

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
ROBERTS SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5  
DECEMBER 10, 2013**

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, Roberts School District No. 5, was called to order by Chair Sarah DeVries at 6:00 p.m. on December 10, 2013, in the library at the Roberts School.

**ATTENDANCE**

Sarah DeVries, Chair  
Joel Bertolino, Vice Chair  
Tami Hoines  
Luke Holdbrook  
Rusty Niemi

Elliott Crump, Superintendent  
JaLayne Obert, Business Manager/District Clerk

GUESTS: Ward Braten, Jacob Lepe, Clark Begger, Travis Sheesley, Misty Hult

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**MINUTES**

Motion was made by Joel Bertolino, seconded by Tami Hoines and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the November 12, 2013 meeting as presented. (YES: DeVries, Bertolino, Hoines, Holdbrook, Niemi. NO—none).

**CLAIMS, SEQUENCE, AND VOIDED CHECKS**

Motion was made by Joel Bertolino, seconded by Luke Holdbrook and carried unanimously to approve the claims, sequence, and voided checks for December, 2013 as presented. (YES: DeVries, Bertolino, Hoines, Holdbrook, Niemi. NO—none).

**ATTENDANCE ISSUES**

Mr. Crump stated the next matter to come before the Board involves students and recommended the meeting be closed for the privacy of those students.

Ms. DeVries closed the meeting at 6:05 p.m. stating the next item of business involves individuals and it is her determination that the demands of individual privacy supersede the public's right to know.

She returned the meeting to regular session at 6:26 p.m.

Mr. Crump recommended credits be reinstated for student J.L.

Motion was made by Joel Bertolino, seconded by Tami Hoines and carried unanimously to approve the reinstatement of credits for student J.L. as recommended by the superintendent. (YES—DeVries, Bertolino, Hoines, Holdbrook, Niemi. NO—none).

Mr. Crump recommended credits by reinstated for student T.S. as recommended by the superintendent.

Motion was made by Tami Hoines, seconded by Luke Holdbrook and carried unanimously to approve the reinstatement of credits for student T.S. as recommended by the superintendent. (YES—DeVries, Bertolino, Hoines, Holdbrook, Niemi. NO—none).

## **TEACHER REPORTS**

Clark Begger and Ward Braten gave the teacher reports for December.

Mr. Begger stated the fifth and sixth grade social studies class is studying China at the moment and will have the opportunity to sample some authentic Chinese food. He stated the seventh and eighth graders just finished studying Africa and have moved into Montana History.

Mr. Begger stated at the high school level he is teaching Montana History, US History and Chinese Culture.

Mr. Braten stated VoAg classes are involved with plants, woodworking, and metal work and have projects that need to be completed by the end of semester at the Christmas break.

Mr. Holdbrook asked who determines the projects the students work on.

Mr. Braten stated if the students are all working on the same project, the school pays for the materials but if they are working on something of their own idea, they provide the materials.

Mr. Begger asked if the Board could discuss the football co-op with Fromberg while he is at the meeting.

Mr. Crump stated in his last conversation with Fromberg, they were still discussing a co-op with Belfry for all sports.

Ms. DeVries asked if that co-op would be for next year. Mr. Crump stated his understanding is it would start immediately.

Mr. Bertolino asked when our co-op contract with Fromberg for football expires. Mr. Crump stated it has one more year.

Mr. Crump stated if Fromberg and Belfry do co-op, they can do so in everything but football because there would be too many students for a co-op between the three schools. He stated that may change at the MHSA Annual Meeting in January. He stated there will also be a resolution presented at that meeting to allow eighth grade students to participate in all high school sports without applying to the MHSA.

Mr. Niemi asked about the direction Mr. Crump thinks Fromberg will go.

Mr. Crump stated he knows they were displeased with our decision to not co-op junior high football. He stated he told both Fromberg and Belfry their junior high teams could come to Roberts to play but would have to play as part of our team.

Mr. Begger stated if the Board is not in favor of another co-op with Fromberg for football, it would be best for the students to end it sooner rather than later.

## **PERSONNEL**

**ELEMENTARY STUDENT TEACHER** – Mr. Crump stated Brian Franks from Joliet would like approval to do his student teaching in Roberts next semester and Mr. Nelson would be overseeing him.

