

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
ROBERTS SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5  
SEPTEMBER 8, 2015**

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, Roberts School District No. 5, was called to order by Chair Sarah DeVries at 6:00 p.m. on September 8, 2015, in the library at the Roberts School.

**ATTENDANCE**

Sarah DeVries, Chair  
Rusty Niemi, Vice Chair (arrived at 6:03 p.m.)  
Joel Bertolino  
Deborah Hill  
Sanford Langager

Alex Ator, Superintendent  
JaLayne Obert, Business Manager/District Clerk

GUESTS: Ward Braten, Jason Olson, Willis Herden

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**MINUTES**

Motion was made by Sanford Langager, seconded by Joel Bertolino and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the August 11, 2015 meeting as presented. (YES—DeVries, Bertolino, Hill, Langager. NO—none).

**CLAIMS, SEQUENCE, AND VOIDED CHECKS**

.Motion was made by Deborah Hill, seconded by Rusty Niemi and carried unanimously to approve the claims, sequence, and voided checks for September 2015 as presented. (YES—DeVries, Niemi, Bertolino, Hill, Langager. NO—none).

**CO-OP WITH BELFRY FOR HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETICS**

Mr. Ator stated Jason Olson and Willis Herden from Belfry are attending the meeting to discuss an athletic co-op between the schools.

Mr. Ator stated there were 72 responses to the survey about the co-op with 63% in favor of the co-op model that was presented in the survey, 23% who had concerns and 15% who had concerns that warranted commenting. He added those who are not supportive are being vocal about why they aren't supportive.

Mr. Langager asked the representatives from Belfry about the feelings of their school and community.

Willis Herden, vice chair of Belfry Board of Trustees, stated we all need to look forward and provide what we can for the students. He stated nobody wants to lose everything and that may happen if nothing is done.

Jason Olson stated we should probably start with basketball and see how it goes from there. He stated there isn't support for co-oping track and cross country.

Mr. Ator stated if we're going to do this, we need to go into it wholeheartedly.

Mr. Olson asked what the practice schedule would look like.

Mr. Ator stated if school is in session in Roberts, practice will be held here but if it were a Friday or Saturday, it will be held in Belfry.

Mr. Bertolino stated he feels the graduated approach would work the best.

Motion was made by Rusty Niemi, seconded by Deborah Hill and carried unanimously to enter into a co-op with Belfry for girls and boys basketball at the high school level. Two home games for each team would be played in Belfry and six would be played in Roberts. A committee of Board members, superintendents, athletic directors and coaches will be put together to work out the details of the co-op.

## **PERSONNEL**

**RESIGNATION** – Mr. Ator recommended the Board accept the letter of recommendation from Jeanette Carter.

Motion was made by Mrs. Hill, seconded by Mr. Langager and carried unanimously to accept the letter of resignation from Jeanette Carter. (YES—DeVries, Niemi, Bertolino, Hill, Langager. NO—none).

**VOLLEYBALL COACHING POSITIONS** – Mr. Ator recommended the Board rescind all former offers for volleyball coaches and offer the head varsity position to Melissa Bertolino at \$2175, assistant varsity to Theresa Kosel at \$1675, and head junior high position to Abby Chaska at \$1375.

Motion was made by Deborah Hill, seconded by Sanford Langager and carried unanimously to approve the volleyball coaching positions as recommended by the superintendent. (YES—DeVries, Niemi, Hill, Langager. NO—none. Abstained—Bertolino (conflict of interest)).

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**3<sup>RD</sup> AND FINAL READING POLICY 3235 VIDEO SURVEILLANCE/CAMERA USE**—Mr. Ator recommended third reading and final approval of Policy 3235 – Video Surveillance/Camera Use Policy (see attached).

Motion was made by Rusty Niemi, seconded by Deborah Hill and carried unanimously to approve Policy 3235 – Video Surveillance/Camera Use Policy on third and final reading. (YES—DeVries, Niemi, Bertolino, Hill, Langager. NO—none).

**CO-OP WITH BELFRY FOR HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETICS** – Mr. Ator asked who would like to serve on the committee to work on the athletic co-op with Belfry. Ms. DeVries and Mrs. Hill volunteered to serve.

