

AGENDA

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

SHELBY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 14
1010 Oilfield Avenue
Shelby, MT

Tuesday, March 13, 2007
7:00 pm

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Board Room, District Administration Office
1010 Oilfield Avenue
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| I. | CALL TO ORDER | Mr. Mitchell |
| II. | PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE | Mr. Mitchell |
| III. | APPROVAL OF MINUTES
1. Regular Meeting, February 13, 2007
2. Special Meeting, March 6, 2007 | Mr. Mitchell |
| IV. | PUBLIC COMMENT
1. Comment on any public matter
2. Community positive comment on District operations | Mr. Mitchell |
| V. | REPORTS
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3. Negotiations Committee
4. Sports Complex Committee | |
| VI. | INFORMATION ITEMS
1. Preliminary Budget Information | Mr. Rogers |
| VII. | PERSONNEL ACTION ITEMS | Mr. Rogers |
| VIII. | ACTION ITEMS
1. Approval of bills and Student Activity Accounts
2. Clerk's Report
a. Warrants and/or Student Activity checks to be voided
b. Student attendance agreements
c. Individual transportation contracts
3. Resolution to call for a School Election
4. Approval of 2007-2008 School Calendar
5. Discussion and possible action on tournaments | Mrs. Sveum

Mr. Rogers
Mr. Rogers
Mr. Mitchell |
| IX. | CORRESPONDENCE | |
| X. | NEXT MEETING OF THE BOARD
Regular Meeting, Tuesday, April 10, 2007 7:00 pm
Board Room, District Administration Office, 1010 Oilfield Avenue, Shelby, Montana | |
| XI. | ADJOURNMENT | |

Minutes

MINUTES
February 13, 2007

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, School District #14, Toole County, Montana, was held in the Board Room of the Administrative Offices at 1010 Oilfield Avenue. The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Chairman Kevin Mitchell.

Members present were: Kevin Mitchell, Elda Nichols, Barb Mercer, Greg Matteson, Mark Grotbo, Joe Larsen and Joe Sisk. The superintendent and clerk were present throughout the entire proceedings. Visitors present were Kathy Cleverly, Bob Cleverly, Charlotte Hanson, Shyra Schackman, Cody Nelson, Kelby Grotbo, Ashley Forsman, Kelsey Smedsrud, Katie Hayes, Kila Dumas, Mrs. Robertson, Mrs. Hough, Dea B., Claire Marie, Mary Ann Biancarelli, Morgan Stevens, Lindsay Welker, Tracy Stevens, Jordan Keller, Veronica Goodan, Cathy Eklund, Helen Eklund, Lauren LeSueur, Kayli Brauchle, Analisa Shaffer, Jeremy Griffith, Sarah MacDonald, Susan McFerrin, Jane Shaffer, Melanie Rush, Connie Miller, John Miller, Erin Miller, Mikayla Henke, Linda Henke, Renae Gates, Kevin Gates, Jess Gates, Cookie Bashor, Amanda Buck, Jessica Buck, Ron Buck, Rosalie Manley, Peggy Taylor, Jordan Mahr, Kim Freeser, Tanner Raph, Joe Rapkoch and Shawn Clark.

The **Pledge of Allegiance** was recited.

Presentations

The presentations portion of the meeting was moved up because there were many students/teachers/coaches present.

Kathy Cleverly along with the Middle School cheerleaders shared a video about the defibrillator they purchased with extra funds.

Charlotte Hanson and Ronnie Goodan presented their speech and drama team to be recognized for their successful season.

Tammy Robertson and Suzanne Hough introduced their "tour guides" from the sixth grade class. They gave a short presentation and power point presentation about ancient Greece.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the January 9, 2007, regular meeting as submitted. Motion: Joe Larsen Second: Mark Grotbo - passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Comment on any public matter

Peggy Taylor wanted to let everyone know that Mrs. Robertson does this work with her classes every year about ancient civilizations. She should be commended on all her efforts. Barb Mercer added that she attended the program this year and it was great.

Community Positive Comment on District Operations

Joe Sisk said he went to the music concert last week and it was very good.

Kevin Mitchell attended the state wrestling tournament and commented on the great job the wrestlers and coaches did down there. He said if you've never had a chance to take in that tournament it is pretty amazing to see the extreme dedication of the coaches.

