

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
ROBERTS SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5  
OCTOBER 21, 2020**

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Roberts School District No. 5, Roberts, Montana was called to order by Chair Sarah DeVries at 6:00 p.m. on October 21, 2020 in the library at the Roberts School.

**ATTENDANCE**

Sarah DeVries, Chair  
Joel Bertolino, Vice Chair  
Tyler Allen  
Brandon Crane  
Michelle Swansborough

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

GUESTS: Jackie Ronning, Brian Frank, Lindsay Thompson (via teleconferencing)

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**MINUTES**

Motion was made by Joel Bertolino, seconded by Michelle Swansborough and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the regular meeting September 16, 2020 as presented. (YES—DeVries, Bertolino, Allen, Crane, Swansborough. NO—none).

**CLAIMS, SEQUENCE, AND VOIDED CHECKS**

Motion was made by Joel Bertolino, seconded by Michelle Swansborough and carried unanimously to approve warrants 46480 through 46553 as presented. (YES—DeVries, Bertolino, Allen, Crane, Swansborough. NO—none).

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Ator stated the RPPA group is planning a Christmas tree lighting ceremony and would like to use our big pine tree by the parking lot and our bathrooms. He stated he told them they would need to get approval from the County Health Department for the event and they have secured that approval. He added the Church of the Rockies has also asked to use the facility for their annual Christmas Store and was also told to get approval from the County Health Department.

**TEACHER REPORTS**

Brian Frank and Jon Milligan gave teacher reports for the month.

Mr. Frank stated the Roberts School staff has been doing a great job keeping everyone safe and he would like to commend Mr. Ator and the staff for their diligence. He stated he is really proud of Roberts School.

Mr. Milligan reported later in the meeting.

## **STAFFING**

**CUSTODIAL** – Mr. Ator stated the temporary period for the employment of Laurie Olson as custodial is over and recommended discontinuing her employment.

Motion was made by Michelle Swansborough, seconded by Brandon Crane and carried unanimously to discontinue the employment of Laurie Olson in a custodial position. (YES—DeVries, Bertolino, Allen, Crane, Swansborough. NO—none).

**PARAPROFESSIONAL** – Mr. Ator recommended hiring Kyndra Reichart as a paraprofessional for 34 hours a week, \$9.50 per hour, pending results of a background check with 90 days probation.

Motion was made by Tyler Allen, seconded by Joel Bertolino and carried unanimously to hire Kyndra Reichart for the paraprofessional position for 34 hours per week, \$9.50 per hour, pending results of a background check with 90 days probation. (YES—DeVries, Bertolino, Allen, Crane, Swansborough. NO—none).

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**COVID 19 PLANNING** – Mr. Ator stated a couple of schools in the county have had COVID 19 cases and he prepared the flow chart that is included in the packet that outlines how we will be dealing with cases, depending on grade level and exposure.

Mrs. Swansborough stated the flow chart refers to both 10 and 14 day quarantine periods and feels it would be easier to just go with the 14 day period.

Mr. Ator stated he would make the change and asked for approval of the flow chart with that change.

Motion was made by Brandon Crane, seconded by Michelle Swansborough and carried unanimously to approve the flow chart on dealing with COVID 19 cases. (YES—DeVries, Bertolino, Allen, Crane, Swansborough. NO—none).

**POTENTIAL DISTANCE LEARNING DATES --**

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**STAFF/STUDENT HANDBOOKS** – Mrs. Obert stated discussion on the staff and student handbooks needs to be tabled again until Mr. Ator is available.

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

**LITERACY UPDATE** – Mrs. Ronning stated MAP testing is getting done and she has been getting materials to new teachers and trying to give them breaks during the day. She stated our educational consultant has been holding Zoom meetings with teachers and the K-2 consultant will be in the building next week.

**UPCOMING MEETING DATES** – Mrs. Obert stated upcoming meetings are scheduled for October 21, November 18, and December 16.

Ms. DeVries stated with the risk of sports being shut down because of COVID-19, perhaps we should consider having senior night sooner than the last game of the season, maybe on October 10 with Pack the Place in Pink night.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Ms. DeVries called for adjournment at 6:51 p.m.

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Board Chair

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District Clerk