

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
ROBERTS SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5
JULY 29, 2024**

The special meeting of the Board of Trustees of Roberts School District No. 5, Roberts, Montana was called to order by Michelle Swansborough at 7:30 p.m. on July 29, 2024 in the library at the Roberts School.

ATTENDANCE

Michelle Swansborough, Chair
Nick Dobbel, Vice Chair
Joel Bertolino
Michael Bissonnette
Brad Norman

Alex Ator, Superintendent
JaLayne Obert, Business Manager/Clerk

Guests: Peter Wisniewski, Sarah Clark, Denyse Vanek

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

GRANT CLOSEOUT SPENDING AND AMENDMENTS

Mr. Ator presented a spreadsheet outlining use of final grant funds and needed amendments.

(See attached.)

MATH CURRICULUM – Mr. Ator stated we earmarked ESSER III money for a new math curriculum and after looking at different programs, the teachers have chosen Eureka Math Squared.

Mr. Ator stated there was concern with the heavy emphasis on reading in Eureka Math we have been using. He stated the new program is supposed to have less emphasis on heavy reading.

Brad Norman asked if the program is online or hard copy.

Mr. Ator stated there will be 60 copies of every book for every grade and there is also an online component if teachers want to use it. He added this is a Cadillac program that has everything.

Nick Dobbel asked if a teacher can make adaptations if something isn't working.

Mr. Ator stated they can.

Motion was made by Joel Bertolino, seconded by Michael Bissonnette and carried unanimously to approve adoption and purchase of Eureka Math Squared in the amount of \$28,710.10. (YES--Swansborough, Dobbel, Bertolino, Bissonnette, Norman. NO—none).

CUSTODIAL ORDER – Mr. Ator asked for approval of the order from Hanson Chemical for custodial supplies in the amount of \$20595.81.

Motion was made by Joel Bertolino, seconded by Nick Dobbel and carried unanimously to approve the order from Hanson Chemical for custodial supplies in the amount of \$20595.81.

Motion was made by Joel Bertolino, seconded by Michael Bissonnette and carried unanimously to approve the amendments and use of remaining ESSER funds. (YES--Swansborough, Dobbel, Bertolino, Bissonnette, Norman. NO—none).

STAFFING

FACILITY/SAFETY DIRECTOR HOURS—Michelle Swansborough called for an executive session at 8:15 p.m. to discuss the Facility/Safety Director hours, stating it is her determination that the next item of business concerns an individual and the privacy concerns of the individual supersede the merits of public disclosure.

The meeting was returned to regular session at 9:15 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Ator presented a proposed draft of a letter to the Carbon County Elections Office from the board regarding concerns with the May 7, 2024 election.

After discussion and minor adjustments by the board, motion was made by Nick Dobbel, seconded by Joel Bertolino and carried unanimously to approve the letter to the Carbon County Election Offices which will be printed on school letterhead for board members' signatures.

ADJOURNMENT

Michelle Swansborough adjourned the meeting at 9:25 p.m.

Board Chair

District Clerk