

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
ROBERTS SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5
JULY 23, 2020**

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Roberts School District No. 5, Roberts, Montana was called to order by Chair Sarah DeVries at 6:00 p.m. on July 23, 2020 in the library at the Roberts School.

ATTENDANCE

Sarah DeVries, Chair
Joel Bertolino, Vice Chair
Brandon Crane
Michelle Swansborough

Absent: Tyler Allen

Alex Ator, Superintendent
JaLayne Obert, Business Manager/Clerk

GUESTS: Jessica Parpart, Lindsay Thompson, Caitlin Hall, Anna Prinkki, Melisa Brown, Erica Cooper, Tim Cooper, Kelley Guasp (via teleconferencing)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES

Motion was made by Joel Bertolino, seconded by Michelle Swansborough and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the meeting June 15, 2020 as presented. (YES—DeVries, Bertolino, Crane, Swansborough. NO—none).

CLAIMS, SEQUENCE, AND VOIDED CHECKS

Motion was made by Joel Bertolino, seconded by Brandon Crane and carried unanimously to approve warrants 46304 through 46349 for June and 46319-46374 for July as presented. (YES—DeVries, Bertolino, Crane, Swansborough. NO—none).

STAFFING

Mr. Ator presented the following recommendations for coaching and advisor positions:

Activities						
Activities Director	HS/JH	Sarah Shoopman	\$ 3,400.00		\$3,400.00	Consent Motion
Facilities Director	K-12	Peter Wisniewski	\$ 12,000.00		\$ 12,000.00	Consent Motion
Pep Band	HS/JH	Salina Koerper	\$ 1,125.00		\$1,125.00	Consent Motion- New Hire
BPA	HS/JH	Brian Frank	\$ 1,125.00		\$1,125.00	Consent Motion

FFA	HS/JH	Daryll Grove	\$ 1,125.00		\$1,125.00	Consent Motion- New Hire
Concessions	HS/JH		\$ 1,000.00		\$1,000.00	Consent Motion
Cross Country	HS/JH Head	Sam McCrone	\$ 2,175.00		\$2,175.00	Consent Motion- New Hire
Volleyball	HS Head	Mellisa Bertolino	\$ 2,175.00	\$250.00	\$2,425.00	Joel Must Abstain
Volleyball	HS Assistant	Theresa Kosel	\$ 1,675.00		\$1,675.00	Joel Must Abstain
Volleyball	JH Head	Camrey Bradshaw	\$ 1,375.00		\$1,375.00	Consent Motion- New Hire
Volleyball	JH Assistant	Jacki Jessen	\$ 875.00		\$875.00	Consent Motion- New Hire
Basketball (B)	HS Head	Sam McCrone	\$ 2,175.00		\$2,175.00	Consent Motion- New Hire
Basketball (B)	HS Assistant		\$ 1,675.00		\$1,675.00	
Basketball (B)	JH Head	Alex Ator	\$ 1,375.00		\$1,375.00	Consent Motion
Basketball (B)	JH Assistant	Lindsay Thompson	\$ 875.00		\$875.00	Consent Motion
Basketball (G)	HS Head	Sarah Shoopman	\$ 2,175.00	\$100.00	\$2,275.00	Consent Motion
Basketball (G)	HS Assistant	Shannyn Wilson	\$ 1,675.00		\$1,675.00	Consent Motion
Basketball (G)	JH Head	Sarah Shoopman	\$ 1,375.00		\$1,375.00	Consent Motion
Basketball (G)	JH Assistant	Shannyn Wilson	\$ 875.00		\$875.00	Consent Motion
Track	HS/JH Head	Shannyn Wilson	\$ 2,175.00	\$50.00	\$2,225.00	Consent Motion
Track	HS/JH Assistant	Jacki Jessen	\$ 1,675.00		\$1,675.00	Consent Motion- New Hire

Motion was made by Brandon Crane, seconded by Joel Bertolino and carried unanimously to approve the coaching and advisor recommendations included in the consent motion category (returning staff members). (YES—DeVries, Bertolino, Crane, Swansborough. NO—none).

