

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
ROBERTS SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5
MARCH 12, 2013**

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, Roberts School District No. 5, was called to order by Chair Frank Ropp at 6:00 p.m. on March 12, 2013, in the library at the Roberts School.

ATTENDANCE

Frank Ropp, Chair
Joel Bertolino, Vice Chair
Sarah DeVries
Tami Hoines
Rusty Niemi

Elliott Crump, Superintendent
JaLayne Obert, District Clerk

GUESTS: Stacie Nardinger, Phil Nardinger, Jené Reinhardt, Ward Braten, Mary Allen

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 February 20 and special meeting February 26, 2013 as presented. (YES—Ropp, Bertolino, DeVries, Hoines, 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 as presented for March, 2013. (YES—Ropp, Bertolino, DeVries, Hoines, Niemi. NO—none).

TEACHER REPORT.

Jené Reinhardt reported to the Board on her classes for the year.

Ms. Reinhardt stated in her physical education classes, she rotates a week of Health class with two weeks of physical education. She stated she is starting to get into more sensitive issues in Health such as tobacco, alcohol, drug use, and sex education. She stated she will be conferring with Mr. Crump and sending letters to parents before they start with those classes. She added she is excited to have advanced PE this semester as it wasn't available last semester.

Ms. Reinhardt stated in her role as Athletic Director, she will soon be meeting with representatives from other schools to schedule for next year.

Mr. Ropp asked how she liked having the district tournament at Huntley Project School instead of the Shrine.

Ms. Reinhardt stated even though it was a little extra travel, she really liked having the tournament at the school.

Mr. Crump stated the tournaments will probably be scheduled for two years in Huntley Project and then in Laurel.

Mr. Ropp asked if there is any chance it will be held in Red Lodge. Ms. Reinhardt stated others AD's in the district don't want their teams to travel on Highway 212.

NEW BUSINESS

EVENT ADMISSION – Mr. Crump stated there have been some questions about the cost for senior citizens to attend sporting events. He stated we give seniors from our community passes to get into the games free but need to decide what to do with seniors from other communities. He stated after talking with other schools about what they are doing, he is recommending the senior citizen rate for those 65 years and above from other communities be set at the student rate.

Motion was made by Rusty Niemi, seconded by Joel Bertolino and carried unanimously to set the senior citizen rate for game admission to seniors from other communities who are 65 years and older at the student rate. (YES—Ropp, Bertolino, DeVries, Hoines, Niemi. NO—none).

ATHLETIC UNIFORMS – Ms. Reinhardt stated our athletic uniforms for basketball and volleyball are getting pretty worn and we probably should be looking at replacing them.

Mr. Crump stated we would usually wait until year-end to discuss this type purchase but we can get a 10% discount if we order now. He added the basketball uniforms would cost about \$6,000 as there are two colors for each team (boys and girls) and volleyball uniforms run around \$800.00.

Motion was made by Sarah DeVries, seconded by Tami Hoines and carried unanimously to approve the purchase of high school boys' and girls' basketball uniforms (light and dark for both teams) and volleyball uniforms for approximately \$7800.00. (YES—Ropp, Bertolino, DeVries, Hoines, Niemi. NO—none).

ATHLETIC CO-OP – Mr. Crump stated at the present time, we co-op with Fromberg for high school football and there have been questions about co-oping other sports.

Ms. Reinhardt stated at every meeting of athletic directors, the Fromberg AD asks if we can co-op more sports. She stated she was first opposed to the idea but when looking at the number of students participating, can see some advantages. She stated it would be nice to be able to have full junior varsity and varsity squads.

Mr. Ropp stated the Fromberg school board would like to co-op all the sports and they have a 14 passenger van that the coach can drive.

Mr. Niemi asked if co-ops are always for three years. Mr. Crump stated they are unless the combined number of students goes over the limit.

Mr. Crump stated it is vital that the community is involved in discussions of co-oping.

Mr. Ropp asked if there is a deadline for co-op requests. Mr. Crump stated there is but schools can put together a co-op any time they don't have enough students for a team.

Mr. Ropp stated we need to find a date in April to have a public meeting.

GYM FLOORS –Mr. Crump stated in order to set a date that works with our schedule for resurfacing the gym floors, we need to accept the bid. He recommended the Board accept the bid from Bruco, Inc. in the amount of \$2,995.20 for the new gym and \$1,591.20 for the old gym for resurfacing the floors.

Motion was made by Rusty Niemi, seconded by Sarah DeVries and carried unanimously to accept the bid from Bruco, Inc. for resurfacing the gym floors in the amounts of \$2,995.20 for the new gym and \$1,591.20 for the old gym. (YES—Ropp, Bertolino, DeVries, Hoines, Niemi. NO—none).

PERSONNEL

RESIGNATIONS – Mr. Crump stated he received letters of resignation from two staff members, Rezina Zeiler from her math teaching position and Kyle Neibauer from his elementary teaching position. Mr. Crump recommended the Board accept the resignations.