Joe Larsen said he attended the in-service on the senior projects and wanted to comment on how “into it” our staff is on the idea.

Mark Grotbo wanted to recognize Mrs. Hanson on her communication with the parents during speech and drama. He added she should be a role model for all coaches. She did an excellent job.

Joe Rapkoch reported Katie Kelleher placed 4th at the state hoop shoot.

INFORMATION ITEMS

None

REPORTS

Administrator’s Written Reports

The Elementary Principal, Middle School/High School Principal and Superintendent submitted their written reports to the board.

Mr. Clark handed out a preliminary 2007-2008 Middle School class schedule.

Mr. Clark handed out information pertaining to the proposed senior project.

Mr. Clark informed the board that they have formed a site council at the High School. They meet Wednesdays at 10:00.

Negotiations Committee

The committee met with SEA for their second meeting yesterday. They worked on 3 items, made some progress and are waiting on the legislature. Insurance options were put out to bid and an insurance committee will be put together to look at those. On the 27th of the month a group plans to go to Helena to get further information about performance pay. They will leave Shelby at 7:00 a.m. and the meeting is at 10:00 a.m.

A break was taken at 8:40 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 8:48 p.m.

PERSONNEL ACTION ITEMS

A motion was made to hire Ashley Milbrandt as Assistant High School Girl’s Softball Coach.
Motion: Greg Matteson Second: Elda Nichols – passed unanimously.

A motion was made to hire Mike Sveum as Assistant High School Track Coach.
Motion: Joe Sisk Second: Barb Mercer – passed unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of Bills and Student Activity Accounts

A motion was made to approve the claims approval list and the monthly listing of Student Activities accounts as presented and added. The claims approval list may be referenced in the claims approval file in the administration office and the Student Activities accounts may be referenced in the Student Activities file in the administration office. The approved warrants were numbered 57513 through 57633. The student activity checks for this month were numbered 8255 through 8356.

Motion: Joe Larsen Second: Mark Grotbo - passed unanimously.

Clerk’s Report

Student Activity checks numbered 8314 through 8317 and check number 8233 need to be voided. Checks #8314-8317 were for Middle School volleyball referees that did not officiate as many games as

originally planned and new checks were issued for the correct amounts. Check #8233 was for registration for BPA and the group did not attend because of weather.

A motion was made to void the above mentioned checks.

Motion: Mark Grotbo Second: Greg Matteson - passed unanimously.

There were no student attendance agreements or Individual Transportation Contracts to be approved by the board this month.

The clerk asked if there were any other trustees interested in attending the Day of Advocacy in Helena on March 19th. Tom Rogers and Kevin Mitchell plan to attend at this time.

The clerk reported the trustee positions open for election this year. The terms of Joe Sisk and Barb Mercer are up for election this year. The petitions for nomination forms are available from the clerk.

The clerk mentioned the possibility of holding a mail election this year since there is a good chance we will not be asking for a vote on levies. The board said to go ahead and look into a mail election.

CORRESPONDENCE

A thank you note from the Maynard Norenberg family was passed to the trustees.

NEXT MEETING OF THE BOARD

Regular Meeting, Tuesday, March 13 2007, at 7:00 p.m.
Board Room, District Administration Office, 1010 Oilfield Avenue, Shelby, Montana

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 p.m.

Motion: Elda Nichols Second: Mark Grotbo - passed unanimously.

BUSINESS MANAGER/CLERK

CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

**MINUTES
March 6, 2007
SPECIAL MEETING**

CALL TO ORDER

A special meeting of the Board of Trustees, School District #14, Toole County, Montana, was held in the Board Room of the Administrative Offices at 1010 Oilfield Avenue. The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by Chairman Kevin Mitchell.

Members present were: Kevin Mitchell, Elda Nichols, Barb Mercer, Greg Matteson, Mark Grotbo, Joe Larsen and Joe Sisk. The superintendent and clerk were present throughout the entire proceedings. Visitors present: Shawn Clark, Doug Larson and Trevor Larson.

