

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
ROBERTS SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5
SEPTEMBER 15, 2021**

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Roberts School District No. 5, Roberts, Montana was called to order by Chair Joel Bertolino at 6:00 p.m. on September 15, 2021 in the library at the Roberts School.

ATTENDANCE

Joel Bertolino, Chair
Michelle Swansborough, Vice Chair
Tyler Allen (arrived at 6:40 p.m.)
Sam Langager

Absent: Brandon Crane

Alex Ator, Superintendent

GUESTS: Sarah Shoopman (virtual)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES

Motion was made by Michelle Swansborough, seconded by Sam Langager and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the August 11, 2021 regular meeting and August 18, 2021 special meeting as presented. (YES—Bertolino, Swansborough, Langager. NO—none).

WARRANTS

Motion was made by Michelle Swansborough, seconded by Sam Langager, and carried unanimously to approve warrants 45401-47456 as written. (YES—Bertolino, Swansborough, Langager. NO—none).

PUBLIC COMMENT

Michelle Swansborough stated some community members are joining with students for a Community/Student Pep Band.

Mr. Ator stated he received an email from Tammy Helsper of the Roberts Cultural Council asking how the group can assist the school in the areas of art and culture. She stated they are looking at reinstating some of the programs provided by RPPA such as providing tickets for the Alberta Bair theater, bringing the Montana Shakes! Program to the school, and providing musical instruments. She added she would like to attend a future board meeting to discuss possibilities with the board.

STAFFING

Addition to Sub List – Mr. Ator stated he would like to add Lyla Morrell to the substitute list.

Motion was made by Michelle Swansborough, seconded by Sam Langager and carried unanimously to add Lyla Morrell to the substitute list. (YES—Bertolino, Swansborough, Langager. NO—none).

NEW BUSINESS

BUS ROUTE AMENDMENTS – Mr. Ator stated we have made some tweaks to the bus routes and he may have a recommendation for an amendment in the future.

BIDS FOR BATHROOM REMODEL – Mr. Ator stated he has been trying to get a bid on finishing up the bathroom but has not been able to find anyone interested.

BIDS FOR LITERACY BUS – Mr. Ator stated the district's grant leadership team and the state grant team have approved a bid for the lease of a non-CDL oversized van we can use to transport students to the Boys and Girls Club. He stated at the end of the lease period, the district will buy out the rest of the lease.

Motion was made by Michelle Swansborough, seconded by Sam Langager and carried unanimously to approve the bid for a three-year lease of a non-CDL oversized van with the district making the final buyout at the end of the lease. (YES—Bertolino, Swansborough, Langager. NO—none).

OLD BUSINESS

CONSIDERATION OF SABBATICAL – Mr. Ator stated this topic once again needs to be tabled.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

LITERACY REPORT – Mr. Ator reported the following for the literacy grant:

1. Sixteen staff members attended the Big Sky Literacy Conference.
2. MAP and Dibels testing is about half done and when completed, we will review the information and set staff goals for fall.
3. We are closing out the first MCLP grant this month and beginning the new grant.

ACTIVITY REPORT – Sarah Shoopman reported the following for Activities:

1. There are 16 girls participating in junior high volleyball and 18 in high school volleyball.
2. Roberts will be hosting a volleyball tournament on October 2.
3. Roberts will be the second site for district volleyball if we have to split sites as last year.
4. 4-C conference voted to start rotating the district tournament to include Absarokee, Bridger, and Roberts.
5. Four boys are playing elementary/junior high football in Red Lodge and 5 are playing high school football.
6. We have one high school cross country runner and seven elementary/junior high runners.
7. FFA and BPA are up and running.
8. Athletic competitions will be broadcast on NFHS again this year.
9. Miss Wilson has started play practice for the production on October 14.

FACILITIES – Mr. Ator stated work on the hallways is basically done but continues on the bathroom.

NEXT MEETING – Mr. Ator stated meeting dates for the next few months are October 20, November 17, and December 15.

COVID UPDATE – County Health is still recommending a 10-day quarantine for positive Covid cases and close contacts. He added the department will no longer report positive cases to us as it violates HIPPA provisions so we will have to rely on parents to notify us.

DISPENSARY ACROSS THE STREET – Mr. Ator reported he has exhausted options with the current law about the marijuana dispensary planning to open across the street as it isn't on the same street as the school.

SUPERINTENDENT SCHEDULE – Mr. Ator stated many educational trainings are still virtual except for his monthly superintendent meetings so he doesn't have much travel scheduled. He will continue to occasionally take a Friday off to care for Ryzen.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Bertolino called for adjournment at 7:00 p.m.

Board Chair

District Clerk