Motion was made by Joel Bertolino, seconded by Rusty Niemi and carried unanimously to approve the student teacher request from Brian Franks. (YES—DeVries, Bertolino, Hoines, Holdbrook, Niemi. NO—none).

**JUNIOR CLASS CONCESSIONS** – Mr. Crump stated he is recommending, on the vote by the junior class, that they give Michelle Schoening \$400 per season for overseeing concessions.

Mr. Crump stated each teacher has duties assigned as an advisor and if the class does concessions, there is more work for the advisor unless someone else is responsible for managing concessions. He stated this is entirely the decision of the class because the payment has to come from their profits.

Motion was made by Luke Holdbrook, seconded by Rusty Niemi and carried unanimously to approve the decision by the Class of 2015 to give Michelle Schoening \$400 per season to oversee concessions. (YES—DeVries, Bertolino, Hoines, Holdbrook, Niemi. NO—none).

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**ELECTION CALENDAR** – Mrs. Obert stated she included the Election Calendar in the Board packet with deadlines for items to be completed to hold the trustee election on May 6, 2014. She added there will be two trustee positions up for election.

**BUS REPLACEMENT** – Mr. Crump stated the new route bus should be here soon and Roly DeVries has asked about replacing his bus, which has the same mileage as the one we just replaced. Mr. Crump stated he is not comfortable purchasing another bus until we see how this one performs and we have closer to \$200,000 in the Bus Depreciation Fund.

**8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE ATHLETIC PARTICIPATION** – Mr. Crump recommended the Board approve 8<sup>th</sup> grade participation for girls' and boys' basketball.

Motion was made by Joel Bertolino, seconded by Tami Hoines and carried unanimously to approve eighth grade participation in girls' and boys' basketball. (YES—DeVries, Bertolino, Hoines, Holdbrook, Niemi. NO—none).

**SNOW REMOVAL** – Mr. Crump stated he has been getting bids on snow removal and they are from \$50 - \$100 per hour. He stated he doesn't know that the district has ever had to pay for snow removal and asked the Board to give him some parameters on when to remove the snow.

Mr. Holdbrook stated if he hears of a car getting stuck in the parking lot, have it plowed.

Motion was made by Luke Holdbrook, seconded by Joel Bertolino and carried unanimously to authorize the superintendent to expend funds on snow removal for the parking lot. (YES—DeVries, Bertolino, Hoines, Holdbrook, Niemi. NO—none).

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**CHRISTMAS/WINTER HOLIDAY EVENT** – Mr. Crump stated the Christmas staff party is scheduled for Monday, December 16, 2013 at the Roberts Café at 7:00 p.m.

### **SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

**SUPERINTENDENT SCHEDULE** – Mr. Crump stated he is taking vacation December 23-27, 2013. He recommended the office be closed for those days.

Motion was made by Tami Hoines, seconded by Joel Bertolino and carried unanimously to close the office during the Christmas break from December 23 to December 27, 2013. (YES—DeVries, Bertolino, Hoines, Holdbrook, Niemi. NO—none).

Mr. Crump stated there is an Assessment and Data Conference in Helena on January 15-17. He stated he needs the information from the conference but hates to be gone this time of year with basketball practice and games. He stated he may be able to attend part of the conference and get the information he needs and leave early. He stated he will let the Board know if he decides to attend.

SUPERINTENDENT EVALUATION FORM – Mr. Crump stated he included his evaluation forms in the packet as his evaluation is supposed to be done before January 31. He asked when the Board would like his portion completed.

Mr. Bertolino asked if there are ramifications to not completing the evaluation before January 31.

Mr. Crump stated unless he is informed otherwise by January 31, his contract is automatically renewed.

Mr. Holdbrook asked if Mr. Crump could have his portion to Board members by January 10 and then an evaluation meeting can be set at the January regular meeting.

PROGRAM UPDATE – Mr. Crump reported we are coming to the end of the first semester and some high school students will be changing schedules as they would like to take German.

Mr. Crump stated the student count is 109.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Ms. DeVries adjourned the meeting at 7:39 p.m.

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Board Chair

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District Clerk