

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
ROBERTS SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5
DECEMBER 30, 2019**

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 December 30, 2019 in the library at the Roberts School.

ATTENDANCE

Sarah DeVries, Chair
Joel Bertolino, Vice Chair
Tyler Allen
Mariah Holdbrook

Absent: Michelle Swansborough

Alex Ator, Superintendent
JaLayne Obert, Business Manager/Clerk

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES

Motion was made by Tyler Allen, seconded by Joel Bertolino and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the November 20, 2019 meeting as presented. (YES –DeVries, Bertolino, Allen, Holdbrook. NO—none).

CLAIMS, SEQUENCE, AND VOIDED CHECKS

Motion was made by Joel Bertolino, seconded by Mariah Holdbrook and carried unanimously to approve warrants 45694 through 45787 for December, 2019 as presented. (YES—DeVries, Bertolino, Allen, Holdbrook. NO—none).

Motion was made by Joel Bertolino, seconded by Tyler Allen and carried unanimously to approve voiding the following outstanding checks in the Student Activities account as they are outdated: 7242 ,7292, 7327, 7571, 7576, 7972, 8074, and 8126. (YES—DeVries, Bertolino, Allen, Holdbrook. NO—none).

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Allen stated the Breakfast Flakes, hosts of a Billings radio station, are donating metal detectors and asked if we should look into getting one.

Mr. Ator stated we would have to create policy on what happens if the detector goes off.

Mr. Bertolino stated it would be helpful to talk to someone at a school that has a detector to see how well it is working.

Mr. Allen stated it would certainly be a deterrent if someone was thinking of bringing a weapon into the school.

Mrs. Holdbrook stated her concern is a student simply forgetting to take a pocket knife out of their pocket and being in serious trouble if the detector goes off. She stated we live in an area where it is pretty common for a person to have a pocket knife in their pocket.

Mr. Ator stated that would have to be addressed in district policy.

Mrs. Holdbrook stated we need the Run, Hide, Fight program implemented on a school-wide basis and the staff all needs to be trained.

Mr. Ator stated one of the spring PIR days is designated for safety and the teachers will be going through Run, Hide, Fight.

STAFFING

PARAPROFESSIONAL – Mr. Ator reported an interview was held with Camrey Bradshaw for the paraprofessional position being vacated by Mrs. Harvison. He stated Ms. Bradshaw has a background with small children and may be interested in covering some of the Vo-Ag classes this spring. He recommended she be hired for the paraprofessional position.

Motion was made by Joel Bertolino, seconded by Mariah Holdbrook and carried unanimously to offer the paraprofessional position to Camrey Bradshaw. (YES—DeVries, Bertolino, Allen, Holdbrook. NO—none).

Mr. Ator stated he received two applications for the Vo-Ag position but both are for full-time positions and neither are interested in being part-time.

NEW BUSINESS

SUPERINTENDENT EVALUATION – DISTRIBUTION OF MATERIALS – Mr. Ator stated he compiled all the comments from previous evaluations, from both the board perspective and his, for members' review while completing the evaluation. He asked that trustees return information to him by January 15 so he can compile it for the meeting on January 22.

2020-2021 SCHOOL CALENDAR – Mr. Ator reported he started putting together options for next year's calendar in November and let staff vote on their preferences, cut down the options based on the votes and sent it back out to be voted on again. He stated the majority of the staff voted for the option of starting school for students on August 24, 2020 and ending on June 4, 2021 but the final decision is up to the Board.

After discussion by the Board, their preference would be to start on August 24, 2020 but to add four days into the year and end on May 27, 2021. Added days would be a half-day on November 25, full days on December 21 and 22 and half-day on December 23, and have school on Friday, January 8, 2021.

Mr. Ator stated he would bring a revised calendar in January for Board approval.

MHSA PROPOSALS – Mr. Ator stated the MHSA Annual Meeting will be held on January 20, 2020 in Billings and reviewed the following proposals and his recommendations on each:

1. Amend Eligibility By-Law for transformational learning – No
2. Amend Eligibility By-Law for home-schooled students – No
3. Amend Eighth Grade Participation/Academic/Transfer By-Laws – Yes
4. Amend Award Rule By-Law – Yes
5. Amend Penalties By-Law (recruiting) – Yes
6. Add Co-op Trophy Language – No
7. Amend Semi-Final Trophies for Football and Soccer – No
8. Amend Golf Coaching Rule – Yes
9. Change Format of State Volleyball Bracket – All Classes – Yes
10. Add Girls' Wrestling as a MHSA Sanctioned Sport – Yes
11. Add Boys' Powerlifting as a MHSA Sanctioned Sport – Yes

ELECTION CALENDAR – Mr. Ator stated the Trustee Election Calendar is included in the board packet. He stated petitions for candidacy must be filed by March 26 for the election on May 5, 2020. He added Joel Bertolino and Tyler Allen are up for reelection this year.

OLD BUSINESS

CERTIFIED NEGOTIATIONS - Tabled until January.

SENIOR TRIP – Tabled until January.

POLICY UPDATES AND REVIEW

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

LITERACY REPORT – Mr. Ator stated Jackie Ronning reports more books are being ordered for the Corrective Reading Series through the literacy grant. The educational consultant will be here for two days the second week of January. Jessica Parpart and Jackie Ronning will be attending the Data and Assessment Conference in Helena in January and Brianna Payne and Shannyn Wilson will be going to a Math and Movement training in Billings. MAP and DIBELS testing begins in January.

ACTIVITIES REPORT – Mr. Ator stated Sarah Shoopman reports junior high/elementary girls' basketball season is over and they had a great season with much success and growth. High school basketball has started and we have seven boys and eleven girls participating. BPA competed at regional competition in Livingston and are preparing for state competition in March in Billings

NEXT MEETING DATES – Mr. Ator stated the next scheduled meeting dates are January 22, February 26, and March 18.

LEVY CONSIDERATIONS – Mr. Ator stated it is probably time to start discussing whether or not the district should run a mill levy and if so, for how much. He added he and Mrs. Obert will be looking at numbers and discussing options.

ART CLASS – Mr. Ator stated we will be offering an art class second semester through the Carbon County Arts Guild as a pilot and possibly as a way to fit into our traditional schedule.

SUPERINTENDENT'S SCHEDULE – Mr. Ator stated he will be going to Portland for the Education Northwest Board Orientation and his first official meeting in January. He added in February he will be going to Austin, Texas for the Digital Learning Annual Conference to represent small rural schools and online learning.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. DeVries called for adjournment at 8:20 p.m.

Board Chair

District Clerk