Motion was made by Sarah DeVries, seconded by Joel Bertolino and carried unanimously to accept the letter of resignation from Rezina Zeiler from her teaching position at the end of the 2012-2013 school year. (YES—Ropp, Bertolino, DeVries, Hoines, Niemi. NO—none).

Motion was made by Rusty Niemi, seconded by Sarah DeVries and carried unanimously to accept the letter of resignation from Kyle Neibauer from his elementary teaching position at the end of the 2012-2013 school year. (YES—Ropp, Bertolino, DeVries, Hoines, Niemi. NO—none).

Mr. Ropp stated both these teachers have done excellent jobs and will be tough to replace.

JOB POSTING – Mr. Crump recommended posting elementary and math teaching positions.

Mr. Ropp directed him to do so.

RECESS

Mr. Ropp called for a short recess at 7:28 p.m. and returned the meeting to regular session at 7:33 p.m.

PERSONNEL (cont.)

SCIENCE REVIEW – Mr. Crump stated when changing Mrs. Nardinger’s position for this year to half-time science and half-time counselor, it was agreed it would be periodically reviewed to work out any problems. He stated he and Mrs. Nardinger met in January and came up with some points that need to be resolved.

Mrs. Nardinger stated she has some very busy times of the year with CRT testing, counseling, and teaching science and some things are falling through the cracks or being accomplished right at the deadline. She stated she is spending much more time trying to do these two half-time positions than a normal teaching position requires.

Mrs. Nardinger stated things she sees as possible solutions is providing a substitute for her at the end of quarters and semesters, prioritizing and saying “no” more, and additional paid days at the end of the school year to complete projects.

Mr. Crump stated this is Mrs. Nardinger’s first year of teaching science and it takes more preparation time for a new teacher than one following an established routine. He stated if the current arrangement continues, he needs to say “No” more often so Mrs. Nardinger doesn’t take on so many projects.

Mr. Crump stated he can check with other schools to see if they give extended contracts to counselors.

Mr. Crump stated he sees the options as 1) leave as it is; 2) hire a half-time science teacher; 3) hire a half-time counselor; 4) hire a full-time science teacher.

Mr. Crump reminded the Board that according to the standards, the school is only required to have a quarter-time counselor. He stated a decision needs to be made by April and suggested he and Mrs. Nardinger sit down again and see if they can find a solution.

TEACHER REPORT (cont.)

George Nelson reported the fourth and fifth graders are getting ready to take the CRT exams. He stated he is very excited about the new math series and feels his students are now where they need to be in math.

Mr. Nelson stated he is planning on taking the annual field trip for elementary students to the museum in Cody and also hopes to have a field trip to an airport museum.

NEW BUSINESS (cont.)

TRUSTEE RESOLUTION TO CALL FOR ELECTION – Motion was made by Joel Bertolino, seconded by Rusty Niemi and carried unanimously to approve the attached Trustee Resolution Calling For An Election (see attached). (YES—Ropp, Bertolino, DeVries, Hoines, Niemi. NO—none).

2013-2014 BUDGET – Mr. Crump stated if there is no increase in school funding approved by the legislature, our budget would decrease by \$38,000 next year. He stated with anticipated increases in health insurance, salaries, and special education costs, the budget would be very tight and asked if the Board wants to consider running a mill levy.

There was no discussion on running a mill levy.

BUS – Mr. Crump stated we need to look at purchasing a new route school bus.

Mr. Ropp asked Mr. Crump to put out bids for a new bus.

OLD BUSINESS

SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL – Mr. Crump stated the Safe Routes to School project has been completed and he is doing the final paperwork for reimbursement.

CERTIFIED NEGOTIATIONS – Mr. Crump stated the teachers submitted a letter signed by nearly all the teachers appointing Stacie Nardinger and Crystal Wright as teacher representatives on the teacher negotiation committee.

REVIEW EMERGENCY PROCEDURES – Mr. Crump stated the hallway door to the computer lab has been shut and locked and students are entering through the door in the library, visitors are signing in, and we have run three lockdown drills in an attempt to increase security at the school.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

SUPERINTENDENT SCHEDULE – Mr. Crump stated will be in Helena on March 18-19, 2013, for the Day of Advocacy

PROGRAM REPORT – Mr. Crump stated Parent/Teacher Conferences are scheduled for March 21, 2013.

Mr. Crump asked that the discussion on lawn care be tabled.

STUDENT UPDATE – Mr. Crump stated he is working with some of the lower performing students to try to increase their production.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Ropp adjourned the meeting at 9:00 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 7th day of May, 2013, 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 one (1) trustee for a three-year term. Approval of additional levies to operate and maintain the Roberts School(s) for the 2013-2014 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
Sally DeSarro	25 DeSarro Road Roberts MT 59070	Roberts Fire Hall
Jane Zumbrun	8769 Hwy 212 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 12th day of March, 2013.

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

4/17/2013

CORRECTION TO THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING MARCH 12, 2013

Mr. Ropp asked that the following correction be made to the minutes of the March 12, 2013 meeting:

Page 2, paragraph 8, "Mr. Niemi asked if co-ops are always for three years. Mr. Crump stated they are unless the enrollment of the combined number of students exceeds 65 or by mutual agreement."