The **Pledge of Allegiance** was recited.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Comment on any public matter

None

Community Positive Comment on District Operations

Barb Mercer thanked Mr. Rogers for setting up the meeting with the Helena Public Schools on performance pay and salary schedules. Kevin Mitchell said the tournament went real well and he enjoyed the games.

STUDENT DISCIPLINE MATTERS

This portion of the agenda went into closed session in accordance with Montana law 2-3-203 (3). This deals with an individual's right to privacy. The meeting was closed at 7:08 p.m. except for the Trustees, appropriate administrators, the district clerk, the individual and any person they may have selected to represent them in this matter.

The meeting was opened at 7:34 p.m.

A motion was made to follow through with the plan that was set forth in closed session.
Motion: Mark Grotbo Second: Elda Nichols – passed unanimously.

NEXT MEETING OF THE BOARD

Regular Meeting, Tuesday, March 13, 2007, 7:00 p.m.
Board Room, District Administration Office, 1010 Oilfield Avenue, Shelby, Montana

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m.
Motion: Greg Matteson Second: Joe Larsen – passed unanimously.

BUSINESS MANAGER/CLERK

CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

Reports

If board members have any questions, please ask the administrator during the Reports Item #2 on the Agenda.

Principal's Report

Shelby Elementary School

Mar., 2007

- **Standardized Testing:**

The students of the elementary school are finishing up on their CRT's, this week, as the 3rd – 6th Gr. students who were absent from school during the testing week do their make-up tests with Mrs. Sparks. The next round of standardized testing will take place during the week fo Mar. 26th – 30th, when the 4th Grade students will take the ITBS.

- **Early Release Inservices:**

The classroom teachers of the elementary, middle and high schools met during the Feb. 14th Early Release inservice and discussed our Math program. Perceptions, frustrations and positives of the program, as well as possible solutions and strategies for improvement were discussed, collaboratively.

Some of the areas of focus that we will address include: mapping out the math curriculum for the 2007-08 School Year (possibly to be done during an early arrival day before school starts), more collaboration between the classroom teachers and the grade-level/subject-level teachers (horizontal and vertical meetings), reviewing and previewing new Math texts during the 2007-08 School Year, developing an after-school program that would target those students that are at-risk in mathematics, gearing up our Title I program more, to serve the students who are struggling in mathematics (much like we do for the struggling readers, now), and visiting noted schools with successful program (i.e. Great Falls) to learn what makes their programs work.

This year's Thematic Unit Day is dedicated to mathematics, which is part of our efforts to improve our overall math program.

- **Parent/Teacher Conferences:**

The end of the 3rd Quarter is Fri., Mar. 23rd, and that will mean the scheduling of the next round of Parent/Teacher Conferences. On the evenings of Tues., Mar. 27th and Thurs., Mar. 29th, the conferences will be held from 6:00 to 9:00 pm. We will use the same format that we enacted, last year, in that we will designate some conferences as "optional." This option is offered to those parents/families who are well-versed with their child's progress in school or who have had a recent progress meeting, with the school.

The schedules will be going out to the families, soon.

- **Site Council:**

The next meeting of the Shelby Elementary Site Council will be on Mon., Mar. 19th, at 7:00 pm, in the school cafeteria. The meeting time was moved to 7:00 pm, from 6:00 pm, to try and accommodate better attendance.

The topics of discussion will be reviewing the District and School Goals, and the topics of interest that were developed at the last meeting, which include:

- **Toole County Spelling Bee:**

The Toole County Spelling Bee will have taken place by the time of the next School Board meeting, as it was held on Mon., Mar. 12th, in Sunburst. The participants from Shelby's 5th – 8th Grades include: Amanda Buck, Emily Christiaens, Autumn Clark, Jacob Conant, Kyle Frydenlund, Josh Habets, Colby Hanson, Kelly Jo Hasquet, Alissa Hershey, Rebecca Huang, Kayla Leary, Thane McCracken, Adam McDonald, Shay McFee, Jessica Mahr, Josh Matteson, Samantha Pacheco, Amy Parsell, Taylor Printy-Smith, Nick Rackley, Tanner Raph, Emily Rapkoch, Troy Running, Nathan Sanchez and Cheyenne Stirling. Tawnee Gardipee is the first alternate, and Markie Furr is the second alternate.

