

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
ROBERTS SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5
MAY 10, 2016**

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 May 10, 2016, in the library at the Roberts School.

ATTENDANCE

Sarah DeVries, Chair
Rusty Niemi
Joel Bertolino
Deborah Hill
Sanford Langager

Alex Ator, Superintendent
JaLayne Obert, Business Manager/Clerk

GUESTS: Carter Moore, Brittany Prinkki, Abe Hernandez, Sydney Miller, Patti Prinkki, Abby Chaska, Brian Frank, Stacie Nardinger, Bobbie Jo Martinez, Adam Ruhnke, Jackie Ronning, Courtney Halvorsen

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

SENIOR TRIP

Mr. Ator stated some details of the senior trip have changed since it was approved and asked that those be approved by the Board.

Abe Hernandez stated the dates of the trip are May 30th to June 2nd and five seniors and two chaperones will be going in a rented vehicle. He stated there was a booking issue with the hotel previously chosen but a comparable hotel in the same area has been arranged. He added all other events are still planned as presented in the fall.

Carter Moore stated Ms. Reinhart was not able to chaperone as planned but Miss Chaska has agreed to chaperone with Bobbie Jo Martinez.

Motion was made by Deborah Hill, seconded by Joel Bertolino and carried unanimously to grant the Class of 16 access to their funds for the senior trip. (YES—DeVries, Niemi, Bertolino, Hill, Langager. NO—none).

BPA NATIONAL TRIP

Brian Frank reported he took four senior students to Boston for the BPA national convention. He stated Ryan Miller competed in three events and the Torch Award Leadership Academy along with Brittany Prinkki, Carter Moore, and Abe Hernandez. He gave an overview of the other events they took in while in Boston.

Mr. Frank stated he is looking at making some changes to the qualifications for attending a national convention on Torch Awards so volunteer hours are a component.

Ms. DeVries stated that accountability is definitely needed.

Mrs. Hill stated she is very supportive of Mr. Frank's ideas.

Mr. Ator stated we want students to participate in organizations such as FFA and BPA but Roberts is one of the only districts to help fund the state competition. He stated he would like to see a protocol put together to cover travel for FFA, BPA, and the senior trip.

TEACHER REPORT

Stacie Nardinger, Guidance Counselor/Science Teacher, gave the teacher report for the month.

Mrs. Nardinger reported she is teaching Physical Science and Anatomy and Physiology this year and showed samples of the tiles for the periodic table in her room and lab books made by the students. She stated she also teaches JMG for seniors and character education for the elementary.

MINUTES

Mrs. Hill stated in the teacher report for April, Mr. Nelson reported one of the things he liked about the four-day week is the availability for Friday field trips such as to the Museum of the Rockies but that trip was taken on a Thursday.

Mr. Ator stated that was probably an error in transcription as one person took the minutes and the second transcribed them.

Motion was made by Deborah Hill, seconded by Sanford Langager and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the April 12, 2016 meeting as corrected. (YES— DeVries, Niemi, Bertolino, Hill, Langager. NO—none).

CLAIMS, SEQUENCE, AND VOIDED CHECKS

Motion was made by Joel Bertolino, seconded by Rusty Niemi and carried unanimously to approve the claims, sequence, and voided checks for May, 2016 as presented. (YES—DeVries, Niemi, Bertolino, Hill, Langager. NO—none).

PERSONNEL

Mr. Ator stated the Due Process Hearing for Non-Renewal of a Tenured Teacher has been tabled until a later date.

RESIGNATION – Mr. Ator reported he received letters of resignation from Abby Chaska from her teaching position, Amanda Smith from her paraprofessional position and Deborah Haight from her assistant cook position and recommended they all be accepted.

Motion was made by Deborah Hill, seconded by Sanford Langager and carried unanimously to accept the resignations of Abby Chaska, Amanda Smith, and Deborah Haight from all duties at the end of the school year on June 3, 2016. (YES—DeVries, Niemi, Bertolino, Hill, Langager. NO—none).

