

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
ROBERTS SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5
SEPTEMBER 15, 2010**

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, Roberts School District No. 5 was called to order by Chair Randy Weimer at 7:00 p.m. on September 15, 2010 in the library at the Roberts School.

ATTENDANCE

Randy Weimer, Chair
Tracy Timmons, Vice Chair
Carl Easthouse
Sanford Langager
Frank Ropp

Elliott Crump, Superintendent
JaLayne Obert, District Clerk

GUESTS: Mary Allen, Rory Bauer, Kathy Bauer, Angela Melton, Rod Melton, Joseph Melton, George Nelson, Janine Johnson, Arik Petersen, Sam Miller, Jacob Miller, Lynette Burgan, Ronnie Wright Jr.

MINUTES

Motion was made by Carl Easthouse, seconded by Sanford Langager and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the regular meeting August 12 and special meetings August 13, 14, and 16, 2010 as presented. (YES—Weimer, Timmons, Easthouse, Langager, Ropp. NO—none.)

CLAIMS, SEQUENCE, AND VOIDED CHECKS

Mr. Ropp asked why the bus maintenance bill was so big. Mrs. Obert stated it contained items fixed or replaced to get the busses ready for the school year.

Mr. Langager asked if we do anything with old tires to recoup some of the cost. Mrs. Obert stated she'd have to talk with Roly Devries.

Mr. Weimer asked about the warrant for a boiler part. Mr. Easthouse stated it is for a flow switch for the old boiler.

Mr. Weimer asked if the gas line to the old boiler has been capped. Mr. Easthouse stated the valve is off but the line isn't capped.

Mrs. Timmons asked if there has been any resolution on the Trane bill. Mr. Crump stated there hasn't been yet.

Mr. Easthouse stated we need to get a master code for the air handlers from them so we can get into the program.

Mrs. Obert asked for Board approval for the following:

1. Student Activities Account – Delete accounts for the Class of 2007 and 2008, transfer funds from the Cheerleaders account into the Student Athletics account and then delete the Cheerleaders account.
2. Student Activities Account – Void checks 5067, 5709, and 5764 as they are over a year old.
3. General Fund – Void check 33923 as it is over a year old.

Motion was made by Frank Ropp, seconded by Sanford Langager and carried unanimously to approve the claims, sequence, and voided checks for September 2010 as presented and approve the requests for fund changes made by Mrs. Obert. (YES—Weimer, Timmons, Easthouse, Langager, Ropp. NO—none).

Mrs. Timmons asked for an update on MUST. Mrs. Obert stated the company sent a letter stating the contribution adjustment was being reduced and then would be settled when the audit is conducted. It was determined by the Board to wait until the audit is settled and we know a firm figure before paying the adjustment.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Janine Johnson asked that guidelines be established for movies shown on the bus going to sporting events and in the classroom. She stated a movie was shown last year on the bus that was totally inappropriate and she doesn't want it to happen again. She added she hopes showing movies in the classroom is limited to special occasions and a note should be sent to the parents so they can decide if they want their child to view the movie.

Sam Miller stated he would hate to see movies not allowed at all as some of the students travel long distances on the bus.

Mr. Ropp stated adding the DVD player was discussed when we purchased the bus and the drivers feel the students are much quieter and stay in their seats better with the movies.

Mr. Crump stated it will be easy to get a list of appropriate movies for each level and teachers and coaches can check with him before showing a movie.

Mr. Weimer asked if we need to suspend showing movies until we have some guidelines established.

Mrs. Timmons stated movies don't have to be suspended if Mr. Crump approves them until we talk with staff and get guidelines set.

Mr. Crump stated he will make sure appropriate movies are shown until we get something in place.

Ronnie Wright Jr. commented we may need to look into a co-op for the boys basketball program as the participation numbers don't look good.

Mr. Weimer stated we need to schedule a meeting later this month to discuss basketball like we did the football meeting.

Mr. Wright stated that may be too late to co-op.

Mr. Weimer stated we'll talk about this subject later in the meeting.

STUDENT PRESENTATION

Jacob Miller stated he represented Roberts High School at Boys' State this summer, a program that gives boys from across the state an insight into how the government runs.

Mr. Miller stated the aspect of Boys' State he really enjoyed is being elected to a senate seat. He added what he disliked was the inadequate information he received to attend the event and the lax requirements for selection of participants. He stated he was chosen to receive the Samsung Scholarship and will compete for that scholarship on the national level.

Mrs. Timmons asked how we get word out to other students about participating in this event. Mr. Miller stated we could put articles in the newsletter and also on the website.

PERSONNEL

SPECIAL EDUCATION AIDE – Mr. Crump recommended hiring Carly May for the special education aide for 39 hours per week at \$13.00 per hour.

Motion was made by Tracy Timmons, seconded by Carl Easthouse and carried unanimously to hire Carly May for the special education aide for 39 hours per week at \$13.00 per hour. (YES—Weimer, Timmons, Easthouse, Langager, Ropp. NO—none).