- * **Professional Development Progress:**

Shelly Wanty and Peggy Taylor became trainers for the DIBELS program, when they attended a 4-day training session, in Billings, Feb. 19th – 22nd. The training was fabulous and they both learned more about the DIBELS program which will help our overall teaching. Too, they became certified trainers for the program and will be facilitators throughout the region.

Brandy Kiefer and Sara Aikins were facilitators for an Indian Ed. For All workshop that was sponsored by the GTCC, in Great Falls. Several of our teachers were able to attend this workshop.

I will be attending the NAESP National Convention, in Seattle, at the end of this month. I plan on attending workshops/sectionals in the areas of Leading After-School Communities, Data and Decision-Making, and Building Vision.

- **Calendar Items:**

- **Early Release** – Wed., Mar. 14th – 1:45 pm (lower floor) & 2:00 pm (upper floor)
- **Site Council Meeting** – Mar. 19th – 7:00 pm – S.E.S. cafeteria
- **End of 3rd Qtr.** – Fri., Mar. 23rd.
- **Parent/Teacher Conferences** – Mar. 27th & 29th – 6 to 9:00 pm.
- **ITBS's** – Week of Mar. 26th – 30th - Fourth Grade
- **Spring/Easter Break** – Apr. 5th – 9th.

March Board Report

Congratulations to the high school students that represented Shelby in the Principals Cup academic challenge on March 7 in Great Falls: Seniors - Megan Meis, Emily Gravens, Kenny Baese, Sarah MacDonald, Juniors - Zack , Thane Tokerud, Sophomores - Mary Gravens, Jake Frydenlund and Freshmen - Perry Taylor, Liz Miller. Students were asked to answer questions such as:

- Islam's moral rules have been organized into what code of laws?
- What is the title of Truman Capote's classic work of true crime?
- The force of attraction between masses is?
- The graph of $y=2\sin 3(x-4)+5$ has an amplitude of what?
- What do we call the element named after the Latin word natrium?
- Simplify $2(x-4y)-3(-4x-5y)$

Shelby High School senior Megan Meis has won the local American Legion Americanism and Government Survey scholarship contest. As Shelby's top scoring senior student, her score will be forwarded on to the state level for competition there.

Two groups of teachers have created the initial portfolio requirements and senior interview questions. Students will have the opportunity to work and construct their portfolios during advisor/advisee time which will then be kept in the library.

Q: What are some important ideas embedded in the Senior Project program?

A: The first thing to remember is that Senior Project is only a program which means it is as good or as bad as we make it. The key to implementation and success is hinged on several beliefs. All graduating exit students should be actively engaged and rigorously involved in learning and applying sophisticated skills. The senior year should be challenging and, to some degree, student-driven. Remember, 75% of the students in traditional high schools are "Wanna Be's." They want to be seniors. They watch seniors, model what seniors do, and can't wait to become seniors themselves. If these students see seniors as disengaged and laid back, then they perceive the last year of high school as easy and unimportant. However, if they see the seniors challenged, excited, and meeting a requirement framed by high standards, learning tension, interest, and skill, then they see the senior year as challenging and critical to their future. Senior Project high schools believe the seniors deserve the best efforts and highest expectations. After all, shouldn't seniors represent the most skilled and educated students in the high school?

Senior Project high schools believe it is a mistake to ask too little of the seniors. Planning and preparing college or workforce applications, though important, should not be the rigorous, defining force of the senior year. We shouldn't accept irresponsibility and disengagement as normal, nor should we allow substandard work.

Though lowering the senior year bar may represent a tolerance policy and be a traditional mind set, it does not prepare seniors for life after graduation. Success in life, school,

employment, relationships, and financial stability—all require hard work, goal setting, commitment, and problem-solving abilities.

Diplomas should not be “given,” but rather “earned.” Earning a diploma, like most things of worth, takes time, work, focus, and a competent, accountable skill demonstration during the exit year.

In other words, a culminating performance demanding sophisticated skill application and student initiative should be a standard exit expectation. It is important to require that seniors work hard, problem solve, and practice self-directed learning. In doing so, they’ll likely exhibit excitement and interest in reaching a personal educational goal.