STAFFING RECOMMENDATIONS

Mr. Ator recommended the staffing recommendations be approved as a consent motion for the following:

Tenured teachers – renew contracts for Julie Jones, George Nelson, Jené Reinhardt, and Crystal Wright (Lane Change to +15)

Non-Tenured teachers – renew contracts for Brian Frank (Lane change to Master), Myrna Lastusky, Norris “Cass” Cole (new), Mallory Wood (new)

Teachers up for Tenure – grant tenure to and renew contracts for Courtney Halvorsen, Sheila Roberts, Jackie Ronning, and Adam Ruhnke

Classified staff (renew contracts for returning staff with \$.45 per hour raise) – Robert DeVries, Rick Sederberg, Jeff Krook, Joanne Stark, Lynette Burgan, Mary Decker, Roxanne Sederberg, Misty Pitts (new hire)

Administrative staff – Renew contracts for Alex Ator, superintendent, JaLayne Obert, Business Manager/District Clerk, and Nancy Langager, Executive Assistant

Drivers Education – Adam Ruhnke

Extra curricular –

Norris “Cass” Cole (athletic director)

Bobbie Jo Martinez (concessions)

Brian Frank (BPA)

Julie Jones (Pep band, suspend stipend for extra prep)

Jené Reinhardt (cross country, track, junior high girls basketball),

Melissa Bertolino (high school volleyball head)

Theresa Kosel (high school assistant volleyball)

Dan Kosel (high school boys’ basketball head)

John Payovich (high school boys’ basketball assistant, junior high boys’ head)

George Nelson (track assistant)

Mr. Ator stated staffing will cost about \$985474.27 next year which is about 75% of our budgets so increasing staff would require getting more students or passing a levy.

Motion was made by Sanford Langager, seconded by Deborah Hill and carried unanimously to approve the superintendent’s staffing recommendations for the 2016-2017 year. (YES—DeVries, Niemi, Bertolino, Hill, Langager. NO—none).

Mr. Ator recommended hiring Virginia Stene as special education paraprofessional with a start date of April 18, 2016 at \$12.50 per hour.

Motion was made by Sanford Langager, seconded by Joel Bertolino and carried unanimously to hire Virginia Stene as special education paraprofessional at \$12.50 per hour with a start date of April 18, 2016. (YES—DeVries, Niemi, Bertolino, Hill, Langager. NO—none).

Mr. Ator recommended contract renewal for Virginia Stene as paraprofessional for the 2016-2017 school year at \$12.70 per hour.

Motion was made by Deborah Hill, seconded by Joel Bertolino and carried unanimously to offer contract renewal to Virginia Stene as paraprofessional for the 2016-2017 school year at \$12.70 per hour. (YES—DeVries, Niemi, Bertolino, Hill, Langager. NO—none).

Summer School – Mr. Ator recommended hiring Sheila Roberts and Cass Cole to teach summer school at a rate of \$30.00 per hour.

Motion was made by Sanford Langager, seconded by Deborah Hill and carried unanimously to hire Sheila Roberts and Cass Cole to teach summer school at the rate of \$30.00 per hour. (YES--DeVries, Niemi, Bertolino, Hill, Langager. NO—none).

NEW BUSINESS

TRANSPORTATION – Mr. Ator stated we sent a student to the Yellowstone Girls and Boys Ranch and need to apply for an additional school bus route and Individual Transportation Contract to pay the costs of transporting that student.

Motion was made by Rusty Niemi, seconded by Joel Bertolino and carried unanimously to approve the additional school bus route and Individual Transportation Contract for transporting a

student to the Yellowstone Girls and Boys Ranch. (YES--DeVries, Niemi, Bertolino, Hill, Langager. NO—none).

Mr. Ator asked for administrative discretion to sign the contract for attendance at the Yellowstone Girls and Boys Ranch for W.E.

Motion was made by Deborah Hill, seconded by Joel Bertolino and carried unanimously to give Mr. Ator administrative discretion to sign the contract with the Yellowstone Girls and Boys Ranch for attendance by W.E. (YES—DeVries, Niemi, Bertolino, Hill, Langager. NO—none).

ELECTION BY ACCLAMATION – Mrs. Obert stated we had one trustee position up for election this year and as only one nominating petition was submitted, the election was cancelled and James Binando will be elected by acclamation.

Motion was made by Joel Bertolino, seconded by Rusty Niemi and carried unanimously to elect James Binando to a three-year trustee term by acclamation. (YES--DeVries, Niemi, Bertolino, Hill, Langager. NO—none).

OLD BUSINESS

PLAYGROUND UPDATE – Mr. Ator stated he thinks the best option for the work needed on the playground is to rent the equipment and do it ourselves. He recommended the item be removed from the agenda and he be given administrative discretion to buy materials and rent equipment to get the job done during the summer of 2016.

Motion was made by Sanford Langager, seconded by Deborah Hill and carried unanimously to remove the item for playground updates from the agenda and give Mr. Ator administrative discretion to rent equipment and buy materials to complete the job this summer. (YES—DeVries, Niemi, Bertolino, Hill, Langager. NO—none).

RECESS

Ms. DeVries called for a recess at 7:22 p.m. and returned the meeting to regular session at 7:26 p.m.

MBI – Mr. Ator stated there are some staff members interested in attending the Montana Behavioral Initiative Summer Training in Bozeman beginning on June 20. He stated his preference would be to have staff attend on Monday and Tuesday and then meet at the school later. He estimated the cost at around \$15,000.

Motion was made by Deborah Hill, seconded by Joel Bertolino and carried unanimously to give Mr. Ator administrative discretion to make arrangements for staff to attend the MBI training in Bozeman beginning on June 20. (YES—DeVries, Niemi, Bertolino, Hill, Langager. NO—none).

AFFILIATION RENEWALS – Mr. Ator recommended approval of the following affiliation renewals:

Joint Powers Trust (health insurance) – Option 4 with single coverage rate of \$613.33

Motion was made by Rusty Niemi, seconded by Joel Bertolino and carried unanimously to approve renewal with the Joint Powers Trust for health insurance for the 2016-2017 year with Option 4 for coverage. (YES—DeVries, Niemi, Bertolino, Hill, Langager. NO—none).

MHSA – Dues for participation in high school activities in the amount of \$2500, plus catastrophic coverage in the amount of \$185, plus Concussion Insurance in the amount of \$40 for a total of \$2725.

Motion was made by Deborah Hill, seconded by Sanford Langager and carried unanimously to approve dues to the MHSA for participation in high school activities in the amount of \$2725. (YES—DeVries, Niemi, Bertolino, Hill, Langager. NO—none).

Montana Quality Education Coalition -- \$500 for membership in MQEC, a statewide educational lobbying group.

Motion was made by Joel Bertolino, seconded by Rusty Niemi and carried unanimously to approve membership dues of \$500 in the Montana Quality Education Coalition. (YES—DeVries, Niemi, Bertolino, Hill, Langager. NO—none).

POWERSCHOOL – Maintenance and support for school district software program, \$3049.40.

Motion was made by Deborah Hill, seconded by Joel Bertolino and carried unanimously to approve payment of the user fee for PowerSchool in the amount of \$3049.40. (YES—DeVries, Niemi, Bertolino, Hill, Langager. NO—none).

Beartooth Billings Clinic -- \$900 for yearly fee for services of the sports trainer.

Motion was made by Sanford Langager, seconded by Rusty Niemi and carried unanimously to approve paying the yearly fee of \$900 for services of the sports trainer. (YES—DeVries, Niemi, Bertolino, Hill, Langager. NO—none).

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

ACTIVITIES – Mr. Ator stated the high school district track meet is this Friday, junior high track meet in Columbus on Saturday, and junior high district track meet on Monday.

ACADEMICS – Mr. Ator reported MAPS testing is being conducted and all but three students are done with the Smarter Balance testing.

SUPERINTENDENT SCHEDULE – Mr. Ator reported the awards ceremony is May 25, kindergarten graduation is May 31, and high school graduation on June 4.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Ms. DeVries called for an executive session at 7:46 p.m. and returned the meeting to regular session at 8:03 p.m.

2016-2017 STAFFING – Mr. Ator stated some teachers still have applications out for other positions, making it difficult to set the 2016-2017 class schedule. He stated he will be advertising for a 5/8 time AgEd, industrial arts, or Art teacher and may have to go to an alternative delivery method for FFA.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. DeVries adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

Board Chair

District Clerk

**MINUTES OF THE REORGANIZATION MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
ROBERTS SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5
MAY 10, 2016**

The reorganization meeting of the Board of Trustees, Roberts School District No. 5, was called to order by Sarah DeVries at 8:16 p.m. on May 10, 2016, in the library at the Roberts School.

ATTENDANCE

Sarah DeVries, Chair
Joel Bertolino
Deborah Hill
Sanford Langager

ABSENT: James Binando, newly elected trustee

Alex Ator, Superintendent
JaLayne Obert, Business Manager/Clerk

ELECTION OF CHAIR

Nomination of Sarah DeVries for Board Chair was made by Sanford Langager. As there were no other nominations, Sarah DeVries was elected by acclamation.

ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR

Nomination of Joel Bertolino for Vice Chair was made by Deborah Hill. As there were no other nominations, Joel Bertolino was elected by acclamation.

APPOINTMENT OF CLERK

Motion was made by Sanford Langager, seconded by Joel Bertolino and carried unanimously to appoint JaLayne Obert as District Clerk for the 2016-2017 school year. (YES—DeVries, Bertolino, Hill, Langager. NO—none).

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. DeVries adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

Board Chair

District Clerk