

**MINUTES**  
**February 10, 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 Larsen, Joe Sisk, Mark Grotbo, and Michelle Edwards. The superintendent and clerk were present throughout the entire proceedings. Visitors present were Kristin Wiederrick, Joe Rapkoch, Dallas Stirling, Rikki James, Dawn Wagner, Callie Raph, Corbin Christiaens, Carla McNamara, Sanna Clark, Sharol O'Brien, Kelly Hayes, Kim Hayes, and David Wagner.

The **Pledge of Allegiance** was recited.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made to approve the amended minutes of the January 13, 2009, regular meeting as submitted.

Motion: Joe Sisk

Second: Mark Grotbo- passed unanimously.

A motion was made to approve the amended minutes of the January 28, 2009, special meeting as submitted.

Motion: Greg Matteson

Second: Joe Larsen- passed unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Comment on any public matter

Greg Matteson voiced his concerns about the planning stages of Shelby High School's new sport's complex. Mr. Matteson said that fill dirt will need to be brought in to fix the football field as it does not drain properly. Mr. Matteson asked that if anyone knows where there's any fill dirt to please give him a call.

Community Positive Comment on District Operations

Joe Sisk said that he attended the assembly at the high school and thought that the motivational speaker was great.

Joe Larsen helped judge the Shelby Science Fair and said it was wonderful. He also said that the students have made great progress in the past year. Mark Grotbo also said that the students put on a great science fair and was glad that the winners were able to participate in the Great Falls Invitational Science and Engineering Fair.

Mr. Clark congratulated our Speech & Drama team as they took 1<sup>st</sup> place in the Drama category at the Divisional Speech & Drama Meet. He also congratulated Helen Eklund for winning Serious Solo at the State Class B-C Speech & Drama meet. Mr. Clark said that the high school students that attended the Science Bowl in Billings placed in the top six. There were a lot of positive comments on the Divisional Wrestling Tournament that was hosted in Shelby. There were also many positive comments on our cheerleaders and their advisor Rhonda Edmiston. Rhonda is doing a great job and has brought the spirit back into our cheer program.

Kristin Wiederrick also commented that cheer advisor Rhonda Edmiston is doing a phenomenal job and deserves a lot of credit.

Dallas Stirling said she had also received many compliments on the way SHS ran the Divisional Wrestling Tournament.

## **REPORTS**

### Reports

#### Shelby Elementary School

Mr. Rapkoch said that the chart that Peggy Taylor made for RTI (Response to Intervention) shows great improvements. Mr. Rapkoch and Peggy Taylor made a visit to the Camrose Colony library. The 4<sup>th</sup> graders of Shelby Elementary completed the NAEP testing and received compliments from the testing officials. The parents of the 4<sup>th</sup> graders at Camrose Colony decided not to allow their children to participate in the NAEP testing. Mr. Rapkoch announced that Shelby's schoolwide Spelling Bee will be held at 2:30 p.m. on Thursday, February 19<sup>th</sup> in the elementary cafeteria and that the Toole County Spelling Bee will be held at 1:00 p.m. on March 4<sup>th</sup> at the Sunburst High School auditorium.

#### Shelby Middle/High School

Mr. Clark introduced Rikki James of the Tobacco Intervention Program. Mrs. James announced that there will be a tobacco prevention assembly on February 24<sup>th</sup> at the Shelby High School Gym. The motivational speaker will be Rick Bender. She also said that about 30 students from area schools would be attending and that the Shelby 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders are also invited. Mr. Clark also introduced student council representatives Callie Raph and Corbin Christiaens. They spoke to the board about the 4B's dress code and asked the board if it would be okay to be a little more lenient on the dress code for the prom. The board agreed that it would be okay and asked that the girls get an okay from Mrs. Stirling on the prom dress they are thinking about purchasing. Mr. Clark thanked Dave Irvin of Rude Sheet Metal for donating materials and labor to install a ventilation system to fix the moisture problem under the mats in the weight room. He also thanked Josh Howery for helping install the system.

#### Superintendent's Report

Mr. Genger met with Mayor Bonderud concerning the natural gas portion of the utility bill and the feasibility of the Alternative Ed school staying at the old Middle School. The mayor stated that the City Council is considering closing the building in the spring and that the district should present the City Council with a percentage of the gas bill that the School Board believes is fair. Preliminary investigation of the possibility of housing the Alternative Ed School in the storage room at the administration building has been positive. One contractor has looked at the storage room and another is planning to come over as soon as possible. There is plenty of room to build two classrooms, two handicapped accessible restrooms, and a kitchenette. The 21<sup>st</sup> Century afterschool program would also be housed in the new facility and would need to have access to a kitchenette. Mr. Genger stated the district could get a loan through The Board of Investments and that the district would not need to run a levy. Mr. Genger said that enrollment has increased slightly in the elementary and the high school and that could increase our funding for next year by \$30,000.00 for each school.

## **INFORMATION ITEMS**

Chairperson Elda Nichols scheduled a work session with the board members and teachers. The public is also invited to attend. The work session will be held Tuesday, February 24<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. at the administration building.

## **PERSONNEL ACTION ITEMS**

A motion was made to hire Clayton Davis as head High School Track Coach, and Cris Steinbacher, Tyson Byers, Sara Kincaid-Park as assistant High School Track Coaches.

Motion: Joe Sisk

Second: Michelle Edwards - passed unanimously.

A motion was made to hire Eric Tokerud as head High School Softball Coach, and Curt Leeds as assistant Softball Coach.

Motion: Joe Sisk

Second: Michelle Edwards - passed unanimously.

A motion was made to ratify the Elementary Principal's contract. Mr. Rapkoch received a 1% raise for the 2008-2009 and 2009-2010 school year. Along with adjustments to his severance pay Mr. Rapkoch's salary for the 2008-2009 and 2009-2010 school will be 68,225.79 per year.

Motion: Mark Grotbo

Second: Barb Mercer - passed unanimously.

A motion was made to ratify the Payroll Clerk and Business Manager's contract. The payroll clerk's salary will increase by \$400.00 through the end of June and then be renegotiated in July for the 2009-2010 school year. The business manager's salary will be increased by \$600.00 and will be renegotiated in July for the 2009-2010 school year.

Motion: Mark Grotbo

Second: Barb Mercer - passed unanimously.

A break was taken at 8:06 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 8:16 p.m.

## **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 60108 through 60198. The student activity checks for this month were numbered 9473 through 9548. 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: Greg Matteson

Second: Joe Sisk - passed unanimously.

### Clerk's Report

A motion was made to cancel the following student activity warrants:

#9449, #9453, #9452

Motion: Mark Grotbo

Second: Michelle Edwards

There were no student attendance agreements or individual transportation contracts to be presented this month.

The clerk reported that nomination petitions are due on Thursday, March 26, 2009 at 3:30 p.m.

### Superintendent's recommendation concerning inappropriate fan behavior

A motion was made to accept the Superintendent's recommendation.

Motion: Joe Sisk

Second: Mark Grotbo - passed unanimously.

### First Reading of District Policy Updates/Changes

The board agreed that the first reading will be tabled until the March board meeting to give them time to review the changes.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

A letter from Tina Hagman was read by Chairperson Elda Nichols asking her to amend the minutes of January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2009 stating that Mrs. Hagman was asking to be reimbursed by Shelby Public Schools for out of pocket personal expenses due to her daughters school related injury. Mrs. Hagman wanted to clarify that she was asking for out of pocket medical expenses, not personal expenses. Mr. Genger will submit a claim to the district's insurance.