Because we are committed to the idea that every educator is a teacher of seniors, we are skeptical of a process that implies only certain people teach seniors. In reality, seniors are the end result of a huge effort involving a large number of people. The little child in kindergarten is simply a “senior in progress.” In fact, all educators teach seniors, so we should all be aware of seniors’ skill levels and the quality of work they produce. How can a viable curricula be developed if we, as an educational family, do not all sit down as a team and review together the active work and applied skills of our graduates?

Consequently, quality Senior Project programs embrace all staff, all seniors, the community, and are district-wide endeavors that are not isolated. Senior Project represents a long-term educational legacy that requires a vision and a continued commitment. Stellar programs take time to develop and need to be evaluated, upgraded, monitored, and adjusted every year. The staff should be willing to take some risks, think outside the box, and make some mistakes. The old saying, “If you are not making any mistakes, you are probably not making anything” certainly applies to the Senior Project. No amount of information, planning, or prior experience will make the path perfectly clear. Sophisticated programs represent hard work and constant vigilance, just as all good teaching does.

Portfolio Requirements

- Table of Contents - including titles and page numbers
- Personal information (grade level for inclusion)
 - a. updated resume (7-12) (including: academic course work and grades, clubs and activities, awards, leadership positions, work experience, specialized skills applicable to the work place). Initial construction and regular updating will take place during Advisor/Advisee sessions.
 - b. updated academic transcript (7-12) (including: course work, grades, attendance, standardized test scores, writing assessments) (The student’s academic transcript is available on-line for review and printing.)

c. eight-year educational plan (7-12) (including: course work through first two years of post-secondary training, occupational goal, site of training) Initial construction and regular updating will take place during Advisor/Advisee sessions.

- 3 letters of recommendation (12)
- copies of awards, recognition, community service (7-12)
- learning styles inventory with analysis (11)
- results of writing assessment results (7-12)
- One example of quality work from each required class in grades 7-12.
- Annual research projects (total of 6 papers: 7th grade - Montana Counties, 8th - American History - States, English 1 - Science Investigation, Eng. 2 - I-Search, Eng. 3 - Toole County Historical, Eng. 4 - Senior Paper)
- Senior Project - including: proposal, meeting/activity log, field work reflection, pictures, project fieldwork summary and reflection, mentor contract and meeting log, advisor contract and meeting log.
- Portfolio Reflection (completed by the senior) and Evaluation (completed by the Portfolio committee)
- Presentation Reflection (completed by the senior) and Evaluation (completed by the Presentation Board)

Questions for Senior Project Panel Presentation

1. What are your goals after you graduate from high school?
2. What qualifications do you have that would cause a potential employer to hire you?
3. As a student, what are your strengths? What are your weaknesses?
4. Which accomplishments in the school and community give you the greatest sense of pride.
5. What was your best job, vacation, or class ever?
6. What have you done in your life that has required a great deal of patience and persistence and how did you handle that situation?
7. How would your teachers describe you?
8. Tell about a time you had a problem and how you solved it.
9. What skills do you think you have gained from your schooling and past work experience?
10. How do you interact with people? Do you prefer working independently or in a group environment and why? Give examples.

11. Describe a situation in which you failed at something. How did you handle the failure and what did you learn from it?
12. Name a book you have read that had a powerful influence on you.
13. What is the one major problem facing America today and how would you solve it?
14. If you were President of the United States, what would be your priorities?
15. In what ways are you different from your friends?
16. How have you changed since you entered high school?
17. How do you hope life after high school will be different from high school?
18. What has been the most influential experience in your life?
19. How has high school prepared you for the future?
20. How has the senior project benefited you?
21. What contributions did you make to improve Shelby High School?

Dr. Henry Shovic will be working with students in grades 7-12 on Monday, March 19 providing a program entitled "Safe Living for Teens." Shovic will help teens learn positive ways to live safely in an un-safe world. Students will learn to avoid un-safe situations and to escape from perpetrators of violence. A parents session will be held at 7:00 p.m.

The final writing assessment for the year was completed on Wednesday, March 7. Students had 45 minutes to write a persuasive essay around one of the following prompts. The procedures that are used are identical to the writing assessment that students will take in order to gain admission into one of the four-year University System schools. Blue books will be score during the March early-out.

