

MINUTES
September 8, 2009

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 7:00 p.m. by Chairperson Elda Nichols.

Members present were: Elda Nichols, Barb Mercer, Greg Matteson, Joe Sisk, Mark Grotbo, Michelle Edwards. Member(s) absent: Brian Aklestad. The superintendent and clerk were present throughout the entire proceedings. Visitors present were Joe Rapkoch, Shawn Clark, Sanna Clark, Carla McNamara, Eric Tokerud.

The **Pledge of Allegiance** was recited.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the August 17, 2009, regular meeting.

Motion: Mark Grotbo

Second: Barb Mercer - passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Comment on any Public Matter

None

Community Positive Comment on District Operations

Mr. Genger and Mr. Clark commented that the new Alternative Education classrooms are remarkable. Alternative Ed instructor Mike White told Mr. Genger that the new classrooms provide a great learning environment for the students and are a tremendous improvement from their previous classrooms.

REPORTS

Elementary Principal's Report

Mr. Rapkoch said that the bullying training went well and that the kick-off celebration is being planned for sometime in October. Barb Mercer asked Mr. Rapkoch if the Bullying Program was being implemented for K-12 and he responded that it was elementary only (K-6). Health Inspector Karen Salo came and inspected the elementary. She said that the drinking fountain needed to have more pressure and some of the classrooms were too warm. The recommended temperature for classrooms is 68 degrees and the locker room should be 74 degrees. She will send a formal report of the health inspection.

High School Principal's Report

Mr. Clark said that the Industrial Tech class is going well and the students are being engaged in a different line of courses. He would like them to be able to take their construction skills outside of the school district. The class is a semester long. Mr. Clark said that his staff is reading the book "Mindset". The book focuses on the psychology of motivating kids. Barb Mercer asked Mr. Clark about the student's fundraisers and where the money is going. He said that they are raising money for camps and an emblem to hang at the football field.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Genger said that Devoe's has not been paid the electrical portion of their bill because some of the work has not passed inspection. Athletic fields and school campuses are still being sprayed for mosquitos. A core sample report for the football field was sent to the board members. Topographical drainage will have to be done first and then the engineers will flag the water lines at the football field. Greg Matteson commented that he thinks the Safe Route to Schools signs that the City placed on Oilfield Avenue are a good idea and he would like to see more placed near the schools.

