

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
ROBERTS SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5  
NOVEMBER 12, 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 November 12, 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: Mary Allen, Rees Newton, Jackie Ronning, Ward Braten, Ron Prinkki, Claire Schoening, Michelle Schoening, Chris DeVries

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**MINUTES**

Motion was made by Rusty Niemi, seconded by Tami Hoines and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the October 8, 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 Rusty Niemi and carried unanimously to approve the claims, sequence, and voided checks for November, 2013 as presented. (YES: DeVries, Bertolino, Hoines, Holdbrook, Niemi. NO—none).

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ron Prinkki stated he has heard of the possibility of substance abuse in the school and asked that the staff keep an eye out for it.

Mr. Crump asked Mr. Prinkki to come visit with him if he has information about substance abuse in the school.

**HOBY REPORT**

Claire Schoening reported to the Board on her experience this summer at the HOBY (Hugh O'Brien Youth) Leadership conference in Missoula.

Ms. Schoening stated attending this conference was one of the best experiences she's ever had and the people she met there are now some of her best friends. She stated the conference emphasized leadership, critical thinking and making a difference in the community. She added she will definitely encourage other students to apply and she hopes to return as a youth advisor.

Mr. Crump stated the district will now reimburse Ms. Schoening for the registration fee for the conference.

**TEACHER REPORTS**

Mary Allen and Rees Newton presented the Teacher Reports for November.

Mrs. Allen stated this year she is teaching German at the junior high level, newspaper with Mr. Begger, overseeing some online classes, as well as library.

Mrs. Allen stated this summer she opened the library and helped the Boys and Girls Club on the one day a week they were here in Roberts. She stated instead of taking a stipend for her work, the club sent money to the school to be used for the library and she would like to use some of it to purchase an accelerated reading program for the elementary. She added the elementary teachers have used the program before and are excited about having access to it again.

Mrs. Allen stated the money from the Boys and Girls Club should be sufficient to keep the program going for about three years.

Mrs. Newton stated in the third/fourth grade, she really likes using the Story Town program for reading and is excited about having the accelerated reading program. She outlined the math and science programs and stated because she feels writing is so important, her students are writing all the time.

Mrs. Newton stated she is very happy with her experience in Roberts and the students are awesome.

**PERSONNEL**

**COACHING RECOMMENDATIONS** – Mr. Crump made the following coaching recommendations:

George Nelson, Head High School Girls Basketball Coach at a stipend of \$2900.

Motion was made by Rusty Niemi, seconded by Joel Bertolino and carried unanimously to hire George Nelson as the Head High School Girls Basketball Coach at a stipend of \$2900. (YES—DeVries, Bertolino, Hoines, Holdbrook, Niemi. NO—none).

Jené Reinhardt, Asst. High School Girls Basketball Coach at a stipend of \$1650.

Motion was made by Tami Hoines, seconded by Joel Bertolino and carried unanimously to hire Jené Reinhardt as the Asst. High School Girls Basketball Coach at a stipend of \$1650. (YES—DeVries, Bertolino, Hoines, Holdbrook, Niemi. NO—none).

Elliott Crump, Head High School Boys Basketball Coach at a stipend of \$2350.

Motion was made by Rusty Niemi, seconded by Tami Hoines and carried unanimously to hire Elliott Crump as the Head High School Boys Basketball Coach at a stipend of \$2350. (YES—DeVries, Bertolino, Hoines, Holdbrook, Niemi. NO—none).

Jon Croft, Asst. High School Boys Basketball Coach at a stipend of \$1650. (YES—DeVries, Bertolino, Hoines, Holdbrook, Niemi. NO—none).

**SUBSTITUTE TEACHER/BUS DRIVER** – Mr. Crump recommended the Board add Yichun (Linda) Lin to the substitute teacher list.

Motion was made by Joel Bertolino, seconded by Tami Hoines and carried unanimously to add Yichun (Linda) Lin to the district's substitute teacher list.