Prompt 1: Due to budgetary concerns and academic achievement results, Shelby High School is considering dropping all sports and extracurricular activities (including clubs and organizations) in favor of these programs being managed and funded by various community groups. Write a letter to the school board either supporting this proposal or arguing against it. Explain your opinions with ample logic and support your reasoning with relevant and convincing examples and evidence.

Prompt 2: Due to budgetary concerns, student attendance, extra curricular activities, and academic achievement results, Shelby High School is considering a 4-day school week for the upcoming school year, which would involve longer days Monday through Thursday and Fridays off for students. Write a letter to the school board either supporting this proposal or arguing against it. Explain your opinions with ample logic and support your reasoning with relevant and convincing examples and evidence.

Prompt 3: Because of safety concerns, Shelby High School is considering making it school policy that no backpacks be allowed in the classrooms. Backpacks would be safely stowed in students' lockers so that anything students bring into a classroom would be easily seen and identified. Write a letter to the school board either supporting this

proposal or arguing against it. Be sure to support your opinions with relevant evidence and specific examples.

Prompt 4: Various members of the community have proposed to our school board that the school mascot should be the coyote for grades 7-12, eliminating the comet mascot. In addition, the 7-12 school colors would be maroon and gold, thus eliminating the maroon and silver colors the junior high students currently wear. Supporters argue that it is more unified and economically feasible, while those against this proposal say that it is important for the junior high students to maintain their own identity. Write a letter to the school board either supporting this proposal or arguing against it. Be sure to support your opinions with relevant evidence and specific examples.

Congratulations to BPA members who competed at State Convention. Kory Heptner placed 11th, Reid Alford took 12th, and Quincy Ottwell was 16th out of 51 students testing in PC servicing and troubleshooting. We were the only Class B school in the first 17 places, beat out by A and AA schools. In Information Technology Concepts, out of 341 students testing, Kory Heptner took 11th, Reid Alford took 14th, and Quincy Ottwell took 19th.

Since the end of January, 30 students from SHS and SMS have been spending their evenings and weekends rehearsing and building set pieces for this year's school play, Footloose (the Musical) by Dean Pritchford and Walter Bobbie. Performances will be Friday, March 16, and Saturday, March 17, at 7 PM in the SHS auditorium.

Cast members include Blake Thacker as Ren McCormack, Brooke Flesch as Ethel McCormack, Kirsten Svennungsen as Ariel Moore, Jeramy Griffith as Reverend Shaw Moore, Mary Gravens as Vi Moore, Derek Sisk as Willard Hewitt, Cori Thacker as Rusty, Callie Raph as Wendy Jo, Helen Eklund as Urleen, Rachel Misko as Lulu Warnicker, Nathan Madison as Wes Warnicker, Kevin Steiner as Coach Dunbar, Perri Taylor as Eleanor Dunbar, Thane Tokerud as Chuck Cranston, Connor Bridge as Lyle, Brice Grotbo as Travis, Kyle Frydenlund as Bickle, Eleonora Danzo as Gervin, and Sammy Pecheo as Betty Blast. Dawn Moon, Tiffie Pierce, Jessie Parsell, Nicole Nelson, Kalee Krahn, Rachel Cross, Chris Keck, and Shyra Shackman are the townspeople, kids and chorus.

Pit musicians are Megan Meis and Jessica Buck on piano, Katie Brown on bass, Eli Martin on guitar, Kory Heptner on drums, Brenna Smedsrud on flute, Alexis Brown on clarinet and Amanda Miller on saxophone, Chris Keck, Shadee Jergens and Isaac Baese are the lighting and sound effects crew. The play is directed by Charlotte Hanson, Ron Gruber and Nicole Sanford.

Shelby Middle School student Fabio Biancarelli has qualified to represent our school at the state level of the national Geography Bee. The state bee will be held on Friday, March 30, at Montana State University. One winner from each state will advance to the national competition which will be held May 22 and 23 at the National Geographic Society headquarters in Washington D.C.