Ms. DeVries asked Mr. Ator to see if any of the coaches are interested on being on the committee.

**NFHS BROADCAST PROGRAM** – Mr. Ator stated the National Federation of State High School Associations is offering schools the opportunity to stream live events over the internet. He added none of the schools in the conference are signed up for this year but he would guess about five area schools will do it next year. He stated he brought this as an informational item.

**CARBON COUNTY ART GUILD** – Mr. Ator stated the Carbon County Art Guild has been providing art instruction for our students through a grant for the last few years. He stated they have now decided to charge for those services and sent the district a bill for \$4800. He added when he contacted them about the cost, the fee was reduced to \$1000 and asked if we should pay the fee or make other arrangements for art instruction.

Mrs. Hill asked if instruction is K-12.

Mr. Ator stated it is K-6. He added his recommendation is to pay the fee this year and make other arrangements for next year.

Mrs. Hill stated she feels we should have more say in the artist selected and the curriculum.

Motion was made by Deborah Hill, seconded by Sanford Langager and carried unanimously to pay the \$1000 fee to the Carbon County Arts Guild for this year and explore other options for art instruction for next year. (YES—DeVries, Niemi, Bertolino, Hill, Langager. NO—none).

### **OLD BUSINESS**

STAFF HANDBOOK – Nothing to report at this time.

POLICY UPDATES/AMENDMENTS – Mr. Ator stated he will probably add an agenda item for policy so the Board can review some each meeting.

### **SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

ACTIVITIES REPORT – Mr. Ator reported the following:

1. We have no girls participating in cross country for the second year and that puts us on the Title IX watch list. He stated we do have a high number of girls participating in activities at the high school level but at some point we may have to look at pulling a boys' sport or adding another girls' sport.
2. There are three volleyball games this week and he is already starting to see growth in the program.

Mrs. Hill stated the Roberts students did a great job at the Fun Run and she would like to see coaches submitting articles about their athletes.

Mr. Ator stated the staff has submitted articles but we haven't been able to get the newspaper to print them.

ACADEMICS REPORT – Mr. Ator reported the science curriculum has not been as easy to incorporate in the combination classes as the teachers felt it would be. He added the topic may correlate but the subject matter is different but they're trying to figure it out.

Mr. Ator stated the eighth graders are struggling some with the new math curriculum but Mr. Ruhnke is working to get them through it.

Mr. Langager stated he has heard some complaints about the amount of homework at the elementary level.

Mr. Ator stated he knows there was some confusion at the first and second grade level as the teacher sent home homework packets for the entire week and some students and parents through they had to be completed by Monday.

Mr. Langager asked if the junior high math series is common core.

Mr. Ator stated common core is problem solving based and pushes the curriculum forward by about half a year.

Mr. Ator stated the senior class is working out the kinks for a senior trip. He added with the four day week, he told them they can have one day off school for the trip.

SUPERINTENDENT SCHEDULE – Mr. Ator stated he is attending the boiler class, will go to Bozeman for the MASS meeting and then to Billings for a local MASS meeting.

Mr. Ator stated MCEL is scheduled for October 14-16 and if trustees are interested in attending, please let him know.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Ms. DeVries adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

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Board Chair

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District Clerk

1 **Robert School District**

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3 **STUDENTS**

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5 Video Surveillance

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7 The Board authorizes the use of video cameras on District property to ensure the health, welfare,  
8 and safety of all staff, students, and visitors to District property and to safeguard District  
9 buildings, grounds, and equipment. The Superintendent will approve appropriate locations for  
10 video cameras.

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12 The Superintendent will notify staff and students, through staff and student handbooks or by  
13 other means, that video surveillance may occur on District property. A notice will also be posted  
14 at the main entrance of all District buildings, and on all buses, indicating the use of video  
15 surveillance.

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17 The District may choose to make video recordings a part of a student's educational record or of a  
18 staff member's personnel record. The District will comply with all applicable state and federal  
19 laws related to record maintenance and retention.

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21 Video recordings will be totally without sound.

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23 Cross Reference: 3600 Student Records

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25 Policy History:

26 Adopted on:

27 Reviewed on:

28 Revised on: