

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
ROBERTS SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5  
JANUARY 16, 2019**

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 January 16, 2019, in the library at the Roberts School.

**ATTENDANCE**

Sarah DeVries, Chair  
Joel Bertolino  
Tyler Allen  
Mariah Holdbrook  
Michelle Swansborough

Alex Ator, Superintendent  
JaLayne Obert, Business Manager/Clerk

GUESTS: Jon Milligan

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**MINUTES**

Motion was made by Mariah Holdbrook, seconded by Joel Bertolino and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the regular meeting December 19, 2018, as presented. (YES --DeVries, Bertolino, Allen, Holdbrook, Swansborough. NO—none).

**CLAIMS, SEQUENCE, AND VOIDED CHECKS**

Mr. Ator stated last summer we had the boiler overhauled and when the contractor was here, the hot water heater in the old gym sprang a leak and Mr. Wisniewski asked them to put in a new one. He stated the installation entailed more work than anticipated and the final bill came to \$4012.64. He added we finally got a letter today explaining what was done and why it was so expensive so he feels we should now pay the bill. He asked for approval of that payment separately from the other January warrants.

Motion was made by Joel Bertolino, seconded by Tyler Allen and carried unanimously to approve warrants 44693 through 44766 as presented. (YES—DeVries, Bertolino, Allen, Holdbrook, Swansborough. NO—none).

Motion was made by Mariah Holdbrook, seconded by Joel Bertolino and carried unanimously to approve warrant 44767 in the amount of \$4012.64 for installation of the hot water heater in the old gym. (YES—DeVries, Bertolino, Allen, Holdbrook, Swansborough. NO—none).

**TEACHER REPORT**

Jon Milligan gave the teacher report for the month.

Mr. Milligan reported on the classes he is teaching this year in grades 7-12 science and how he is using MAPS testing information to help direct his teaching.

Mr. Milligan stated he met a man from India who runs an orphanage who could really use some of our old science material we are no longer using if no one in the area wants it.

Mr. Ator stated there is a process to be followed for obsolete property that would allow us to let someone else have the material.

**STAFFING**

**HIRING**

Junior High Boys' Assistant Basketball Coach – Mr. Ator recommended hiring Lindsay Thompson as junior high boys' assistant basketball coach.

Motion was made by Mariah Holdbrook, seconded by Tyler Allen and carried unanimously to hire Lindsay Thompson as junior high boys' assistant basketball coach. (YES—DeVries, Bertolino, Allen, Holdbrook, Swansborough. NO—none).

**NEW BUSINESS**

FOOTBALL CO-OP – Mr. Ator stated Belfry would like to join the football co-op with Roberts and Red Lodge and recommended extending the contract for another year, with the inclusion of Belfry.

Motion was made by Joel Bertolino, seconded by Michelle Swansborough and carried unanimously to approve extension of the football co-op with Red Lodge, and to include Belfry in the co-op. (YES—DeVries, Bertolino, Allen, Holdbrook, Swansborough. NO—none).

REFRIGERATOR FOR KITCHEN – Mr. Ator reported the compressor in the refrigerator in the kitchen went out and it probably makes more sense to replace the unit instead of repair it as it is about thirty years old. He recommended approving the low bid of \$4070.99 from Bargreen Ellingson for the new refrigerator for the kitchen.

Motion was made by Michelle Swansborough, seconded by Mariah Holdbrook and carried unanimously to approve the low bid of \$4070.99 from Bargreen Ellingson for the new refrigerator for the kitchen. (YES—DeVries, Bertolino, Allen, Holdbrook, Swansborough. NO—none).

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

LITERACY GRANT UPDATE – Mr. Ator stated the grant leadership team (OLIT) met last Friday and began work on items necessary for implementation such as a literacy statement and an instructional framework that serves as a template of how to teach each day.

Mr. Ator stated one thing the grant has taught him is if teachers teach in the same manner, students don't have to learn the same material different ways. He added our educational consultants just spent three days here and feel there is a huge difference in how teachers taught last April and how they are teaching now as the day to day instructional strategies are much better.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION/SUPERINTENDENT EVALUATION**

Ms. DeVries called for an executive session for the superintendent's evaluation at 6:40 p.m., stating the next item of business involves an individual and it is her determination that the individual's right to privacy supersedes the merits of public disclosure. She returned the meeting to regular session at 7:30 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Ms. DeVries called for adjournment at 7:31 p.m.

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Board Chair

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District Clerk