BUS DRIVER POSITION – Mr. Crump reported Amber Mullin passed the written portion of the test for bus driver licensure and will begin driving practice with Dick Sederberg to prepare for the driving portion.

Mrs. Timmons asked how much practice time will be needed. Mr. Crump stated until Ms. Mullin is comfortable driving the bus but he hopes it will be before Mr. Sederberg leaves in November. He added Roger Braten will also soon be available to substitute.

Mr. Langager stated Bill Temple may also be available to substitute.

BASKETBALL COACHING POSITON – Mr. Weimer stated Mr. Crump is recommending holding a special meeting to discuss basketball as was done with the football program.

Mr. Crump stated he feels it would be a good idea to call parents of students involved in the sport so we can get the issues in the open and do the best thing for players and the program.

It was decided to hold the meeting on Wednesday, September 29, 2010, at 7:00 p.m.

Mrs. Timmons asked if there is any information we need to get before the meeting.

Mr. Weimer stated the first thing we need to do is check with the MHSA to see if a co-op is even possible.

Mr. Crump stated there are other options besides having a co-op program. He added next year looks like it will be the toughest and we may have to consider having a Junior Varsity program..

Ronnie Wright stated we may not have enough players to practice with just our students.

Mr. Weimer stated if we're looking at a co-op program, we need to invite parents of younger students.

Mr. Crump stated we will notify parents of students in the sixth grade and up.

NEW BUSINESS

OUT OF DISTRICT STUDENTS – Mrs. Obert stated approval of the following students from other districts is needed:

Maverick Bushnell
Colton Mullin
Miranda and Sophia Boughey
Samantha Rosebrock

Motion was made by Carl Easthouse, seconded by Frank Ropp and carried unanimously to approve the out of district agreements for Maverick Bushnell, Colton Mullin, Miranda Boughey, Sophia Boughey, and Samantha Rosebrock. (YES—Weimer, Timmons, Easthouse, Langager, Ropp. NO—none).

BEARTOOTH ELECTRIC – Mr. Crump reported he has been informed by Beartooth Electric that when they changed the district from a residential customer to a commercial customer in April, they forgot to add the demand charge onto the bill. He added the additional amount, \$1735.14, will be added to the September bill.

REA DINNER – Mr. Crump stated Beartooth Electric will be holding its annual meeting and dinner in the new gym on September 25, 2010.

Mr. Nelson stated we'll have to ensure there is adequate parking for the football game and room to allow the Custer bus to get in and out. He suggested Beartooth Electric check our football schedule next year before they set their meeting date.

Mr. Nelson stated he is arranging for portable toilets for the football game and asked if we also need them for recess. After discussion, it was decided to get the portable toilet for the football game only at this time.

SPECIAL EDUCATION CO-OP – Mr. Crump stated the districts involved in a special education co-op must verify in writing each year their intent to continue with the co-op.

Motion was made by Tracy Timmons, seconded by Carl Easthouse and carried unanimously to approve continued membership in the Yellowstone-West/Carbon County Special Service Cooperative for the 2010-2011

school year and appoint Elliott Crump as their representative on the Cooperative Joint Advisory Board. (YES—Weimer, Timmons, Easthouse, Langager, Ropp. NO—none).

ROCKET GEAR – Mr. Crump stated he received a brochure from Montana Correctional Enterprise about producing school apparel such as t-shirts and hats. He added he stopped at the facility to talk with the manager and they have a nice product at a reasonable price. He added if we decide to order from them, we could have the merchandise here for homecoming.

Mr. Weimer asked if Student Council will be selling the clothing. Mr. Crump stated Student Council will be in charge of arranging to get it sold.

Motion was made by Carl Easthouse, seconded by Sanford Langager and carried unanimously to approve the purchase of Rocket Gear through MCE for resale with a limit of \$500.00. (YES—Weimer, Timmons, Easthouse, Langager, Ropp. NO—none).

SCHOOL WEBSITE – Mr. Crump stated the school website is up and running. He added we'll advertise the Rocket Gear on the site and see if we can take orders from it. He stated an article by Jacob Miller about Boys' State will be added and perhaps linked to the Boys' State Website.

MISCELLANEOUS – Mr. Weimer asked the Board if we should be spending our budget more evenly throughout the year rather than waiting to make major purchases at year-end. He stated he would like to see us get a few more SmartBoards.

Mr. Crump stated he is currently working with the Roberts Community Foundation on a grant for a SmartBoard.

Mr. Ropp asked how many we would have to buy so every teacher had a SmartBoard.

Mr. Crump stated it would require nine to have one per teacher but not all teachers would use them. He added there may be some other products we could consider such as a document camera which would be very useful for science and is probably a little cheaper.

Mr. Weimer asked that we not spend too much time waiting to hear on grants. He asked Mr. Crump to have a proposal for next month's meeting of what he would like to see for technology.

RECESS

Mr. Weimer called for a short break at 8:40 p.m. and returned the meeting to regular session at 8:50 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS

SUMMER MAINTENANCE – Mr. Crump reported Curt Schwend fixed the hole in the locker room and it will be fine until we can do a major remodel of that area. He added doors in the old gym and boiler room have also been installed.

