

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
ROBERTS SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5  
APRIL 17, 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 April 17, 2013, in the library at the Roberts School.

**ATTENDANCE**

Frank Ropp, Chair  
Sarah DeVries  
Tami Hoines  
Rusty Niemi

Member Absent: Joel Bertolino, Vice Chair

Elliott Crump, Superintendent  
JaLayne Obert, District Clerk

GUESTS: Doug Schoonover, Rezina Zeiler, Joyce Kober, Bradley Jones, Trevor Krook, Alivia Zeiler, Kelly Horton, Amanda Smith, Mike Creeden, Mary Allen, Chris DeVries, Roly DeVries, Erika Binando, James Binando, Jené Reinhardt, George Nelson, Stacy Nelson, Elta Ayre, Kyle Neibauer, Ron Prinkki, Michele Schoening, Claire Schoening, Stacie Nardinger, Mariah Holdbrook, Rylee Perkins, Mike Gebhardt

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**MINUTES**

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

Motion was made by Sarah DeVries, seconded by Tami Hoines and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the regular meeting March 12, 2013 as amended. (YES—Ropp, DeVries, Hoines, Niemi. NO—none).

**CLAIMS, SEQUENCE, AND VOIDED CHECKS**

Mr. Ropp asked why the payment for Roly's Repair is over \$2500. Roly DeVries stated the bill is for two months.

Motion was made by Rusty Niemi, seconded by Sarah DeVries and carried unanimously to approve the claims, sequence, and voided checks as presented for April, 2013. (YES—Ropp, DeVries, Hoines, Niemi. NO—none).

**TEACHER REPORT**

Doug Schoonover stated Montana has done away with the Montana University System writing assessment and he is disappointed as he felt it was an effective assessment tool.

Mr. Schoonover stated it will be interesting to see what comes out on the first round of testing for the common core. He added he doesn't know how much common core will affect the English curriculum as English is English.

Trevor Krook, Bradley Jones, and Alivia Zeiler, and Kelly Horton gave a presentation on their planned trip to Florida for the BPA national convention in May.

Mr. Ropp asked if the funding is secured for the trip. Ms. Horton stated the club is short about \$1000 but there are still some fundraisers planned and each of the students has put down a deposit in case the money isn't raised.

Ms. Horton stated trustees received a copy of her letter of resignation.

## **ATTENDANCE ISSUES**

Mr. Ropp called for a closed session at 6:20 p.m., stating the next issue to come before the Board involves an individual and it is his determination the individual's rights to privacy supersede the merits of public disclosure. He returned the meeting to regular session at 6:33 p.m.

Mr. Crump recommended credit for student C.S. be reinstated with the understating the student will maintain a "C" average in all classes.

Motion was made by Sarah DeVries, seconded by Rusty Niemi and carried unanimously to reinstate credit for student C.S. with the understanding the student maintain a "C" average in all classes. (YES—Ropp, DeVries, Hoines, Niemi. NO—none).

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ron Prinkki stated he feels the federal government is using the common core as a data mining process and he is concerned with keeping his child's testing information from being distributed nationwide. He asked that the district look at opt-out forms a parent could file to keep their student from being tested.

Mariah Holdbrook stated parents are concerned with academics and the amount of school time missed for school-related activities. She stated it would be helpful if students could get the material they miss some way other than a classmate's notes.

Mike Creeden stated the juniors and seniors enjoyed going to the legislature.

## **PERSONNEL**

RESIGNATIONS – Mr. Crump stated he received letters of resignation from Abigail Reed and Kelly Horton and recommended the Board accept them.

Motion was made by Tami Hoines, seconded by Sarah DeVries and carried unanimously to accept the letter of resignation from Abigail Reed. (YES—Ropp, 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 Kelly Horton. (YES—Ropp, DeVries, Hoines, Niemi. NO—none).

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TENURED TEACHERS – Mr. Crump recommended the renewal of tenured teacher Crystal Wright for the 2013-2014 school year.

Motion was made by Sarah DeVries, seconded by Rusty Niemi and carried unanimously to approve the renewal of tenured teacher Crystal Wright for the 2013-2014 school year. (YES—Ropp, DeVries, Hoines, Niemi. NO—none).

Mr. Crump recommended the renewal of tenured teacher George Nelson for the 2013-2014 school year.

Motion was made by Tami Hoines, seconded by Sarah DeVries and carried unanimously to approve the renewal of tenured teacher George Nelson for the 2013-2014 school year. (YES—Ropp, DeVries, Hoines, Niemi. NO—none).

Mr. Crump recommended the renewal of tenured teacher Stacie Nardinger for the 2013-2014 school year.

Motion was made by Rusty Niemi, seconded by Sarah DeVries and carried unanimously to approve the renewal of tenured teacher Stacie Nardinger for the 2013-2014 school year. (YES—Ropp, DeVries, Hoines, Niemi. NO—none).

Mr. Crump recommended the renewal of tenured teacher Mary Allen for the 2013-2014 school year.

Motion was made by Sarah DeVries, seconded by Tami Hoines and carried unanimously to approve the renewal of tenured teacher Mary Allen for the 2013-2014 school year. (YES—Ropp, DeVries, Hoines, Niemi. NO—none.)

