

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
ROBERTS SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5
SEPTEMBER 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 September 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: Lizzie Blumenthal (Carbon County News)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES

Motion was made by Sarah DeVries, seconded by Joel Bertolino and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the regular meeting August 14 and special meeting August 23, 2012, as presented. (YES—Ropp, Bertolino, DeVries, Hoines, Niemi. NO—none).

CLAIMS, SEQUENCE, AND VOIDED CHECKS

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

NEW BUSINESS

OUT-OF-DISTRICT AGREEMENTS -- Mrs. Obert asked for approval of out-of-district student agreements for the following: Jackson Creeden, Seth Green, Saige Weimer, Savvana Weimer, Claire Schoening, Danni Lynn Nardinger, Chase Burgan, Alivia Zeiler.

Mr. Crump stated he is recommending approval of the agreements.

Motion was made by Rusty Niemi, seconded by Tami Hoines and carried unanimously to approve out-of-district agreements for Jackson Creeden, Seth Green, Saige Weimer, Savvana Weimer, Claire Schoening, Danni Lynn Nardinger, Chase Burgan, Alivia Zeiler. (YES—Ropp, Bertolino, DeVries, Hoines, Niemi. NO—none).

MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION LETTER – Mr. Crump stated the Board has been asked to write to the Montana Department of Transportation requesting reconsideration of their plans for the highway through Roberts and asked what the board would like to address.

Mr. Niemi stated it would be nice if the speed limit was 35 miles per hour through town. Mr. Bertolino stated the DOT doesn't feel there is enough pedestrian and foot traffic through town to warrant reducing the speed.

Mr. Crump stated right now there are lights at each end of town that flash and the speed limit is reduced to 40 mph when the students are going to and coming from school. He asked if that could be reduced to 35 mph.

Mr. Ropp stated the timers on those lights don't always work, especially if there is an electrical surge or outage.

Ms. DeVries stated the lights on the north end of town need to be extended out further so drivers have more time to slow down.

Mr. Bertolino stated the DOT design increases the width of the road the children have to cross.

Mr. Crump stated as a board, is it our intent to see the speed limit reduced to 35 mph all the time or when the children are most at risk.

Mr. Ropp stated the concern is to get the children across the highway as quickly and safely as possible.

Mr. Bertolino stated asking the DOT to take out the two-way turn lane would be an opportunity to make the design safer now and in the future when there is growth.

Mr. Crump stated what he is hearing is the children are our priority and our request would be for speed reduction when they are coming to and going from school and extension of the school zone. He added he will draft a letter centering on those concerns and send it to the Board.

MISCELLANEOUS

Ms. DeVries stated the new gym is getting far too warm during games and asked if it can be adjusted.

Mr. Crump stated the problem is with the placement of the sensor but he could check with Conditioned Air to see if it can be adjusted.

Mr. Niemi stated the air conditioning unit for the computer lab also needs to be fixed.

OLD BUSINESS

BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB – Mr. Ropp asked what the reaction has been to the Boys and Girls Club program for after school.

Mr. Crump stated the club was well received at the open house and there were thirteen students there today. He stated it looks like it will be a very positive experience.

Mr. Ropp asked how long the program will run. Mr. Crump stated the grant is \$75,000 a year for five years.

Ms. DeVries stated the schedule for open house needs to be sent out earlier to parents.

Mr. Crump stated he felt the most energy at the open house in the foyer so will try to use that to make improvements next year.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

SUPERINTENDENT SCHEDULE – Mr. Crump stated the Montana Conference on Educational Leadership is scheduled for October 17-19 in Billings. He added he will be attending and encouraged trustees to try to attend.

ADVISOR UPDATE – Mr. Crump stated all teachers in high school and junior high are class advisors, with each class having two advisors and two fundraisers. The senior trip advisor, who may or may not be the senior class advisor, helps plan and goes on the trip. He stated he doesn't know what will happen with next year's juniors and concessions.

Ms. DeVries asked if BPA decided to do concessions for junior high games. Mr. Crump stated if the junior high game is scheduled before the varsity game, the seniors will open concessions during the junior high game. He added if there is just a junior varsity game, seniors still need to open concessions.

PROGRAM UPDATE – Mr. Crump reported homecoming is next week and reviewed activities planned for the event. He added the Student Council is pretty motivated this year and is going to sponsor a community barn dance on Saturday.

STUDENT UPDATE – Mr. Crump reported the student count is at 108.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Ropp adjourned the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

Board Chair

District Clerk