On February 28th our top 7th and 8th grader spellers went to the Shelby Elementary School to participate in the “Spell Off” to see which, 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th graders would represent Shelby at the Toole County Spelling Bee. Those Middle School students who participated in the Spell Off were 7th graders: Emily Christiaens, Jake Conant, Brittany Frydenlund, Tawnie Gardipee, Kelly Hasquet, Mary Kurkowski, Kress Lamey, Josh Matteson, Shay McFee, Kendra Nickol, Samantha Pacheco, Tanner Raph and Emily Rapkoch. The 8th graders were: Matt Alford, Laci Brown, Amanda Buck, Kyle Frydenlund, Adam MacDonald, Justin Nelson, Taylor Printy-Smith, Nick Rackley, Melanie Rush, Cheyenne Stirling and Lindsay Welker. The 7th and 8th grade finalists representing Shelby in the March 12th Toole County Spelling Bee are Amanda Buck, Emily Christiaens, Jacob Conant, Kyle Frydenlund, Kelly Hasquet, Adam MacDonald, Shay McFee, Josh Matteson, Samantha Pacheco, Jessica Parsell, Taylor Prrinty-Smith, Nick Rackley, Tanner Raph, Emily Rapkoch, Cheyenne Stirling and 1st Alternate Tawnie Gardipee. The Toole County Spelling Bee is in the Sunburst Auditorium at 7:00, March 12th.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT
March 2007

1. Preliminary Budget Information – Will be presented as an information item.
2. I am suggesting that the Board schedule a Budget Planning Study Session as soon as possible after the Legislature ends. Depending on what funding will be look like, whether or not full-day kindergarten will pass, and a variety of other issues it is imperative that the Board determine funding priorities for the upcoming year.
3. Classified Negotiations – MPEA has indicated that they would like to begin negotiations for the classified contract (custodians and bus drivers) by the end of April.
4. State Testing – State testing is currently underway. The CRT is being given in grades 3-8 and 10. This year a pilot science test is also being given to grades 4, 8, and 10. Toward the end of March the Iowa Tests will given in grades 4, 8, and 11 as required by the state. We have also been informed by OPI that 8th graders must be assessed in technology. The plan is to have the 8th grade complete the TAGLIT assessment online sometime in April.
5. District 10-C Tournament – The 10C has sent a check for the damages done to the gym. A letter from TIm Tharp, Tournament manager, is attached.
6. Sound system for gym – I am developing a plan to fund the needed repairs to the sound system in the gym. My goal is to have it working properly for graduation. We currently have \$3800 from the 10C tournament, some money that has accumulated over the years from capital credits from Marias River Electric, and CD's that are student activity funds. Once we have some firm quotes, I will come with a plan to get the work done.

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March 2, 2007

Superintendent Tom Rogers
Shelby Public Schools
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Tom,

Enclosed is a check for \$300 to cover the cost of damage at the Shelby High School while it was being used for the District 10-C Tournament. On behalf of the seven schools in the conference, I want to extend my deepest apologies for the inconvenience. Your staff was very professional and efficient in taking care of things so that there was no delay in any of the games.

I hope that Shelby High School will continue to be a tournament site for the 10-C conference whenever you are not using it for the Class B District Tournament.

Sincerely,



Tim Tharp, President & Tournament Manager
District 10-C Basketball Conference

cc: District 10-C Schools
Mark Beckman, MHSA

Personnel Action

PERSONNEL ACTION ITEMS

AGENDA ITEM VII

If the board wishes to further discuss any of the positions listed, individual items may be withdrawn from consideration at this time and placed on the agenda of a subsequent meeting.

HIRING

#	Name	Position	CE	AD	CL	EC

DISCONTINUANCE OF EMPLOYMENT

#	Name	Position	RES	TER	CE	AD	CL	EC
1	Holly Olszewski	Spanish/Distance Learning	X					

REASSIGNMENT/CHANGE OF CONTRACT/OTHER

#	Name	Position to	Position From
2	Chris Leary	Request for Additional Sick Leave	See hard copy of letter

CE – Certified CL – Classified AD – Administration EC – Extra Curricular TER – Termination RES - Resignation

Holly Olszewski
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February 8, 2007

Tom Rogers, Superintendent
Shelby Public School District #14
1010 Oilfield Ave.
Shelby, MT 59474

Dear Mr. Tom Rogers:

I am writing to you today to officially submit my letter of resignation to the Shelby Public School District #14 effective June 3, 2007.

