

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
ROBERTS SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5
DECEMBER 12, 2017**

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, Roberts School District No. 5, was called to order by Sarah DeVries at 6:00 p.m. on December 12, 2017, in the library at the Roberts School.

ATTENDANCE

Sarah DeVries, Chair
Joel Bertolino, Vice Chair
Tyler Allen (via telephone)
Sanford Langager

Absent: James Binando

Alex Ator, Superintendent
JaLayne Obert, Business Manager/Clerk

GUESTS: James Sigl, Connie Cooper, Bentley Bertolino, Joseph Allen, Jackie Ronning, Crystal Wright, Erika Binando

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES

Motion was made by Sanford Langager, seconded by Joel Bertolino and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the November 15, 2017 meeting as presented. (YES— DeVries, Bertolino, Allen, Langager. NO—none).

CLAIMS, SEQUENCE, AND VOIDED CHECKS

Motion was made by Joel Bertolino, seconded by Sanford Langager and carried unanimously to approve the claims, sequence, and voided checks for December, 2017 as presented. (YES— DeVries, Bertolino, Allen, Langager. NO—none).

TEACHER REPORTS

James Sigl presented the teacher report for the month.

Mr. Sigl stated he attended a National Geographic conference in Washington D.C. this summer and brought back information on teaching students different ways of looking at problems. He brought seventh graders Joseph Allen, Bentley Bertolino, and Connie Cooper who presented the project they have been working on to consider paving the school's parking lot.

Mr. Sigl stated the process the students used is made up of five stages and looks at things locally, regionally, and globally.

Mr. Ator stated Mr. Sigl's classes are very interactive and up-to-date.

STAFFING

ROUTE BUS DRIVER – Mr. Ator stated the applicant for the bus driving position has taken first aid and is able to drive with a licensed bus driver with no passengers for practice. He stated we'll see if he completes the requirements in January.

VARSITY BOYS BB ASSISTANT – Mr. Ator asked for approval for extra-curricular contracts for Jon Milligan (1/4 time) and Chase Burgan (3/4 time) for the assistant varsity boys' basketball coaching position.

Motion was made by Joel Bertolino, seconded by Sanford Langager and carried unanimously to hire Jon Milligan and Chase Burgan as assistant varsity boys' basketball coaches at ¼ and ¾ time. (YES—DeVries, Bertolino, Allen, Langager. NO—none).

NEW BUSINESS

MONTANA COMPREHENSIVE LITERACY PROJECT – Mr. Ator stated the grant application for the Montana Comprehensive Literacy Project is almost complete and has to be postmarked by Friday. He asked the board to approve the letter of support to be submitted with the application.

Motion was made by Sanford Langager, seconded by Joel Bertolino and carried unanimously to approve the letter of support from the board for the Montana Comprehensive Literacy Project grant application. (YES—Devries, Bertolino, Allen, Langager. NO—none).

SUPERINTENDENT EVALUATION – Mr. Ator stated he will be sending out material for his evaluation next week and would like the information back by the end of the month.

ELECTION CALENDAR – Mr. Ator stated the calendar for the trustee election on May 8, 2018 is in the board packet. He added the terms of Ms. DeVries and Mr. Langager are up for election this year.

MHSA PROPOSALS – Mr. Ator stated the MHSA Annual Meeting is scheduled for January 15, 2018, in Bozeman. He added there are only two resolutions, one to amend the eighth grade participation/academic/transfer by-laws and one to amend fines to increase the amount assessed.

Mr. Ator stated the proposal for participation by eighth grade students would allow the local district to approve participation by eighth graders in cross country, golf, wrestling, track/field, tennis, and swimming with the MHSA still approving participation in basketball and volleyball. He recommended having our delegate, Mr. Cole, vote in favor of both proposals.

OLD BUSINESS

CARPET BIDS – Mr. Ator stated he received approval from Payne-West to replace the carpet in the Art/PE room and send them the bill. He added we will also be able to keep the money that was sent earlier for payment of the claim.

STAFF APPRECIATION EVENT – Mr. Ator stated the Roberts Café would like to do the staff appreciation dinner and will do it on a Thursday or Friday night. He stated he would like approval to set aside \$1000 for the event.

Motion was made by Sanford Langager, seconded by Tyler Allen and carried unanimously to approve \$1000 for the staff appreciation dinner at the Roberts Café. (YES—DeVries, Bertolino, Allen, Langager. NO—none).

CERTIFIED NEGOTIATIONS – Mr. Ator stated Ms. DeVries and Mr. Langager will be meeting with the teacher negotiators after this meeting.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

SUPERINTENDENT SCHEDULE – Mr. Ator reported it will be pretty quiet for meetings for the next month or so.

STAFF REPORTS – Mr. Ator stated staff reports in the packet include one from Mrs. Lastusky for the library regarding the success of the Book Fair and one from Crystal Wright and John Payovich on the junior high girls' basketball season.

Mr. Ator stated the Carbon County News has been featuring students of the week from schools in the county on a rotating basis. He added so far Skyler Hess, Andy VanOrnum, Boone Schmaltz, Brayden Neil, Titus Hinkle, and Elizabeth DeVries have been recognized.

Courtney Halverson, senior class advisor, reported graduation is scheduled for Sunday, May 20, 2018.

MISCELLANEOUS

ENROLLMENT – Mr. Ator stated enrollment is currently at 124 students with the possibility of five more coming after the first of the year which would bring us to 129. He added the one/two and three/four combination classrooms are at their limits.

Mr. Ator stated with these numbers, we should probably look at advertising for a full-time counselor who would also oversee the digital academy classes and move Mrs. Halvorsen back to an elementary classroom or hire an elementary teacher. He stated adding that to the budget would be a big strain and we would have to use up funds like REAP and maybe even tap into the reserves.

Mr. Ator stated he will put the listing out with a closing date of January 5, 2018 so we have information for the January meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. DeVries called for adjournment at 6:50 p.m.

Board Chair

District Clerk