropp, Langager, Bertolino, DeVries, Easthouse. NO—none).

QUALITY SCHOOLS GRANT – Mr. Crump stated he is working with Mr. Bertolino on the revised timelines for the Quality Schools Grant.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

SUPERINTENDENT EVALUATION – Mr. Crump stated his evaluation is scheduled for Tuesday, February 28, 2012, at 6:00 p.m.

MISCELLANEOUS – Mr. Langager expressed his thanks to Becky Schiffer and Sarah DeVries for their time and effort putting together the drill team. He stated it was a real plus for the school and the only half-time performance at the district tournament.

#### **SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

SUPERINTENDENT SCHEDULE – Mr. Crump stated he is serving on the committee for the special education cooperative that is working on staff negotiations.

PROGRAM UPDATE – Mr. Crump stated the ski dates are set for March 5 and March 12 and thanked the Roberts Community Foundation for their assistance with the program.

POLICY UPDATE – Mr. Crump stated the tardy procedure, as revised by the Board in January, went into effect on February 1 and he and Mrs. Langager are working on an effective monitoring system.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Ropp adjourned the meeting at 9:40 p.m.

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Board Chair

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District Clerk

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
ROBERTS SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5  
FEBRUARY 28, 2012**

The special 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 February 28, 2012, in the library at the Roberts School.

**ATTENDANCE**

Frank Ropp, Chair  
Sanford Langager, Vice Chair  
Joel Bertolino  
Sarah DeVries  
Carl Easthouse

Elliott Crump, Superintendent

**STUDENT REPORT**

Mr. Ropp stated the first issue to come before the Board involves a student, TSN, and as it is his determination that the privacy rights of the individual supersede the merits of public disclosure, the meeting will be held in closed session.

**RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION**

Mr. Ropp returned the meeting to regular session at 6:07 p.m.

**SUPERINTENDENT EVALUATION**

Mr. Ropp returned the meeting to closed session for the evaluation of the superintendent, stating the privacy rights of the individual supersede the merits of public disclosure.

**RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION**

Mr. Ropp returned the meeting to regular session at 8:17 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Ropp adjourned the meeting at 8:18 p.m.

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Board Chair

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District Clerk