

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
ROBERTS SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5
DECEMBER 14, 2010**

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, Roberts School District No. 5 was called to order by Vice Chair Tracy Timmons at 7:02 p.m. on December 14, 2010 in the library at the Roberts School.

ATTENDANCE

Tracy Timmons, Vice Chair
Sanford Langager
Frank Ropp

Absent: Randy Weimer, Chair
Carl Easthouse

Elliott Crump, Superintendent
JaLayne Obert, District Clerk

GUESTS: Sue Schwend, Bill Burgan, Sarah Novasio, McKenzie Ropp, Hayden Nelson, Kylee McDonnell

MINUTES

Motion was made by Frank Ropp, seconded by Sanford Langager and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the regular meeting November 9 and special meeting November 23, 2010 as presented. (YES—Timmons, Langager, Ropp. NO—none.)

CLAIMS, SEQUENCE, AND VOIDED CHECKS

Mrs. Timmons asked why there are two checks for Amber Mullin. Mrs. Obert stated the checks are for two month's salary because the Board needed to made a decision on her salary amount before processing her first month's check.

Mrs. Timmons asked if Mrs. Obert's mileage reimbursement was for travel to MCEL. Mrs. Obert stated it was reimbursement for attending the divisional volleyball tournament in Hobson.

Mr. Ropp asked if travel claims for staff are pre-approved by Mr. Crump and he stated they are.

Mr. Langager asked if the bus maintenance was for standard maintenance and added perhaps we could go to 5,000 miles on the busses before changing the oil. Mr. Crump stated he would have to check with Roly DeVries.

Bill Burgan stated the district should look into using synthetics.

Mrs. Obert requested permission to transfer \$177.39 from the Class of 2009 account to the Student Council account, delete the Class of 2009 account, and add an account for the class of 2015.

Motion was made by Frank Ropp, seconded by Sanford Langager and carried unanimously to approve the transfer of funds from the Class of 2009 to Student Council, deletion of Class of 2009 account, and addition of class of 2015 account. (YES—Timmons, Langager, Ropp. NO—none).

Mrs. Timmons asked about the charge on the credit card for a gift card. Mr. Crump stated it was for Aaron Dantic as a wedding gift.

Motion was made by Sanford Langager, seconded by Frank Ropp and carried unanimously to approve the claims, sequence, and voided checks for December, 2010, as presented. (YES—Timmons, Langager, Ropp. NO—none).

PUBLIC COMMENT

Bill Burgan asked to speak to the Board about increasing security in the building for athletic events, such as putting up gates to close off parts of the building during games and additional people monitoring the hallways.

Mr. Burgan also asked about hosting a basketball tournament in Roberts next year.

Sue Schwend stated when the new gym was built, the town was promised the opening basketball tournament would be held in Roberts and it was only held here two years.

George Nelson stated it is difficult to get a tournament scheduled and then get good teams to participate.

Mr. Burgan stated having a four team tournament could be something to think about.

Mrs. Timmons stated the Board generally supports whatever the coaches and administration bring to them.

STUDENT REPORT

Sarah Novasio, Student Council Vice President, stated the basketball season has begun, Student Council is still going over their constitution and discussing hosting a winter semi-formal dance. She added the last day before Christmas break students will be having games and movies.

Mrs. Timmons asked if the Student Council is having trouble with the constitution. Ms. Novasio stated it is just kind of boring.

McKenzie Ropp stated the Student Council would like to have a semi-formal dance in the old gym on the evening of January 1. She stated they have contacted other schools and Absarokee, Fromberg, Bridger, and Park City have all expressed interest. She added the main expense will be the DJ and any profits will go to the Student Council.

Mr. Crump stated the Student Council has done a good job organizing this event, arranging chaperones, and getting water donated for the event and he recommends the students be allowed to put on a Winter Semi-Formal.

Mrs. Timmons asked if the council has approved the \$400 for the DJ.

Ms. Ropp stated it has been approved and they would like to go with a quality DJ so people will stay at the dance and come back next year.

Motion was made by Sanford Langager, seconded by Frank Ropp and carried unanimously to approve the request from Student Council to host a Winter Semi-Formal. (YES—Timmons, Langager, Ropp. NO—none).

TEACHER REPORTS

Ward Braten reported this year in Ag-Ed he has high school classes and also has the sixth graders twice a week.

Mr. Braten reported at the high school level he has Agronomy, Ag-2, Ag-4, and an independent project class. He stated with the sixth grade he started out with Animal Science but the textbook was too advanced and they are now working on Ag Resources. He added they are currently working on Yule logs with pieces of cedar he gathered at his place.

Mr. Langager asked Mr. Braten how he feels about teaching a sixth grade class. Mr. Braten stated the year started out pretty rough but his projector is installed and that is helping present the material. He stated he doesn't know how much good it will do the students to have Ag-Ed classes now because then they won't have them again until high school.

Mr. Braten stated FFA started the year with the district leadership conference in Park City, the NILE competition in October, fruit and candy sales in November, and the first round of district competition in December. He added Roberts hosted the competition and held events at the school and the livestock judging at Curt and Sue Schwend's. He added in livestock judging, the JV team took first out of ten teams and Trevor Krook placed first in individual judging in the JV division. He showed a powerpoint of the district competition.

Sue Schwend stated she was very impressed with the students and they were very serious about the competition. She added FFA did all the work getting the grounds ready for the livestock judging.

Mrs. Timmons thanked Mr. Braten for the extra effort he puts in for the students.

