

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
ROBERTS SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5
AUGUST 9, 2016**

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, Roberts School District No. 5, was called to order by Sarah DeVries at 6:00 p.m. on August 9, 2016, in the library at the Roberts School.

ATTENDANCE

Sarah DeVries, Chair
Joel Bertolino, Vice Chair
James Binando
Deborah Hill
Sanford Langager

Alex Ator, Superintendent
JaLayne Obert, Business Manager/Clerk

GUESTS: Mary Allen, Jahna White, Dick Sederberg

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES

Motion was made by Deborah Hill, seconded by Joel Bertolino and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the June 22, 2016 meeting as presented. (YES— DeVries, Bertolino, Binando, Hill, Langager. NO—none).

CLAIMS, SEQUENCE, AND VOIDED CHECKS

Motion was made by Joel Bertolino, seconded by Sanford Langager and carried unanimously to approve the claims, sequence, and voided checks for July and August, 2016 as presented. (YES—DeVries, Bertolino, Binando, Hill, Langager. NO—none).

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mary Allen, representing the Roberts Parents for the Performing Arts (RPPA) stated with help of a grant from the Seidman Foundation and proceeds from the pie sale at the spring concert, the group was able to purchase a new drum set for the school band.

Mrs. Allen stated the group responsible for the cross and dog tag program to honor veterans is looking for a place to store those items. She added Mr. Ator suggested purchasing a trailer for those items that could be parked between the bus barns. Mrs. Allen stated that has been done and thanked the Board for the use of the space.

PERSONNEL

COACHING VACANCIES

Junior High Volleyball – Jackie Ronning is willing to coach junior high volleyball and Rylee Perkins has expressed interest in assisting. Mr. Ator recommended the Board hire Mrs. Ronning and act on Ms. Perkins' application when it is received.

Motion was made by Joel Bertolino, seconded by James Binando and carried unanimously to hire Jacking Ronning as junior high volleyball head coach at the negotiated stipend of \$1375.00. (YES—DeVries, Bertolino, Binando, Hill, Langager. NO—none.)

REQUEST TO PARTICIPATE IN JH ATHLETICS – Mr. Ator stated the district has a policy that allows home schooled students to participate in athletics if they attend two periods each day. He added there has been a request from the parent of a seventh grade home schooled student to waive the policy to allow their daughter to participate in junior high basketball without enrolling in any classes.

Daneen Eaton spoke to the Board by telephone and stated her seventh grade daughter would like to participate in junior high basketball but would really like one more year of strictly being home schooled.

Mr. Ator stated he really doesn't have a recommendation for the Board as his gut tells him we should follow the policy but we also try to accommodate people.

Mrs. Hill stated she can understand where the family is coming from but we do have a policy and we need to follow it.

Ms. DeVries asked how many other children there are with the same circumstances that are following the policy.

Mr. Ator stated there are five and also a few at the fourth through sixth grade level who are following the policy.

Mr. Binando stated he agrees with the policy and feels we shouldn't waive it.

Ms. DeVries stated it would be difficult to allow one person to not follow the policy when we have others who are.

Mr. Ator stated unless there is a motion to waive or change the policy, it remains in place as is.

No motion was made by the Board.

JUNIOR HIGH VOLLEYBALL COACH – Mr. Ator stated Rylee Perkins has expressed interest in the junior high assistant volleyball coaching position and asked if the Board thinks we need an assistant.

Ms. DeVries stated we do need help with the program and Ms. Perkins would be a good choice.

JUNIOR HIGH GIRLS' AND BOYS' BASKETBALL ASSISTANTS – Mr. Ator stated several people have expressed interest in the junior high girls' assistant position and he would like to sit down with the Athletic Director and head coach to discuss the options. He added Ms. Reinhardt may be interested in assisting with the junior high boys' basketball team.

BUS DRIVER OPENING – Mr. Ator stated the Red Lodge district has taken over the route to the Yellowstone Girls and Boys Ranch so a driver for that route is no longer needed.

Mr. Ator stated we do have eight boys from grade five to high school signed up for football so will need someone to transport them. He stated he would like to look at a per day trip rate of \$40 to \$45 for this position. He stated Dick Sederberg is in the audience and asked if he would be interested in that position at a per trip rate. Mr. Sederberg stated he would be interested.

Motion was made by Deborah Hill, seconded by Sanford Langager and carried unanimously to hire Dick Sederberg to drive the football bus to Red Lodge at a per day trip rate of \$45. (YES—DeVries, Bertolino, Binando, Hill, Langager. NO—none).