Mr. Easthouse asked if it is worth getting a quote to have the building all keyed the same.

Mr. Weimer stated we asked about that before and it was terribly expensive.

Mr. Weimer stated at the meeting with the teachers, Mr. Jones and Mr. Schoonover brought up the issue of the heat.

Mr. Easthouse stated the heat in that area was fixed last winter and the boiler hasn't even been turned on this fall.

MISCELLANEOUS – Mrs. Timmons asked if there is anything new with the contract with Coca-Cola. Mr. Crump stated with the laws changing regarding the sale of soda pop in schools, companies are very cautious and unless something really good comes along, we should probably not have a contract with anyone.

Mrs. Timmons asked if anything has been done with a salary schedule for classified staff.

Mr. Crump stated this issue is complicated because we already have people at salary levels so implementation would be difficult.

Mrs. Timmons stated we need to have something for negotiations.

Mrs. Timmons stated the grant for the brick project has gone to CTEP.

Mr. Crump stated both custodians are registered for classes to prepare them to take the test for the boiler license.

Mr. Crump stated the sixth graders are adjusting to their new schedule very well. He added Mrs. Hogan has been an essential element in the success of that transition.

Mrs. Timmons asked how the football co-op is going. Mr. Crump stated the co-op has some hiccups but we are doing our best to make the program work.

Mrs. Timmons asked if there is anything the Board can do.

Mr. Langager stated there is a football co-op board and perhaps it needs to meet again.

Mr. Crump stated the best way to address this is to keep things in the open and discuss them where people can have input.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

ENROLLMENT FIGURES – Mr. Crump stated our current enrollment is 118 with 26 students at the high school level, 19 at junior high, and 73 at the elementary level.

SUPERINTENDENT SCHEDULE – Mr. Crump stated he will be attending a meeting of the special education co-op on September 28 and is trying to decide whether to attend MCEL in October or use those days to do some curriculum work.

Mr. Crump stated he received a request from Isaac Marble to use the school for some filming on either November 6 and 7 or November 13 and 14. He stated there is nothing scheduled in the building on those dates but he is concerned with supervision as Mr. Marble is talking about having 30 people involved.

Mrs. Timmons asked about the topic of the film.

Mr. Ropp stated he doesn't know the topic but it is a remake of a film to submit to a film festival. He stated Mr. Marble would have to be responsible for paying for security.

Mr. Crump stated he would talk to Mr. Andersen to see if the drama class would be interested in sitting in on the filming and then there would be supervision. He stated he will contact Mr. Marble.

STUDENT UPDATES – Mr. Crump stated homecoming is scheduled for September 20-25 with the bonfire on Wednesday night and the parade on Friday.

Mr. Crump reported the following results of the Student Council election:

Kelsey Kessner – President
Sarah Novasio -- Vice President
Trisha Ayre – Treasurer
Kylee McDonnell – Secretary

Mr. Crump stated he would like to have members of Student Council give the student updates at each Board meeting.

TEACHER UPDATES – Mr. Crump stated he has a question for the Board regarding teacher leave requests. He received two requests for personal leave days that would be used to extend school vacations and he is not in favor of doing that as he doesn't feel it is in the best interest of the students.

Mrs. Timmons stated approval of personal days for teachers is left to the discretion of the superintendent and if he feels granting the leave at that time would have a negative impact on the classroom, he shouldn't approve it.

Mr. Crump asked if it will create an issue for the Board if he denies the leave to extend the vacations. He added his concern is the instruction students would then be receiving in the classroom.

Mrs. Timmons stated she has been on the negotiating committee a long time and we know the pay we can offer is less than other schools so we try to offer what we can to make up for that. She added teachers have been granted the personal days but the superintendent sets the parameters for how they're used.

Mr. Crump stated the other request he has received is from Mrs. Hart for an internship for her administrative certificate. He stated although she is doing something that benefits her professional growth, he doesn't know if it is a benefit to the school.

Mr. Crump stated Mrs. Hart has presented different scenarios for how to accommodate the time gone and he has agree to split her personal days in half to make up a total of six afternoons of leave. He added after that, he feels the time needs to be taken as leave without pay if she can work out the schedule to assist her students.

Mrs. Timmons stated we'll need to be careful schedules don't get funneled and not be to the best benefit of the students.

Mr. Crump stated the students all have IEP's and those have to be met.

Mr. Weimer stated the students have to come first.

PROGRAM UPDATES – Mr. Crump stated the elementary teachers are very excited about looking at a spiral curriculum for science that encompasses grades kindergarten through five.

Mr. Crump stated the elementary will be starting an after school program to work with students K-6 who need additional support. He stated the program will run Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 3:30-4 p.m.

Mr. Crump reported Mrs. Hill has been working on science curriculum with the Beartooth Nature Center and will be taking the students on their first field trip this month. He stated he would like to have someone from the Carbon County News go with them to get some media coverage of the trip and it will also be put on the website.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Weimer adjourned the meeting at 9:40 p.m.

Board Chair

District Clerk