

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
ROBERTS SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5
September 26, 2023**

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Roberts School District No. 5, Roberts, Montana was called to order by Chair Michelle Swansborough at 7:05 p.m. on September 26, 2023 in the library at the Roberts School.

ATTENDANCE

Michelle Swansborough, Chair
Brandon Crane, Vice Chair
Joel Bertolino
Nick Dobbel
Mariah Holdbrook

Alex Ator, Superintendent
JaLayne Obert, Business Manager/Clerk

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES

Motion was made by Mariah Holdbrook, seconded by Brandon Crane and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the regular meeting August 14, 2023 as presented. (YES: Swansborough, Crane, Bertolino, Dobbel, Holdbrook. NO—none).

WARRANTS

Motion was made by Brandon Crane, seconded by Joel Bertolino and carried unanimously to approve warrants 49605-49670 as presented. (YES: Swansborough, Crane, Bertolino, Dobbel, Holdbrook. NO—none).

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

ACTIVITIES REPORT

Mr. Ator stated the Activities Report is included in the agenda material and shows seven participants in junior high volleyball, 14 in high school volleyball, three in football in Red Lodge, eight in high school cross country and four at the junior high level. FFA and BPA have both started their year.

STAFFING

RESIGNATION – Mr. Ator stated he received a letter of resignation from J.R. Swansborough as Assistant High School Boys' Basketball coach and recommended its acceptance.

Motion was made by Brandon Crane, seconded by Joel Bertolino and carried unanimously to accept the letter of resignation from J.R. Swansborough as Assistant High School Boys' Basketball coach. (YES—Crane, Bertolino, Dobbel, Holdbrook. NO—none. Abstained: Swansborough (conflict of interest)).

SUBSTITUTES -- Mr. Ator recommended hiring Victoria Herron and Sadie Ropp to be added to the substitute list.

Motion was made by Mariah Holdbrook, seconded by Joel Bertolino and carried unanimously to approve hiring Victoria Herron and Sadie Ropp to be added to the substitute list. (YES— Swansborough, Crane, Bertolino, Dobbel, Holdbrook. NO—none).

NEW BUSINESS

AUDIT APPROVAL – Motion was made by Joel Bertolino, seconded by Nick Dobbel and carried unanimously to approve the 2021-2022 audit conducted by Strom & Associates. (YES: Swansborough, Crane, Bertolino, Dobbel, Holdbrook. NO—none).

AUDIT BID –Mr. Ator presented the bid from Strom & Associates for auditing the years ending June 30, 2023, June 30, 2024, and June 30, 2025 at a cost of \$10,840 per year.

Motion was made by Brandon Crane, seconded by Joel Bertolino and carried unanimously to approve the audit bid as presented for the next three years by Strom & Associates. (YES: Swansborough, Crane, Bertolino, Dobbel, Holdbrook. NO—none).

CONTRACT WITH WELLBEING FOR EVERYBODY – Mr. Ator recommended approval of the contract with WellBeing for Everybody, a program to empower students to better cope and care for themselves and others. He stated the cost to the district is \$5000 which will be paid through the SCG grant with the Red Lodge Area Community Foundation providing the match.

Motion was made by Joel Bertolino, seconded by Brandon Crane and carried unanimously to approve the contract with WellBeing for EveryBody as recommended by the superintendent. (YES: Swansborough, Crane, Bertolino, Dobbel, Holdbrook. NO—none).

SPECIAL EDUCATION COOPERATIVE JOINT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER – Mr. Ator asked for approval of his appointment to the YWCCSSC Joint Advisory Committee.

Motion was made by Joel Bertolino, seconded by Brandon Crane and carried unanimously to approve the appointment of Mr. Ator to the YWCCSSC Joint Advisory Committee. (YES: Swansborough, Crane, Bertolino, Dobbel, Holdbrook. NO—none).

OLD BUSINESS

OUT OF DISTRICT STUDENTS – Mr. Ator presented the list of out of district students and recommended it be approved.

Motion was made by Joel Bertolino, seconded by Mariah Holdbrook and carried unanimously to approve the list of out of district students as recommended by the superintendent. (YES: Swansborough, Crane, Bertolino, Dobbel, Holdbrook. NO—none).

MEETING DATES – Mr. Ator stated the next meeting is scheduled for October 16, 2023. He added he would like to get back to the schedule of board meetings on the third Wednesday of the month.

INTERVENTIONS AND WIN TIME – Mr. Ator stated we have started interventions and WIN time to help students in the areas they really need.

BUILDING UPDATES – Mr. Ator listed the following areas in the building may need attention in the next year:

- Showers
- Valves on water heater in the boiler room so it can be purged
- Doors may need updating
- Storage area in bus barn to be completed
- Roof of the Ag building – need to get costs and plans together

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

SCHEDULE – Mr. Ator reported he will be completing restorative practices training in Fairmont October 4-6 and attending the Ed Northwest meeting in Portland on October 18-20. He added he will be a licensed restorative practices trainer after the training and will be able to train other people.

LEVY TOPICS – Mr. Ator stated he spoke to eight or nine people at Open House, has been doing Coffee with the Superintendent sessions, and would like to have a community meeting in October or November to talk about possibly running another levy.

Brandon Crane stated he feels we need to have a levy committee to work on a plan.

Nick Dobbel and Mariah Holdbrook agreed to be on the committee.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Michelle Swansborough called for adjournment at 8:20 p.m.

Board Chair

District Clerk

