

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
ROBERTS SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5
FEBRUARY 20, 2019**

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, Roberts School District No. 5, was called to order by Vice Chair Joel Bertolino at 6:02 p.m. on February 20, 2019, in the library at the Roberts School.

ATTENDANCE

Joel Bertolino, Vice Chair
Tyler Allen
Mariah Holdbrook
Michelle Swansborough

Absent: Sarah DeVries, Chair

Alex Ator, Superintendent
JaLayne Obert, Business Manager/Clerk

GUESTS: Jackie Ronning

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES

Motion was made by Mariah Holdbrook, seconded by Tyler Allen and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the regular meeting January 16, 2019, as presented. (YES - Bertolino, Allen, Holdbrook, Swansborough. NO—none).

CLAIMS, SEQUENCE, AND VOIDED CHECKS

Motion was made by Michelle Swansborough, seconded by Tyler Allen and carried unanimously to approve warrants 44768 through 44858 as presented. (YES—Bertolino, Allen, Holdbrook, Swansborough. NO—none).

LITERACY UPDATE

Jackie Ronning updated the board on what is happening with the Montana Comprehensive Literacy Project grant.

Mrs. Ronning stated some special education materials were badly needed and purchased this fall through the grant. She stated those materials are being used and we are seeing results. She added eight staff members were trained on corrective reading and there will be training in math in March.

Mrs. Ronning stated she has learned a great deal about MAP testing and data this year and the winter data indicates some instructional holes we need to address.

Mrs. Ronning reported the MCLP leadership conference is in March and five staff members will be attending.

Mrs. Ronning stated the next big item for the grant is the purchase of materials for language arts. She stated it may be helpful for a couple of board members to attend the PIR time when teachers make the decision about which programs the district will be using. Joel Bertolino and Mariah Holdbrook volunteered to serve as the committee for the selection of language arts materials.

Mrs. Ronning stated the pre-school students are showing solid growth and have had a great experience. She stated the group went with the kindergarten and first grade students to the Alberta Bair for a performance and really had a good time.

Mrs. Ronning closed with saying this has been a fantastic year.

STAFFING

ADDITIONS TO SUB LIST – Mr. Ator recommended adding Ken Karina and Sandra Gerstner to the substitute list, pending background checks and references.

Motion was made by Mariah Holdbrook, seconded by Michelle Swansborough and carried unanimously to approve the superintendent's recommendation and add Ken Karina and Sandra Gerstner to the substitute list, pending background checks and references. (YES—Bertolino, Allen, Holdbrook, Swansborough. NO—none).

NEW BUSINESS

SEPTIC SYSTEM UPDATE/OLD GYM – Mr. Ator reported fifteen years ago the district installed a septic holding tank and grinder to handle the locker rooms in the old gym. He added about a week ago the pump failed and we had to have it pumped out and the pump replaced but either that pump went out and the pipe froze or the pipe froze and killed the pump.

Mr. Ator stated Cotter's tried using a heat snake on the frozen pipe but it wasn't able to get to the frozen part so it may have to all be dug up.

Mr. Ator stated the first step in this process is to purchase the new pumps and controls to replace the old system and recommended approving the bid for \$4800.00 from AmbienteH2O.

Motion was made by Tyler Allen, seconded by Mariah Holdbrook and carried unanimously to approve the purchase of the pumps and control panel for \$4800 from AmbienteH2O. (YES—Bertolino, Allen, Holdbrook, Swansborough. NO—none).

Mr. Ator stated the second part of the problem is how to get rid of the ice in the pipe.

Mr. Bertolino stated if we get the new pumps installed, we could try adding hot water to the tank and see if the pumps would flush out the ice. He added we can also check with others who may have had the same problem for possible solutions.

Mr. Ator stated we'll start with getting the new parts installed.

SCHOOL CALENDAR 2019-2020 – Mr. Ator presented the proposed school calendar for the 2019-2020 school year with a start date of August 26, 2019 and end date of June 6, 2020. He stated this version of the calendar received the most votes from the staff and the only big decision is whether to have a half day of school on the day before Thanksgiving and the last day of school or just do a full day of school on the last day.

Motion was made by Mariah Holdbrook, seconded by Tyler Allen and passed unanimously to approve the 2019-2020 school calendar as presented. (YES—Bertolino, Allen, Holdbrook, Swansborough. NO—none).

CALL FOR ELECTIONS – Motion was made by Tyler Allen, seconded by Mariah Holdbrook and carried unanimously to approve the Trustee Resolution Calling For An Election (see attached). (YES—Bertolino, Allen, Holdbrook, Swansborough. NO—none).

LEVY DISCUSSIONS – Mr. Ator stated information and a resolution for permissive levies will be brought to the March board meeting as it must be advertised in the newspaper by March 31, 2019.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

INCREASED INTERNET ACCESS SPEED – Mr. Ator stated last year the district put out an RFP (Request For Proposal) for increased internet speed but received horrible bids so took no action. He added another bid cycle came open this fall and we received a much better bid that will greatly increase our bandwidth but will only increase the cost by a couple hundred dollars per month. He stated the project could be started before school gets out but will certainly be ready by next school year.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE – Mr. Ator stated he included some legislative information in the packet but what he really wanted board members to see is the information about the effect MT PEC has had on education funding.

Mr. Ator stated MT PEC is the consolidation of all education leaders in Montana who collectively lobby for the good of education. He stated their efforts have resulted in a 13.46% increase, \$163,153, in funding for Roberts School.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Bertolino called for adjournment at 7:30 p.m.

Board Chair

District Clerk

TRUSTEE RESOLUTION CALLING FOR AN ELECTION
(Regular School Election, One Voting Location)

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees for School District No. 5, Carbon County, State of Montana, will hold the Annual Regular School Election on Tuesday, the 7th day of May, 2019, which date is not less than seventy (70) days after the passage of this resolution.

The election will be conducted by:

Mail Ballot Poll Election (the polls will be open from 12:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.)

The purpose of the election is to elect one (1) trustee for a three-year term.

Approval of additional levies to operate and maintain the General fund for FY 20 will also be requested.

If it is later determined that any portion of the election is not required, the Board of Trustees authorizes JaLayne Obert, election administrator, to cancel that portion of the election in accordance with [13-1-304](#) and [20-3-313](#), MCA.

The following voting locations will be used for the election and the three electors of this district who are qualified to vote at such election are hereby appointed to act as judges at the election at each voting place as follows:

Voting Location and Address: Roberts Fire Hall, 3 South 1st Street, Roberts MT 59070

- | Election Judge | Address |
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| 1. Jane Zumbrun, | 8769 Hwy 212, Roberts MT 59070 |
| 2. Sally DeSarro, | 212 Cottonwood Road, Roberts MT 59070 |
| 3. Connie Bell, | 53 Bell Road, Roberts MT 59070 |

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the clerk of this school district is hereby directed to notify the above named election judges of their appointment and to notify the county election administrator of the date of holding said election, and request the clerk to close regular registration and to prepare and furnish election materials as required by law. If any of these judges should not be able to serve, the election administrator will choose a replacement from certified judges.

No further proceedings were conducted relating to the election.

Print Name of Board Chair	Signature of Board Chair
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Print Name of Clerk	Signature of Clerk
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DATED this _____ day of _____, 20____.

Attachment A