

**HMINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
ROBERTS SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5  
JULY 17, 2019**

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, Roberts School District No. 5, was called to order by Joel Bertolino at 6:17 p.m. on July 17, 2019, in the library at the Roberts School.

**ATTENDANCE**

Sarah DeVries, Chair (arrived at 6:30 p.m.)  
Joel Bertolino, Vice Chair  
Tyler Allen  
Mariah Holdbrook

Absent: Michelle Swansborough

Alex Ator, Superintendent  
JaLayne Obert, Business Manager/Clerk

GUESTS: Sanford Langager

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**MINUTES**

Motion was made by Mariah Holdbrook, seconded by Tyler Allen and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the June 26, 2019 meeting as presented. (YES --Bertolino, Allen, Holdbrook. No—none).

**CLAIMS, SEQUENCE, AND VOIDED CHECKS**

Motion was made by Mariah Holdbrook, seconded by Tyler Allen and carried unanimously to approve warrants 45344 through 45374 for July, 2019 as presented. (YES—Bertolino, Allen, Holdbrook. NO—none).

**STAFFING**

NEW HIRES – Mr. Ator stated interviews were conducted for the English and PE/Health positions and recommended offering a contract to Christina Albers for the PE position at Lane 5, Step 14 on the salary schedule.

Motion was made by Mariah Holdbrook, seconded by Tyler Allen and carried unanimously to offer a contract for the PE/Health teaching position to Christina Albers. (YES—Bertolino, Allen, Holdbrook. NO—none).

Mr. Ator stated he will have a recommendation for the English position after August 1, 2019.

(Sarah DeVries arrived at 6:30 p.m.)

COACHING AND ACTIVITIES CONTRACTS – Mr. Ator recommended offering a contract for coaching cross country to Christina Albers.

Motion was made by Mariah Holdbrook, seconded by Tyler Allen and carried unanimously to offer a cross country coaching contract to Christina Albers. (YES—DeVries, Bertolino, Allen, Holdbrook. NO—none).

EXTENDED CONTRACTS – Mr. Ator stated he needs to schedule a meeting with Mr. Harvison and Mrs. Holdbrook for this item.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**RATIFICATION OF CONTRACTS** – Mr. Ator recommended ratification of the contract with Kristen Garcia for a custodial position.

Motion was made by Joel Bertolino, seconded by Mariah Holdbrook and carried unanimously to ratify the contract with Kristen Garcia for a custodial position. (YES—DeVries, Bertolino, Allen, Holdbrook. NO—none).

**PARKING LOT PREP FOR MILLINGS** – Mr. Ator reported he received a bid of \$42,000 from Roly DeVries Construction for preparation of the parking lot for paving. He added Marco LaRowe is interested in redirecting the ditch where it comes by the church but the cost of that would probably be between sixty and seventy thousand dollars.

Mr. Ator stated he spoke with the contractor on the road construction project and the millings probably aren't the material we want and we would need an additional machine to put them down.

Mr. Ator stated his feeling is there hasn't been enough time and discussion on this project to come to a good decision, especially with the amount of money involved. He added we can possibly use some of the material in the back parking lot.

**DONATIONS DISCUSSION** – Discussion was held on funding proposals for donations and Mr. Ator and Mr. Allen will meet to discuss this further.

**WELLNESS COMMITTEE REASSIGNMENT** – Mr. Ator reported he is changing the membership of the Wellness Committee to include Mariah Holdbrook, Michelle Swansborough, Mary Hyvonen, Christina Albers, JaLayne Obert, one additional teacher, and himself.

**SAFETY COMMITTEE REASSIGNMENT** – Mr. Ator stated Mariah Holdbrook and Joel Bertolino have both expressed interest in serving on the Safety Committee and asked that this item be tabled until August.

## **SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

**LITERACY UPDATE** –Mr. Ator stated there have been multiple professional development opportunities this summer and many of our staff have attended one or more. He added he is attending a Leadership Conference in Billings the next two days and nine staff members will be attending training in Livingston next week.

**JMG CONTRACT** – Mr. Ator stated he and Susan Fischer have discussed the possibility of no longer participating in the JMG program and making the JMG class into a Life after High School class for life skills and preparing for college.

**MEMBERSHIP CONSIDERATION** – Mr. Ator stated he has been asked to apply to be on the board of Education Northwest, a national organization that works on educational best practices and makes recommendations to state education officials. He stated the board meets four times a year for two-day meetings.

Tyler Allen stated he is on four boards right now and will be exiting from two of those because of time constraints. He stated his main concern is doing what is best for the school.

Joel Bertolino stated it sounds like a great opportunity and the decision of whether or not to apply is up to Mr. Ator and he knows how the board feels about taking on too much.

Sarah DeVries stated four two-day meetings could take up to sixteen days with travel.

Mariah Holdbrook stated it may be a wonderful opportunity and Mr. Ator will have to decide what is best for the district.

Mr. Ator stated he will do more research and see what the time commitment really is.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Ms. DeVries called for adjournment at 7:40 p.m.

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Board Vice Chair

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District Clerk