NEW BUSINESS

APPROVAL OF BUS ROUTES – Mr. Ator asked for approval of bus routes 1, 2, and 3 as included in the agenda material and removal of route 4.

Motion as made by Joel Bertolino, seconded by Deborah Hill and carried unanimously to approve bus routes 1, 2, and 3 and removal of route 4 as presented. (YES—DeVries, Bertolino, Binando, Hill, Langager. NO—none).

OUT OF DISTRICT ATTENDANCE APPROVAL – Mr. Ator recommended approval of the following out-of-district students: Braxton Barent, Korbyn Barent, Aiden Foss, Robin Baird, Jack Hobson, Spencer Tillman, Megan Foss, Lillian Hyvonen, Owen Tillman, Ethan Tillman, Derek Currier, Abigail Dines, Jordin Foss, Sequoia Boehm, Nicole Currier, Samantha Rosebrock, Celia Therell, Elijah Foss, Augustus Dines, Andrew VanOrnum, Bryce Dines, Jeremiah Hyvonen.

Mr. Ator stated a couple of these students were on contract last year but he doesn't know if that is necessary this year.

Mrs. Hill stated she feels we need to keep them on contracts.

Motion was made by Deborah Hill, seconded by Sanford Langager and carried unanimously to approve out-of-district attendance agreements for the students recommended by the superintendent with keeping the two who are contracts on those contracts. (YES—DeVries, Bertolino, Binando, Hill, Langager. NO—none).

2015-2016 TRUSTEES FINANCIAL SUMMARY – Mrs. Obert presented the completed 2015-2016 Trustees Financial Summary and asked for approval so it can be submitted to the Office of Public Instruction.

Motion was made by Sanford Langager, seconded by Deborah Hill and approved unanimously to approve the 2015-2016 Trustees Financial Summary as presented. (YES—DeVries, Bertolino, Binando, Hill, Langager. NO—none).

2016-2017 BUDGET REPORT -- Mrs. Obert presented the following budget requests for the 2016-2017 school year:

General Fund	\$1,145,893.57
Transportation Fund	\$ 93,252.00
Bus Depreciation Fund	\$ 163,922.80
Tuition Fund	\$ 21,780.00
Retirement Fund	\$ 180,477.00
Technology Fund	\$ 53,867.96
Flexibility Fund	\$ 14.95
Building Reserve Fund	\$ 34,312.49
Debt Service Fund	\$ 101,855.00

Motion was made by Deborah Hill, seconded by Sanford Langager and carried unanimously to approve the 2016-2017 budget amounts as requested. (YES—DeVries, Bertolino, Binando, Hill, Langager. NO—none).

OLD BUSINESS

STRATEGIC PLANNING PROCESS – Mr. Ator stated there has only been one survey response but he will promote it at the open house.

RECESS

Ms. DeVries called for a recess at 7:20 p.m. and returned the meeting to regular session at 7:25 p.m.

POLICY UPDATES

Mr. Ator presented the staff and student handbooks and reviewed changes made in each.

Motion was made by James Binando, seconded by Joel Bertolino and carried unanimously to approve the 2016-2017 Staff Handbook as presented. (YES—DeVries, Bertolino, Binando, Hill, Langager. NO—none).

Mr. Ator stated a drug testing policy has been included in the Student Handbook for the last two years as an unimplemented policy as it is costly to implement and hasn't been funded. He stated if we aren't going to fund a drug testing program, we need to take the policy out of the Student Handbook.

Motion was made by Sanford Langager, seconded by Joel Bertolino and carried to approve the 2016-2017 Student Handbook as presented without the drug testing policy. (YES—DeVries, Bertolino, Binando, Langager. NO—Hill).

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

NEW PROCEDURES IN PLACE – Mr. Ator stated he created new forms for Staff Absence, Discipline, Maintenance Request, and Technology Request that can be submitted online and shared with more than person.

WELCOME BACK PIR REPORT – Mr. Ator stated the presentation for staff is about 95% completed. He stated he plans to introduce new staff, go over new forms, discuss ways to attack tardies and attendance, positive behavioral systems, and Friday program planning.

SUPERINTENDENT SCHEDULE – Mr. Ator reviewed the following items on his schedule:

August 1-4	Vacation
August 22-23	PIR days
August 24	First day of school
September 1	Open House
September 20	Next Board meeting

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Ms. DeVries stated the next item to be discussed is the superintendent's evaluation process so called for an executive session at 8:15 p.m. stating the next item concerns an individual and it is her determination that the individual's privacy rights supersede the merits of public disclosure. She returned the meeting to regular session at 8:39 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. DeVries adjourned the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

Board Chair

District Clerk