Mr. Crump recommended the Board add Tom Davis to the substitute teacher and substitute bus driver list.

Motion was made by Rusty Niemi, seconded by Joel Bertolino and carried unanimously to add Tom Davis to the substitute teacher and substitute bus driver lists. (YES—DeVries, Bertolino, Hoines, Holdbrook, Niemi. NO—none).

SPECIAL EDUCATION – Mr. Crump stated he has talked with Crystal Wright about when she will be returning from maternity leave and anticipates she will come in two days a week beginning in December. He stated he hasn't brought in a full-time substitute for Mrs. Wright but Amanda Smith, who would normally work five hours per day, is working an extra three hours per day to fill in for Mrs. Wright. He stated he would like to pay Mrs. Smith \$15.00 per hour for those three hours instead of the regular \$13.17 paid to an aide.

Motion was made by Rusty Niemi, seconded by Tami Hoines and carried unanimously to pay Amanda Smith \$15.00 per hour for the additional three hours per day she works to fill in for Mrs. Wright. (YES—DeVries, Bertolino, Hoines, Holdbrook, Niemi. NO—none).

### **NEW BUSINESS**

REQUEST FOR USE OF PARKING LOT – Mr. Crump stated Black Sheep Tees has requested the use of the parking lot during the Iron Horse Rodeo in Red Lodge next summer. He stated the owner would like a site somewhere outside Red Lodge to set up his tent and would need access to power and space in the parking lot by the highway. He added he is willing to donate \$1500 to the school for the use.

Mr. Crump recommended the Board approve the request.

Mr. Bertolino asked if there is a liability issue.

Mr. Niemi asked if we need to see if any of the surrounding businesses have a problem with the request.

Mr. Crump stated he'll contact the insurance company and report back next month.

CHRISTMAS/WINTER HOLIDAY EVENT – Mr. Crump asked for approval of the staff Christmas party at the Roberts Café at an expense of no more than \$900. He stated last year the Board gave permission for Mrs. Obert to issue a check to the café the day after the event and asked if that could be done again.

Motion was made by Luke Holdbrook, seconded by Joel Bertolino to approve the staff Christmas at the Roberts Café at an expense of no more than \$900.00 and to authorize Mrs. Obert to issue payment to the café the next day. (YES—DeVries, Bertolino, Hoines, Holdbrook, Niemi. NO—none).

TECHNOLOGY REPLACEMENT – Mr. Crump asked for approval for purchasing two new projectors, one for the social studies room and one for the math room, at a cost of \$4105.00.

Motion was made by Joel Bertolino, seconded by Rusty Niemi and carried unanimously to approve the purchase of two new projectors at a cost of \$4105.00. (YES—DeVries, Bertolino, Hoines, Holdbrook, Niemi. NO—none).

FOOTBALL CO-OP – Mr. Crump reported Fromberg and Belfry are considering entering into a co-op for all sports, which would eliminate our football co-op with Fromberg as the MHSAA won't allow us to have a three-school football co-op. He stated he would keep the Board advised of any updates.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

MISCELLANEOUS – Ms. DeVries asked about the status of the new bus. Mr. Crump stated it should be here soon.

Mr. Niemi stated the district needs to complain to the County Commissioners about the conditions of the roads on the bus routes.

**SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

SUPERINTENDENT SCHEDULE – Mr. Crump stated basketball is starting soon and that will take up much of his time.

Mr. Crump stated he attended an assessment conference two weeks ago in Great Falls. He stated the school's staff evaluation team has decided to go through the evaluation process with one of the teacher-members.

PROGRAM UPDATE – Mr. Crump stated Parent/Teacher conferences went well and we had a good turnout.

STUDENT ENROLLMENT – Mr. Crump stated our student count is now at 111.

MISCELLANEOUS – Discussion was held on the possible consolidation of the County Superintendent's office with the Treasurer's office.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Ms. DeVries adjourned the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

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Board Chair

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District Clerk