Due to family and health issues, I will need to be more in the home and thus will be unable to continue my classroom teacher position.

I have greatly appreciated the opportunity to be a part of such a kind and professional group of individuals. It has been a joy to work for this district, and I am extremely grateful for having been given this unique opportunity. I have learned much from this experience that will continue to positively impact my goals and endeavors. Thank you for this beneficial experience of working in your school district.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Holly Olszewski".

Holly Olszewski

Action Items

ACTION ITEM 1
March 13, 2007

Item: **Approval of Bills and Student Activity Accounts**

Submitted by: Marigail Sveum

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the bills and student activity accounts as presented.

ACTION ITEM 2
March 13, 2007

Item: **Clerk's Report**

Submitted by: Marigail Sveum

RECOMMENDATION:

Approval of:

- a. Warrants and/or Student Activity checks to be voided
- b. Student attendance agreements
- c. Individual transportation contracts

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Attached

Item: **Resolution to Call for School Election**

Submitted by: Tom Rogers

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board approve the Resolution to Call for a School Election.

INFORMATION:

A copy of the resolution follows.

Trustee Resolution Calling for an Election

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees for School District No. 14, Toole County, State of Montana, will hold the Annual Regular School Election on Tuesday, the 8th day of May, 2007, which date is not less than forty (40) days after the passage of this resolution.

The polls will be open from 12:00 noon until 8:00 p.m.

The purpose of the election is to elect two (2) trustees for a three-year term, or as otherwise designated. Approval of additional levies to operate and maintain the high school and/or elementary school for the 2007-2008 school year may also be requested. If it is later determined that any portion of the election is not required, the Board of Trustees authorizes Marigail Sveum, election administrator, to cancel that portion of the election in accordance with 13-1-304 and 20-3-313 MCA.

Four electors of this district who are qualified to vote at such election are hereby appointed to act as judges at the election voting place as follows:

Mabel Neva, 657 N. Benton, Shelby, MT 59474
Myra Schilling, 135 7th Ave. No., Shelby, MT 59474
Joyce Benjamin, P.O. Box 796, Shelby, MT 59474
Three of the four will be selected upon availability.

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 her to close 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.

Kevin Mitchell, Chairman
School District No. 14, Toole County, Montana

Marigail Sveum, District Clerk
School District No. 14, Toole County, Montana

Dated at Shelby, Montana this 13th day of March, 2007.

20-20-201, MCA

Item: **Approval of 2007-2008 School Calendar**

Submitted by: Tom Rogers

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board approve the 2007-2008 School Calendar

INFORMATION:

A copy of the calendar is attached. Please note that this is a 178 day calendar. This will require 364 minutes per day rather than the standard 360, to meet the requirement of 1080 hours.



Shelby Public Schools

2007 - 2008 School Calendar

Jul 2007						
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August 27 & 28 PIR DAYS – Staff Orientation
 August 29 **FIRST DAY FOR STUDENTS**
 September 3 Labor Day – **NO SCHOOL**
 October 18 – 19 *MEA-MFT – **NO SCHOOL**
 November 2 End of 1st Quarter
 November 6 & 8 Parent-Teacher Conferences
 November 9 PIR DAY – **NO SCHOOL**
 November 22 – 23 Thanksgiving – **NO SCHOOL**
 Dec. 22 – Jan. 2 Winter Break – **NO SCHOOL**
 January 3 **SCHOOL RESUMES**
 January 18 End of 1st Semester
 February 15 **NO SCHOOL**
 February 18 President’s Day - **NO SCHOOL**
 March 20 End of 3rd Quarter
 March 21 - 24 Spring Break – **NO SCHOOL**
 March 25 **SCHOOL RESUMES**
 April 1 & 3 Parent-Teacher Conferences
 April 4 PIR Day – **NO SCHOOL**
 May 25 HS Graduation
 May 26 Memorial Day – **NO SCHOOL**
 May 30 **LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS**
 May 31 **PIR DAY**

October 18 & 19 are PIR Days
 178 Days

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Item: **Discussion and Possible Action on Tournaments**

Submitted by: Tom Rogers

RECOMMENDATION:

The Board will discuss and may take action on tournaments.

INFORMATION: