

**MINUTES OF THE REORGANIZATIONAL MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
ROBERTS SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5  
MAY 15, 2024**

The reorganization meeting of the Board of Trustees of Roberts School District No. 5, Roberts, Montana was called to order by Chair Michelle Swansborough at 9:02 p.m. on May 15, 2024 in the library at the Roberts School.

**ATTENDANCE**

Michelle Swansborough, Chair  
Joel Bertolino  
Nick Dobbel  
Michael Bissonnette (newly elected trustee)  
Brad Norman (newly elected trustee)

Alex Ator, Superintendent (via Zoom)  
JaLayne Obert, Business Manager/Clerk

**OATH OF OFFICE FOR NEWLY ELECTED TRUSTEES**

JaLayne Obert, Business Manager/Clerk administered the Oath of Office to newly elected trustees Michael Bissonnette and Brad Norman.

**ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON**

Motion was made by Joel Bertolino, seconded by Brad Norman and carried unanimously to elect Michelle Swansborough as Board Chairperson. (YES—Swansborough, Bertolino, Bissonnette, Dobbel, Norman. NO—none).

**ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRPERSON**

Motion was made by Joel Bertolino, seconded by Brad Norman and carried unanimously to elect Nick Dobbel as Board Vice Chairperson. (YES—Swansborough, Bertolino, Bissonnette, Dobbel, Norman. NO—none).

**APPOINTMENT OF CLERK**

Motion was made by Joel Bertolino, seconded by Nick Dobbel and carried unanimously to appoint JaLayne Obert as District Clerk for the 2024-2025 school year. (YES—Swansborough, Bertolino, Bissonnette, Dobbel, Norman. NO—none).

**REVIEW OF TABLED ITEMS FROM EARLIER MEETING**

**COMMITTEE FOR CERTIFIED NEGOTIATIONS** – It was decided Michelle Swansborough and Brad Norman will negotiate with certified staff.

Mr. Ator stated we need to notify non-tenured staff by June 1 if we are not bringing them back. He added we also need to have a formal discussion if are going to cut more positions other than those created by natural attrition.

**COMMITTEE TO REVIEW LETTER FROM COMMUNITY** – Mr. Ator stated the committee to review the community letter should probably have two teachers from both elementary and high school levels, board members, and community members.

Nick Dobbel and Michael Bissonnette will serve on the committee for the board.

SPRING ORDERS –Nick Dobbel stated we may want to save some year-end money to possibly give bonuses instead of using it all for ordering.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Michelle Swansborough adjourned the meeting at 9:40 p.m.

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Board Chair

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Clerk