

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
ROBERTS SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5
OCTOBER 20, 2021**

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Roberts School District No. 5, Roberts, Montana was called to order by Chair Joel Bertolino at 6:00 p.m. on October 20, 2021 in the library at the Roberts School.

ATTENDANCE

Joel Bertolino, Chair
Michelle Swansborough, Vice Chair
Brandon Crane
Sam Langager

Absent: Tyler Allen

Alex Ator, Superintendent
JaLayne Obert, Business Manager/Clerk

GUESTS: Sarah Shoopman, Jackie Ronning, Caitlin Hall, Sam McCrone, Shannyn Wilson, Stephanie Hyvonen, Tammy Helsper, Randy DeVries

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES

Motion was made by Michelle Swansborough, seconded by Sam Langager and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the September 15, 2021 regular meeting as presented. (YES—Bertolino, Swansborough, Crane, Langager. NO—none).

WARRANTS

Motion was made by Michelle Swansborough, seconded by Brandon Crane, and carried unanimously to approve warrants 47457-47597 as written. (YES—Bertolino, Swansborough, Crane, Langager. NO—none).

PUBLIC COMMENT

Tammy Helsper and Stephanie Hyvonen of the Roberts Cultural Council were in attendance to inform the board of the group's role in the community. Ms. Helsper explained the group would like to bring art and cultural activities to Roberts but haven't had time to do fundraising so aren't able to pick up projects the RPPA funded. She added they did sponsor a summer festival this summer and will be doing a tree lighting event in December.

Joel Bertolino thanked them for letting us know about the group.

TEACHER REPORTS

Caitlin Hall, Shannyn Wilson, and Sam McCrone gave teacher reports for the month.

Mrs. Hall stated she teaches fifth and sixth grade ELA and social studies. She added she uses CKLA for both classes and started a new social studies curriculum for fifth grade this year.

Mrs. Hall stated both classes have been doing group participation projects.

Mrs. Hall reported she did some online professional development last week with the Reading League with some top educators in the company presenting.

Mrs. Hall reported she has been trying to get ahold of Red Lodge Mountain to schedule ski days but has had no response and we may need to look for other options.

Miss Wilson reported she is once again teaching first grade and also 4-6 music. She gave an overview of her curriculum and added in music, the students are currently writing their own songs.

Miss Wilson stated the school play was a big success, the students enjoyed it and want to do it again. She added junior high girls' basketball just started and the high school will begin in November.

Mr. McCrone reported he teaches K-12 physical education and has been using some of the training he's taken to tie in the socio/emotional aspect with activities. He added he has seen some big improvements in some students and wishes he'd had the training a long time ago.

Mr. McCrone stated the hoop shoot is coming up soon and we may participate in Jump Rope for Heart.

Mr. McCrone stated he had one high school cross country participant and several at the elementary/junior high level. He added basketball practice begins on November and over 18 boys came to the team meeting.

STAFFING

CONCESSION STAND OPERATION – Mr. Ator asked that we add Sarah Shoopman to the extra-curricular list for concession stand operation at the rate of \$1025 per year.

Motion was made by Brandon Crane, seconded by Michelle Swansborough and carried unanimously to pay Sarah Shoopman \$1025 for running concessions this 2021-2022 school year. (YES—Bertolino, Swansborough, Crane, Langager. NO—none).

NEW BUSINESS

SPONSORSHIP LETTER – Mr. Ator stated when he first came to Roberts, he went door to door to businesses asking about sponsorship but didn't get much response. He added in the last few months, people have asked for ways to donate to the school with three companies ready to write a check.

Mr. Ator stated at his prior school, he developed a banner program for people to donate by buying a banner to hang in the gym. He added the first year the sponsorship would cost \$300 with the banner itself costing about \$100 and in years after, the cost would be \$250 to keep the banner hanging.

Mr. Ator stated he included a sample Roberts School Sponsorship Letter in the packet and asked for feedback from the board.

Brandon Crane stated he is in favor of the program but asked if there are others who could run it.

Mr. Ator stated he would like to get the project off the ground before handing it off to someone else.

The board indicated its approval of the project.

OLD BUSINESS

CONSIDERATION OF SABBATICAL – Mr. Ator stated this topic once again needs to be tabled.

BUS ROUTE AMENDMENTS – Move to next month.

BATHROOM REMODEL – Mr. Ator stated we've hit a snag with the bathroom remodel and are waiting for the state inspector to visit next week.

Mr. Ator stated we had a fire drill and concern was expressed about there not being a fire alarm in the shop.

Randy DeVries stated although it isn't a requirement, it is a recommendation to have a fire alarm in the shop. He added it isn't a requirement because the shop isn't attached to the main building.

Mr. Ator stated he needs to talk to the State Fire Marshall and get more information.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

LITERACY REPORT – Jackie Ronning reported the following for the literacy grant:

1. We've had two visits from our new education consultant and the consultant for preschool through grade 3 will be here for two days next week.
2. Testing done this fall has shown a summer learning slide but students are receiving the interventions needed.
3. A family literacy night is being planned for February.

ACTIVITY REPORT – Sarah Shoopman reported the following for Activities:

1. Nineteen girls are playing junior high/elementary basketball
2. High school volleyball team is holding on to third place in the district and will be playing in the district tournament next week.
3. The volleyball tournament we held here was very successful and we will try to do it again next year.
4. The football team is headed into the playoffs.
5. Tommy Howard will be competing in the state cross country meet on Saturday.
6. FFA attended NILE yesterday.
7. High school basketball begins on November 18.

NEXT MEETING – Mr. Ator stated meeting dates for the next few months are November 17, December 15, and January 19.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Bertolino called for adjournment at 7:35 p.m.

Board Chair

District Clerk