

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
ROBERTS SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5
MARCH 13, 2012**

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, Roberts School District No. 5, was called to order by Chair Frank Ropp at 7:00 p.m. on March 13, 2012, in the library at the Roberts School.

ATTENDANCE

Frank Ropp, Chair
Sanford Langager, Vice Chair
Joel Bertolino
Sarah DeVries

Absent: Carl Easthouse

Elliott Crump, Superintendent
JaLayne Obert, District Clerk

GUESTS: George Nelson, Mike Creeden, Crystal Wright, Jené Reinhardt, Kylee McDonnell

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES

Motion was made by Sarah DeVries, seconded by Joel Bertolino and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of February 21, 2012 and special meeting of February 28, 2012 as presented. (YES—Ropp, Langager, Bertolino, DeVries. NO—none).

CLAIMS, SEQUENCE, AND VOIDED CHECKS

Motion was made by Joel Bertolino, seconded by Sarah DeVries and carried unanimously to approve the claims, sequence, and voided checks for March, 2012 as presented. (YES—Ropp, Langager, Bertolino, DeVries. NO—none).

STUDENT REPORT

Kylee McDonnell stated the school has been busy with district and divisional basketball tournaments and state BPA. She added the prom is coming up on March 24.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Ropp reported the next item to come before the Board involves a student and called for a closed session at 7:10 p.m., stating it is his determination that the privacy rights of the individual supersede the merits of public disclosure. The meeting was returned to regular session at 7:13 p.m.

TEACHER REPORTS

Jené Reinhardt reported DSVS (Domestic and Sexual Violence Services) has been coming in to present a four-week workshop on healthy relationships to health classes in grades seven through ten. She added she is very excited about the program and is thinking of extending it to the sixth graders.

Mr. Ropp asked if parents have been receptive of the program. Ms. Reinhardt stated she hasn't sent anything home to parents but probably should, especially if she includes the sixth grade.

Ms. Reinhardt stated the track season started today and it looks like there will be eight high school students involved.

Mr. Crump stated DSVS is talking about the same topics in their workshop as we would be teaching in health class at this time.

George Nelson stated he would like to talk to the Board about the great job Mr. Crump has done this year. He stated last year was pretty dysfunctional but Mr. Crump stepped up this second year and has had to deal with three difficult discipline problems and has handled them well.

Mr. Nelson stated the Board may be in a dangerous place with this attendance policy as it has dispirited the high school students. He stated if they arrive at school three minutes late, it is better to miss the whole period than receive a tardy.

He added they don't feel trusted or respected and it is unfair to Mr. Crump to put the blame on him. He stated everywhere he goes with the students, he is told how well behaved they are.

Mr. Crump stated at the Shrine, we are definitely their favorites.

Mrs. Wright stated that was also true with the ski program.

Mr. Langager stated the students' behavior is a reflection of the teaching they've received.

Mr. Nelson stated he feels we're headed in the right direction. Mrs. Wright stated the teamwork is great.

Crystal Wright stated she was going to show the Board how she uses the Promethean Board in her classroom but that won't be possible with the power outage. She stated she has fifteen students in her room, three in first grade and twelve in kindergarten. She stated the kindergarteners know over 33 sight words, are reading decodable books and in math are picking up a lot of what the first graders are doing.

Mrs. Wright stated the first graders are all above level for reading and are working on graphing in math.

Mrs. Wright stated kindergarten roundup is coming up in April and she is curious to see how many will be there. She added Mrs. Hogan is an incredible aide.

Mr. Ropp asked if Mrs. Wright has any thoughts about class configurations for next year. Mrs. Wright stated that depends on the enrollment in each class.

NEW BUSINESS

TRUSTEE RESOLUTION TO CALL FOR ELECTION – Motion was made by Sanford Langager, seconded by Joel Bertolino and carried unanimously to approve the attached resolution calling for the school election on May 8, 2012. (YES—Ropp, Langager, Bertolino, DeVries. NO—none).

BUDGET – Mr. Crump stated information received from the Office of Public Instruction shows the general fund budget for the district will be reduced by about \$24,000 to \$1,007,811.14. He stated there has been discussion of adding a teacher at the elementary level next year and there needs to be a discussion of how to accommodate the reduction in the budget while giving teachers a step and possibly adding a position.

Mr. Ropp stated time is of the essence and called for a special board meeting on March 27 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss the budget.

BOARD TRAINING REQUEST – Mr. Crump stated there was a request for training for the Board on how IEP's are written. He stated he arranged for Stephanie Zickafoose from the special education cooperative to present that training at the April board meeting.

CLERK EVALUATION – Mrs. Obert distributed forms for evaluation of the Business Manager/Clerk.

Mr. Ropp asked trustees to complete the forms and return them to him at the March 27 meeting.

TRAINING REQUEST – Mrs. Obert asked to attend the MASBO regional meeting in Laurel at the end of the month.

Motion was made by Sanford Langager, seconded by Sarah DeVries and carried unanimously to approve Mrs. Obert's request to attend a regional meeting in Laurel. (YES—Ropp, Langager, Bertolino, DeVries. NO—none).

OLD BUSINESS

FOOTBALL CO-OP—Mr. Crump stated he tried to get a copy of the original football co-op agreement from Fromberg but they are still working through their problems so he ended up retyping the agreement. He asked the Board to think about a mascot, paying coaches, travel costs, and location of playoff games.

Mr. Nelson stated we may have to consider a co-op program at the junior high level.

Mike Creeden stated the board in Fromberg is discussing that option.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

SUPERINTENDENT SCHEDULE – Mr. Crump stated Prom is on March 24 at the Depot.

PROGRAM UPDATES – Mr. Crump reported CRT testing continues this month with the math and science portions. He stated the reading part of the testing has been completed. He added the results of the MAPS test should be back next week.

Mr. Crump stated during teacher negotiations we need to discuss how teachers can use their banked sick leave. He stated 99% of the staff save some of their discretionary days in case they get sick but others have used all their days and want to use the banked sick leave.

Mr. Crump stated he is requiring a doctor’s note to allow an employee to use sick leave from the bank. He asked that the Board discuss it at the next meeting.

Mr. Ropp stated the superintendent rehire also needs to be on the next agenda.

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES – Mr. Crump stated parent-teacher conferences are scheduled for March 15 and members of student council will be available to assist parents on accessing their children’s grades and the school website.

OLD BUSINESS (continued)

REQUEST FOR RESOLVE OF CONCERN – Mr. Ropp called for a closed session at 8:50 p.m. stating the next item of business concerns an individual and it is his determination that the privacy rights of the individual supersede the merits of public disclosure. He returned the meeting to regular session at 9:35 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Ropp adjourned the meeting at 9:36 p.m.

Board Chair

District Clerk

TRUSTEE RESOLUTION CALLING FOR AN ELECTION

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees for Roberts School District No. 5, Carbon County, State of Montana, will hold the Annual Regular School Election on Tuesday, the 8th day of May, 2012, which date is not less than forty (40) days after the passage of this resolution.

The polls will be open from 12:00 noon until 8:00 p.m.

The purpose of the election is to elect two (2) trustees for three-year terms and one (1) trustee for a one-year term. Approval of additional levies to operate and maintain the Roberts School(s) for the 2012-2013 school year will also be requested. If it is later determined that any portion of the election is not required, the Board of Trustees authorizes JaLayne Obert, election administrator, to cancel that portion of the election in accordance with 13-1-304 and 20-3-313, MCA.

Three electors of this district who are qualified to vote at such election are hereby appointed to act as judges at the election at each voting place as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Voting Place</u>
Barbara Stark	PO Box 2075 Roberts MT 59070	Roberts Fire Hall
Connie Bell	HC48, Box 1060 Roberts MT 59070	Roberts Fire Hall
Jane Zumbrun	Route 2 Roberts MT 59070	Roberts Fire Hall

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the clerk of this school district is hereby directed to notify the above named election judges of their appointment and to notify the county election administrator of the date of holding said election, and request him/her to close registration and to prepare and furnish election materials as required by law. If any of these judges should not be able to serve, the election administrator will choose a replacement from certified judges.

No further proceedings were conducted relating to the election.

Print Name of Board Chair

Signature of Board Chair

Print Name of District Clerk

Signature of District Clerk

DATED this 13th day of March, 2012.

20-20-201 and 13-19-202, MCA

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
ROBERTS SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5
MARCH 27, 2012**

The special meeting of the Board of Trustees, Roberts School District No. 5, was called to order by Chair Frank Ropp at 6:02 p.m. on March 27, 2012, in the library at the Roberts School.

ATTENDANCE

Frank Ropp, Chair
Sanford Langager, Vice Chair
Joel Bertolino
Sarah DeVries
Carl Easthouse

Elliott Crump, Superintendent
JaLayne Obert, Business Manager/Clerk

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting started with recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

REQUEST TO DISPLAY FIREARMS

Mr. Crump stated he received a request from a student to display a German World War II weapon in history class. He stated the weapon is non-functioning and would be in his office except for viewing during the class.

Mr. Langager stated he received a complaint about how this was listed on the agenda.

Mr. Crump stated perhaps he should have listed it as a military artifact.

Motion was made by Carl Easthouse, seconded by Sanford Langager and carried unanimously to allow the viewing of the non-functioning World War II rifle in history class at the junior class level. (YES—Ropp, Langager, Bertolino, DeVries, Easthouse. NO—none).

PERSONNEL

Mr. Crump stated he received a letter of resignation from Brian Kessner from his janitorial/maintenance position and recommended the Board accept it and open the janitorial portion of the position immediately.

Mr. Langager stated Mr. Kessner did both janitorial and maintenance and asked how the position would be advertised.

Mr. Crump stated his goal at the moment is to hire someone for cleaning. He stated we can then put out the maintenance as an on-call position later.

Motion was made by Joel Bertolino, seconded by Sarah DeVries and carried unanimously to accept the letter of resignation from Brian Kessner. (YES—Ropp, Langager, Bertolino, DeVries, Easthouse. NO—none).

BUDGET REVIEW

Mr. Crump stated we know our budget for next year is going to be reduced by about \$24,000. He stated for the Board's consideration, information has been prepared on how much taxes would be increased with a mill levy of \$10,000, \$20,000, and \$30,000.

Following discussion by the Board, it was determined a decision would be made at the April 10, 2012 meeting.

SUPERINTENDENT REHIRE

Mr. Ropp stated the Board needs to make a decision on rehiring the superintendent for next year.

Motion was made by Joel Bertolino, seconded by Sarah DeVries and carried unanimously to rehire Elliott Crump as superintendent for the 2012-2013 school year. (YES—Ropp, Langager, Bertolino, DeVries, Easthouse. NO—none).

Mr. Langager stated there are some areas in which he feels there needs to be improvement, such as teacher supervision.

BUSINESS MANAGER/DISTRICT CLERK EVALUATION

Mr. Ropp stated the next item to come before the Board is the evaluation of the Business Manager/District Clerk. He added it is his determination that this is a personnel matter and the privacy rights of the individual supersede the merits of public disclosure. He called for a closed session at 7:10 p.m. and returned the meeting to regular session at 8:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Ropp adjourned the meeting at 8:31 p.m.

Board Chair

District Clerk