

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
ROBERTS SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5
NOVEMBER 20, 2019**

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, Roberts School District No. 5, was called to order by Sarah DeVries at 6:06 p.m. on November 20, 2019 in the library at the Roberts School.

ATTENDANCE

Sarah DeVries, Chair
Joel Bertolino, Vice Chair
Tyler Allen

Absent: Mariah Holdbrook, Michelle Swansborough

Alex Ator, Superintendent
JaLayne Obert, Business Manage/Clerk

GUESTS: Sanford Langager, Jackie Ronning, Sarah Shoopman, Shannyn Wilson

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES

Motion was made by Joel Bertolino, seconded by Tyler Allen and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the October 16, 2019 meeting as presented. (YES –DeVries, Bertolino, Allen. NO—none).

CLAIMS, SEQUENCE, AND VOIDED CHECKS

Motion was made by Joel Bertolino, seconded by Tyler Allen and carried unanimously to approve warrants 45594 through 45693 for November, 2019 as presented. (YES—DeVries, Bertolino, Allen. NO—none).

PUBLIC COMMENT

Sanford Langager stated he stopped and asked some Amish families if their children would be interested in joining our students when they have a field trip or special outing. He stated there was some interest expressed and asked how the district feels about such a possibility.

Mr. Ator stated if the Board is interested in pursuing this, he would need to check out a few details.

Board members expressed interest in the possibility of some children of the Amish community attending some field trips or special events with our students.

Mr. Ator stated another committee has been formed to work with the highway department on the on-going road project.

TEACHER REPORTS

Shannyn Wilson and Sarah Shoopman gave teacher reports for November.

Miss Wilson stated she has five students in first grade and they are doing very well. She showed an example of a project students had done on the life cycle of a pumpkin and added she really likes the new curriculum purchased for language arts.

Miss Wilson stated she will also be coaching track and has found a track clinic for students in Billings in February.

Mrs. Shoopman stated she has 38 students in grades 7-12 math and is using a new program that really challenges the students that they seem to enjoy.

Mrs. Shoopman reported she is the freshman class advisor and that class will be sponsoring a junior high dance this Saturday.

Mrs. Shoopman added she is also the Athletic Director and reported the volleyball team had a great year and nine of the eleven girls on the team also made Academic All-State along with one in football and one in cross country.

Mrs. Shoopman stated BPA is getting ready for regional competition and FFA members are attending John Deere Ag Days.

Jackie Ronning reported she and Lindsey Thompson are doing Rocket Leadership this year in place of Student Council. She stated Rocket Leadership is committee based and the group has been doing events and projects and have more planned.

LITERACY UPDATE – Jackie Ronning stated Pre-K has begun with seven three and four year olds. She stated we are looking at buying a table and chairs for the group out of the Literacy Grant.

Mrs. Ronning stated we purchased materials to do more extensive dibels monitoring and that has been completed. She stated there has positive feedback on CKLA, the new language arts program, and she is seeing a significant amount of writing being done in the elementary classrooms.

Mrs. Ronning reported the next area we will be looking at with the Literacy Grant is social studies and Mr. Hall is starting to look at different options. She stated professional development for more CKLA and dibels training are being considered as well as an intensive writing skills workshop in the summer.

STAFFING

BOYS' BASKETBALL COACH – Mr. Ator recommended hiring Christina Albers as high school boys' basketball coach. He stated we don't have an assistant at this time.

Motion was made by Tyler Allen, seconded by Joel Bertolino and carried unanimously to hire Christina Albers as boys' basketball coach. (YES—DeVries, Bertolino, Allen. NO—none).

ADDITIONS TO SUB LIST – Mr. Ator recommended adding the following people to the substitute list, pending background checks: Camrey Bradshaw, Talitha Boston and Michael Estomo.

Motion was made by Joel Bertolino, seconded by Tyler Allen and carried unanimously to add Camrey Bradshaw, Talitha Boston and Michael Estomo to the substitute list, pending background checks. (YES—DeVries, Bertolino, Allen. NO—none).

RESIGNATIONS – Mr. Ator stated Mr. Harvison's resignation was referred to committee as accepting it would make language in the teachers' contract unenforceable going forward. He added with the understanding the language will be renegotiated in certified negotiations, he recommended accepting Mr. Harvison's resignation with no penalty.

Motion was made by Joel Bertolino, seconded by Tyler Allen and carried unanimously to accept William Harvison's resignation with no penalty. (YES—DeVries, Bertolino, Allen. NO—none).

NEW BUSINESS

CERTIFIED NEGOTIATIONS – Mr. Ator stated the negotiators for the certified staff have come to an agreement but as Mrs. Holbrook and Mrs. Swansborough were not able to attend tonight’s meeting, this item will be tabled until December.

STAFF APPRECIATION SOCIAL – Mr. Ator stated he would like to continue not having the staff appreciation event at Christmas but hold it in March or April.

SENIOR TRIP – Mr. Ator stated the senior trip will be discussed at the December meeting as Mr. Wisniewski is out of town this week.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

MHSA EIGHTH GRADE PARTICIPATION – Mr. Ator stated we will be bringing up some eighth graders for high school basketball but one student resides in Bridger and according to the MHSA policy on eighth grade participation, will not be eligible to move up as they must be a resident of the district.

DISCUSSION ON DONATIONS – Ty Allen reported when he spoke to his company about donating to the school, he was told there had been no response from the school about the last donation so they weren’t interested in donating again.

Mr. Ator stated he was told the FFA sent a thank you for the donation but he will make sure it was done.

Mr. Ator stated in talking with the Roberts Community Foundation, they may be interested in helping with work on the old gym. He stated there needs to be more discussion of what can be done there.

NEXT MEETING DATES – Mr. Ator stated the winter concert is scheduled on December 18, which would be our regular meeting date so we will need to find an alternate date. He added the January meeting date is the 15th and he needs to be in Portland for new board orientation on that date and the February date is during the district tournament. He added he will be working with board members to reschedule the meeting dates.

SUPERINTENDENT’S SCHEDULE – Mr. Ator reviewed his schedule for the next few months and added he has class on Thursday night next semester.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. DeVries called for adjournment at 7:25 p.m.

Board Chair

District Clerk