PERSONNEL

Mr. Crump stated Amber Mullin was hired to drive bus at \$15.00 an hour for route work and will also pick up some of the activity driving. He added she is doing a good job so far.

NEW BUSINESS

JR HIGH GIRLS' BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT – Mr. Crump stated Ronnie Wright has inquired about using the facility to host a junior high girls' basketball tournament to help finance some of the cost of going to other tournaments. He added this team is not sponsored by the school but is an independent team that is requesting use of the facilities.

Mrs. Timmons asked if there is any rule that says we would have to do the same for boys.

Mr. Nelson stated not at the junior high level and the district won't be sponsoring the tournament, just providing a place to have it.

Mr. Langager stated the only objective he would have is if the tournament is held on Sunday.

Mr. Nelson stated that's how those tournaments are usually run.

Mr. Crump recommended allowing our facilities to be used for a basketball tournament for an independent junior high girls' tournament.

Motion was made by Frank Ropp, seconded by Tracy Timmons and carried to allow the use of our facility for a junior high girls' basketball tournament as long as it doesn't interfere with regularly scheduled school events. (YES—Timmons, Ropp. NO—Langager).

SUPERINTENDENT EVALUATION – Mr. Crump stated the Board needs to set a date for his evaluation.

Mr. Nelson stated Mr. Crump is doing an outstanding job.

Mrs. Timmons stated she would look for a blank evaluation form if Mr. Crump cannot locate one. She stated the evaluation is actually a good planning session.

ELECTION CALENDAR – Mrs. Obert stated the election calendar for the trustee election on May 3, 2011, was included in the packet sent to trustees. She noted candidates may file a nomination petition in the period of December 19, 2010 through March 24, 2011.

OLD BUSINESS

BOILER LICENSE – Mr. Crump reported due to personal issues, Brian Roat has been unavailable to sign off on hours for the janitorial staff to allow taking the boiler license test.

GAS LINE CAPPED – Mr. Crump stated Star Service capped the gas line in the old boiler room at a cost of \$580.

HEATING SYSTEM – Mr. Crump stated there was an issue with the heat in the old gym on November 23 and he asked Mrs. Easthouse to call Kim Beaudry to see if it could be fixed. He added Mr. Beaudry was not available but a repairman from Conditioned Air Systems (John) came and got the heat working in the old gym and improved heating in the science room and library. He stated he asked about a bid for replacing the valves in the heaters in the old part of the building and was advised that should be done in the summer and should be done by a professional. He added this repairman did say the vents could be recalibrated which would help with the heat distribution but Mr. Easthouse is concerned we'll have to have them redone again when the valves are done.

Mrs. Timmons asked that we get bids for the project before making decisions on year-end money.

Mr. Crump stated Trane came to work on the heat in the library and the bill was \$1500 and Conditioned Air Systems bill was only \$700.

Mrs. Timmons asked Mr. Crump if he asked John about having to recalibrate after replacing the valves. Mr. Crump stated he hasn't but he will.

Mrs. Timmons asked if this company would be qualified to work on the system we pay Trane to work on. Mr. Crump stated he would also check about that.

Mr. Ropp stated at the craft fair he talked to some of the teachers who say it is hot upstairs and we need to see if there is a way to recirculate that heat.

PROMETHEAN BOARDS – Mr. Crump stated the two Promethean Boards have arrived, one is installed in the old computer lab and the other will be installed in the elementary wing. He stated the Roberts Community Foundation has received the money from Northwestern Energy for their portion of the project and will get it to the district.

CTEP FUNDING – Mr. Crump stated the brick project is not going to be funded with CTEP money and we will need to find other money in the budget for it.

SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL – Mrs. Timmons stated she received an email about the Safe Routes to School project and is hoping to set a meeting time in January.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

SUPERINTENDENT SCHEDULE – Mr. Crump stated he is planning on visiting his family over Christmas and will be gone from December 23 to December 28, 2010.

STUDENT UPDATE – Mr. Crump stated we now have a freshman student.

TEACHER UPDATE – Mr. Crump stated he hadn't spoken with teachers about a second parent/teacher conference before discussing it with the Board and there is resistance on their part. He stated he understands it wasn't in the schedule and he is asking them to for additional time but he still sees values to the second conference. He added maybe we could offer them a half day off to compensate for the conference time.

Mrs. Timmons stated she thinks the teachers feel there wasn't much participation in a second conference and grades are on PowerSchool and the teachers are available to talk to at any time. She added if the time is offset and it is something the superintendent and Board really want to do, it should be done.

Mr. Crump stated the two dates he feels would be best are March 11 and March 18. He added he'll continue the discussion and let the teachers know the Board sees the benefit of a second conference.

PROGRAM UPDATE – Mr. Crump stated he has scheduled with the Art Guild from Red Lodge to work with students in grades 6, 7, and 8 on art. He stated the students already took a field trip to Red Lodge to the Guild and the presenters are exciting about working with the students.

WINTER BREAK OFFICE HOURS – Mr. Crump recommended closing the school from December 23 to December 30. The Board agreed with the recommendation.

MISCELLANEOUS – Mrs. Timmons stated she has received several comments from the community that the students are not coming to ask them to participate in fundraisers. She stated the school is the center of the community and people want to be contacted so we need to find ways to reconnect to the community. She suggested putting together a master list so the students have names of people to start contacting.

Sue Schwend stated the district also used to run pep busses to ball games and we could see if there are people who would ride if we ran the bus.

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Timmons adjourned the meeting at 9:30 p.m.

Board Chair

District Clerk