

MINUTES
February 12, 2008

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 7:01 p.m. by Chairman Kevin Mitchell.

Members present were: Kevin Mitchell, Barb Mercer, Greg Matteson, Elda Nichols, Joe Larsen, and Joe Sisk. The superintendent and clerk were present throughout the entire proceedings. Visitors present were Joe Rapkoch, Shawn Clark, Sanna Clark, Carla McNamara, Cathy Eklund, Helen Eklund, Erin Taylor, Rob Habets, Josh Habets, Cathy Johnson, Peggy Taylor, Ron Gruber, Cris Steinbacher, Sanna Clark, Charlotte Hanson, Shyra Schackman, Kalynn Brown, and Brian Kelleher.

The **Pledge of Allegiance** was recited.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the January 8, 2008, regular meeting as submitted.
Motion: Joe Sisk Second: Elda Nichols – passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Comment on any public matter

Barb Mercer said that she received a complaint about kids running around at sporting events. Mr. Clark commented that he has spoken to the kids and that maybe the parents need to be addressed about the issue.

Community Positive Comment on District Operations

Greg Matteson chaperoned the 8th grade ski trip and said they had a wonderful day and it was money well spent. He also wished Josh Habets good luck on working towards his merit badge for Scouts.

Elda Nichols said she has had positive comments from students about the new Choir Director, Matt McCallie.

Peggy Taylor said that the Home “N” School reading night was enjoyed by all and that the elementary students really enjoyed the high school students reading to them.

Joe Rapkoch thanked the elementary teachers for their continued work with the intervention program (RTI).

REPORTS

Elementary

Mr. Rapkoch reported that CSPD will provide a certified trainer to teach a 1 day in-service in March for our intervention team at no cost to the district. Joe Larsen asked Mr. Rapkoch how the DIBELS Assessment is progressing in it's 2nd year and also if any data has been compiled showing progress by individual students or by class. Mr. Rapkoch said that data will be available soon and also that Peggy Taylor will be attending a 2 day training session on DIBELS. Barb Mercer commented that it is very helpful to the teachers to have the DIBELS assessment available at the beginning of the school year.

Middle/High School

Mr. Clark reported that the seniors are going skiing at Big Mountain in March for their senior trip. Mr. Clark also reported that about 10 seniors have started their portfolio and research paper that are required for their senior project. Mr. Clark will approve the senior project topics and bring the list of topics to the next board meeting. Mr. Clark also reported that a high school student is getting his pilot license and that a few of the seniors are heading up a blood drive. Mr. Clark said that he has spoken with the Cut Bank school district about a cooperative agreement for the wrestling program. The number of wrestlers is down for both districts and it would save money on transportation and also make practice safer as the wrestlers would have someone in their own weight class to practice against. The two teams combined would compete as 1 team. This agreement would have to be approved by the board and MHSAA.

Superintendent

Mr. Genger reported that the district may run a technology levy for the high school. This levy would work similar to the bus depreciation fund. As the technology equipment depreciates, money will generate back into the fund to purchase new technology equipment. Mr. Genger thanked Mrs. Flesch for the hours and dedication she has put into her position as Business Manager. The elementary school had some frozen pipes resulting in damage to ceiling tiles and sprinkler heads.

Speech & Drama

Charlotte Hanson, the head coach for speech and drama, recognized her students that attended Divisional and State. Ms. Hanson also thanked her assistant coach Cathy Johnson for all her help and reported that the team took a 2nd place trophy at Divisional. Helen Eklund performed her humorous solo for the board. Mr. Genger thanked the coaches and team for representing our school so well and that he was proud of them for all their hard work. Kevin Mitchell also thanked Helen Eklund for performing for the board and said she did an outstanding job.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Budget Update

Mr. Genger reported that cuts and reductions will have to be made to meet the 2008-2009 budget. He estimated that \$200,000 in cuts will need to be made and that utilities will increase by 10%. Mr. Genger would like to get a committee together to get input on trimming the budget so the district can make decisions that will have the most positive effect on Shelby's educational system.

Boiler Update

Mr. Genger reported that the boiler project is going well and has been assembled and is currently being installed with piping, valves, and wiring.

Negotiations Update

The negotiations committee will meet next Monday, February 18th.

PERSONNEL ACTION ITEMS

The board received a letter of resignation from Mr. Bruce Sailer.

A motion was made to hire Matt McCallie as 6-12 Choir Director.

Motion: Joe Larsen Second: Elda Nichols – passed unanimously.

A motion was made to hire Jill Conant, Wendy Reynolds, and Emily McDermott as JH assistant vball coaches.

Motion: Greg Matteson Second: Elda Nichols – passed unanimously.

A motion was made to hire Sean Pahut as JH head wrestling coach and Rod Stirling as JH assistant wrestling coach.

Motion: Elda Nichols Second: Barb Mercer – passed unanimously.

A motion was made to hire Kristine Steinbacher and Tyson Byers as assistant HS track coaches.

Motion: Joe Sisk Second: Joe Larsen – passed unanimously.

A motion was made to hire Ray Wanty as head JH track coach and Bill Hansell and Dallas Stirling as JH assistant track coaches.

Motion: Barb Mercer Second: Elda Nichols – passed unanimously.

A motion was made to hire Tom Reynolds as assistant HS/JH golf coach.

Motion: Joe Larsen Second: Elda Nichols – passed unanimously.

A motion was made to hire Janessa Hurtig as assistant HS softball coach.

Motion: Joe Sisk Second: Greg Matteson – 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 approved warrants were numbered 58833 through 58895. The student activity checks for this month were numbered 8890 through 8988. 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.

Motion: Joe Larsen Second: Elda Nichols - passed unanimously.

Clerk's Report

A motion was made to void the following student activity checks:

#8891 and #8938

Motion: Elda Nichols Second: Joe Larsen – passed unanimously.

A motion was made to cancel the following warrants due to Black Mountain error on signature line:

#58816-58832 (17 checks)

Motion: Elda Nichols Second: Joe Sisk – passed unanimously.

There were no student attendance agreements or individual transportation contracts to be approved.

CORRESPONDENCE

The middle school science department received a letter from Kasey K. O'Reilly and a \$500.00 check from the company he works for. Mr. O'Reilly works for BP West Coast Products, LLC. in Blaine, WA. In Mr. O'Reilly's letter he stated that he was a former student at SHS and it was a privilege to give back to the school that had the most positive influence on his life.

NEXT MEETING OF THE BOARD

Regular Meeting, Tuesday, March 11, 2008, 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 8:26 p.m.

Motion: Joe Larsen Second: Barb Mercer – passed unanimously.

BUSINESS MANAGER/CLERK

CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD