

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
ROBERTS SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5
APRIL 12, 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 April 12, 2016, in the library at the Roberts School.

ATTENDANCE

Sarah DeVries, Chair
Joel Bertolino
Deborah Hill
Sanford Langager

Absent: Rusty Niemi, Vice Chair

Alex Ator, Superintendent
JaLayne Obert, Business Manager/Clerk

GUESTS: James Binando, Crystal Wright, Jackie Ronning, Courtney Halvorsen, Jahna White, George Nelson

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Ms. DeVries called for an executive session at 6:01 p.m. stating the item to be considered by the Board involves an individual and it is her determination that the individual's right to privacy supersede the merits of public disclosure. She returned the meeting to regular session at 6:30 p.m.

MINUTES

Motion was made by Sanford Langager, seconded by Joel Bertolino and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the March 15, 2016 meeting as presented. (YES— DeVries, Bertolino, Hill, Langager. NO—none).

CLAIMS, SEQUENCE, AND VOIDED CHECKS

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

PERSONNEL

RESIGNATION – Mr. Ator reported he received a letter of resignation from Jake Krum and recommended the Board accept the resignation.

Motion was made by Deborah Hill, seconded by Joel Bertolino and carried unanimously to accept the resignation from Jake Krum from all duties as of June 3, 2016. (YES—DeVries, Bertolino, Hill, Langager. NO—none).

Mr. Ator stated we're still waiting for a resignation to be signed and asked that all contract recommendations be tabled until next month.

TEACHER REPORTS

George Nelson and Jené Reinhardt were scheduled to give teacher reports but Ms. Reinhardt was unavailable due to illness.

Mr. Nelson stated he is teaching fourth, fifth, and sixth graders this year and really likes the new schedule and the four day week. He stated the students are doing well and getting more done in four days than they did in five. Mr. Nelson stated having the Friday program has given us the opportunity to do some fun projects, such as going to the Museum of the Rockies on May 5.

NEW BUSINESS

MONTANA BEHAVIORAL INITIATIVE SUMMER TRAINING – Mr. Ator stated the MBI conference will be in Bozeman June 20-24, 2016 and costs roughly \$1200 per person to attend. He asked if the Board is interested in sending anyone to the conference.

Mrs. Hill stated she would like to see the entire staff get on board with MBI.

Mr. Ator stated he will see if there are staff members interested in attending.

SECURITY PROCEDURES – Mr. Ator stated the fire doors entering into the old gym will have to be replaced with locking ones to allow public access to the old gym and keep the rest of the school locked. He added the fingerprint scanner should be here by the end of the month.

AFFILIATION RENEWALS – Mr. Ator recommended continuation with the following groups and payment of dues:

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| 1. Montana Small School Alliance (Library standards) | \$ 300.00 |
| 2. Foxie Lady Computers (accounting software) | \$2650.00 |
| 3. Montana School Boards Association | \$1945.00 |
| 4. School Administrators of Montana (SAM) | \$ 225.00 |
| 5. MSGIA Three Year Commitment (Work Comp Ins.) | |

Motion was made by Sanford Langager, seconded by Joel Bertolino and carried unanimously to approve the affiliation renewals as recommended by the superintendent. (YES—DeVries, Bertolino, Hill, Langager. NO—none).

OLD BUSINESS

PLAYGROUND UPDATE – Nothing new to report.

16-17 SCHEDULE – Mr. Ator stated he is still waiting until he knows more about staffing before presenting the schedule.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

ACTIVITIES – Mr. Ator stated we haven't had any female participants in track and cross country and he thought that might cause an equity problem with the Montana High School Association. He stated he did a participation survey and we are okay for right now but if we lose more girls from the high school, we would possibly only have enough participants for boys' sports in a year or two.

ACADEMICS – Mr. Ator reported the following academic items:

1. The band competed in the District Music Festival where they received three superior ratings. Two high school students received a superior rating on an instrumental duet and qualified for state competition in Billings.
2. Four students and Mr. Frank will be going to the BPA national convention in Boston. They have been fundraising but may have some out-of-pocket expenses.
3. Upcoming events include Donkey Basketball on April 13, FFA Banquet on April 20, and graduation on June 4.
4. Senior Trip – Mr. Ator stated the senior class has run into a problem with chaperones for the senior trip and feels they need to come back to the board for approval since plans have changed since their first proposal.

SUPERINTENDENT SCHEDULE – Mr. Ator reported the following schedule items:

1. April 27 – MASS/ACE
2. May 2 -- Medical appointments
3. May 4 -- Carbon County meeting

Mr. Ator asked if the Board would like to have a special meeting to get contracts out if the resignation he is waiting on is signed. The Board indicated they would like to do so.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. DeVries adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Board Chair

District Clerk