Motion was made by Brandon Crane, seconded by Michelle Swansborough and carried unanimously to approve Melissa Bertolino as head volleyball coach and Theresa Kosel as assistant volleyball coach. (YES—DeVries, Crane, Swansborough. NO—none. Abstained because of conflict of interest – Joel Bertolino).

Motion was made by Joel Bertolino, seconded by Brandon Crane and carried unanimously to approve the coaching and advisor recommendations included in the consent motion-new hires category. (YES—DeVries, Bertolino, Crane, Swansborough. NO—none).

NEW BUSINESS

RATIFY NEGOTIATIONS – Motion was made by Joel Bertolino, seconded by Brandon Crane and carried unanimously to ratify negotiations with classified and administrative staff as approved in June. (YES—DeVries, Bertolino, Crane, Swansborough. NO—none).

COVID-19 PLANNING – Mr. Ator stated COVID-19 is something we've never dealt with before and it has become politicized and polarized as recommendations keep changing. He presented the materials that were discussed with staff and plans put together to reopen safely. He outlined the following items:

1. Universal masks or shields and six feet of separation (includes busses)

Mrs. Swansborough stated plexiglas shields and dividers would help.

Mr. Ator stated the material is hard to get ahold of right now but we are looking at some different ways to create separation.

Mr. Crane asked what happens if a student has a behavior problem that makes wearing a mask difficult.

Mr. Ator stated just as with a breathing problem, it would have to be certified by a physician.

Mrs. Swansborough added a shield could be a good substitute for someone having trouble with a mask.

Mr. Ator stated he really needs direction from the board on how to proceed with this plan.

Motion was made by Joel Bertolino, seconded by Brandon Crane and carried unanimously to support requiring universal masks and shields and six feet of separation (including busses). (YES—DeVries, Bertolino, Crane, Swansborough. NO—none).

Mr. Ator then reviewed the following:

2. Students staying put in assigned seats keep droplets in the student's space.
3. Exercise and Proper Diet help us develop antibodies and improve overall health.
4. Well ventilated classrooms and specifically being outside decreases droplet transfer.
5. Limiting outside guests decreases our local risk.
6. Allowing students to opt out and participate remotely lowers class sizes and decreases risk of transfer.
7. Understanding symptom check and quarantine responsibilities (be prepared to adjust).
8. HS and JH block schedule/Google Practice/Experiment with Online while on campus.
9. Most students prefer to be socially engaged in the classroom, and perform better when engaged.

Motion was made by Brandon Crane, seconded by Michelle Swansborough and carried unanimously to approve the items put together by the staff and Mr. Ator to reopen safely. (YES—DeVries, Bertolino, Crane, Swansborough. NO—none).

Mr. Ator asked if a teacher is working from home because of not feeling well or being quarantined, can they still get paid.

Mr. Crane stated he supports having as much flexibility as possible.

Mr. Ator asked how we get lunches to those students who have chosen to stay home.

Ms. DeVries stated if they choose to stay home and still want meals, they need to come get them.

Mr. Ator stated we may need to amend the attendance policy for students who are at home and attending virtually.

BUS ROUTES – Mr. Ator stated the bus routes were included in the packet and the only proposed change is to shorten a route because a family moved from Shorey Lane. He asked for approval of the bus routes to be submitted to the County Transportation Committee.

Motion was made by Michelle Swansborough, seconded by Joel Bertolino and carried unanimously to approve the bus routes as presented by the superintendent. (YES—DeVries, Bertolino, Crane, Swansborough. NO—none).

OUT OF DISTRICT STUDENTS – Mr. Ator stated the list of out of district students was also in the packet and asked for approval of the list.

Motion was made by Joel Bertolino, seconded by Michelle Swansborough and carried unanimously to approve the list of out of district students as presented by the superintendent. (YES—DeVries, Bertolino, Crane, Swansborough. NO—none).

OLD BUSINESS

None

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

LITERACY UPDATE – Mr. Ator stated staff has been continuing to do professional development and will be meeting on August 10 and 11.

SUPERINTENDENT SCHEDULE – Mr. Ator stated his wife's due date is the end of September and he is planning on taking two to three weeks off at that time.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. DeVries called for adjournment at 8:25 p.m.

Board Chair

District Clerk