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TEACHERS UP FOR TENURE – Mr. Crump recommended the granting of tenure and contract renewal for Jené Reinhardt for the 2013-2014 school year.

Motion was made by Rusty Niemi, seconded by Tami Hoines and carried unanimously to approve the granting of tenure and contract renewal for Jené Reinhardt for the 2013-2014 school year. YES—Ropp, DeVries, Hoines, Niemi. NO—none).

Mr. Crump recommended the granting of tenure and contract renewal for Douglas Schoonover for the 2013-2014 school year.

Motion was made by Tami Hoines, seconded by Sarah DeVries and carried unanimously to approve the granting of tenure and contract renewal for Douglas Schoonover for the 2013-2014 school year. YES—Ropp, DeVries, Hoines, Niemi. NO—none).

**RECOMMENDATIONS FOR NON-TENURED TEACHERS** – Mr. Crump recommended the renewal of non-tenured teacher Kathryn O'Hara for the 2013-2014 school year.

Motion was made by Rusty Niemi, seconded by Tami Hoines and carried unanimously to approve the renewal of non-tenured teacher Kathryn O'Hara for the 2013-2014 school year. (YES—Ropp, DeVries, Hoines, Niemi. NO—none).

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**HEALTH INSURANCE RATE** – Mr. Crump stated we received our health insurance renewal rates for next year from the Joint Powers Trust. He stated if the district agrees to an additional year on last year's three-year commitment and 70% minimum employee participation in education sessions, the increase in premiums for next year is 8%, increasing single coverage from \$426.88 per month to \$460.20 per month. He stated he is recommending the Board approve Option 4 with an 8% increase for health insurance through the Joint Powers Trust for the 2013-2014 school year.

Motion was made by Rusty Niemi, seconded by Sarah DeVries and carried unanimously to approve the superintendent's recommendation of Option 4 with the Joint Powers Trust for health insurance for the 2013-2014 school year. (YES—Ropp, DeVries, Hoines, Niemi. NO—none).

**NEXT YEAR'S CALENDAR** – Mr. Crump stated he included two versions of next year's calendar in the Board packet but would like to table this item until next month when he has more feedback from staff.

**ATHLETIC CO-OP** – Mr. Crump stated the Board held a public meeting last week to gain input from the community about pursuing more athletic co-ops. He stated based on what he heard at the meeting, it would not in the best interests of the district to engage in additional athletic co-ops at this time.

Mr. Crump stated he feels if Fromberg needs our help with athletics, their athletes could come to Roberts and play under our colors and our coaches. He stated this is probably what should have been done with football with our athletes going to Fromberg.

Mr. Niemi stated we all understand what it means to be a Rocket and he appreciates that but also understands the strength in numbers and the desire to have winning teams.

Mr. Ropp stated Fromberg asked about co-oping all sports and we held a meeting to get input from our community and will relay those feelings to Fromberg.

James Binando asked if football will still be a co-op sport. Mr. Crump stated that co-op is in place for two more years.

Erika Binando asked if the district is thinking about going back to cross country in the fall. Mr. Crump stated he would like to see Roberts boys in blue and gold in the fall.

**JOB DESCRIPTIONS** – Mr. Crump stated it is time to begin negotiating with both certified and classified staff and distributed copies of job descriptions for the Board's review.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**CERTIFIED NEGOTIATIONS** – Mr. Crump asked that a meeting date be set with the negotiators for the teachers. The meeting was set for Tuesday, April 23, at 4:00 p.m.

**MISCELLANEOUS** – Mr. Ropp stated other old business items he has noted are the science teacher/guidance counselor position, new bus, and budget transfer questions.

Mr. Ropp stated Roly DeVries should be involved in the process of obtaining a new bus.

Mr. Ropp stated at an earlier meeting Mrs. Obert reported a concern that the amount budgeted for food in the General Fund may be insufficient. He stated he consulted the School Law Book and attorney for MTSBA and line item transfers must be approved by the Board.

Mrs. Obert stated she was only reporting a concern, not making a line item transfer. She stated she wanted the Board to know the amount would need to be increased in next year's budget.

**SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

SUPERINTENDENT SCHEDULE – Mr. Crump stated we need to schedule a special meeting to discuss plans for next year in programs, budget, and calendar. It was determined that meeting will be Tuesday, May 7, at 6:00 p.m.

ACCREDITATION – Mr. Crump stated the district received accreditation in all three schools with no deviations.

STUDENT UPDATE – Mr. Crump stated our student count is down three to 113.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Ropp adjourned the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

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Board Chair

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District Clerk

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
ROBERTS SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5  
APRIL 9, 2013**

The special meeting of the Board of Trustees, Roberts School District No. 5, was called to order by Chair Frank Ropp at 7:05 p.m. on April 9, 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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mariah Holdbrook stated she would like to see no athletic events scheduled over the Labor Day weekend.

**CO-OP DISCUSSION**

Mr. Ropp stated Fromberg School asked Roberts School to consider establishing co-ops for all sports. He stated the Board feels it is important to hear what the community thinks of such a proposal before further discussions are held.

The Board heard comments from parents, students, staff, and community members regarding athletic cooperatives and the district's participation in them.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Ropp adjourned the meeting at 8:50 p.m.

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Board Chair

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District Clerk