MINUTES
February 9, 2010

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 5:00 p.m. by Chairperson Elda Nichols.

Members present were: Elda Nichols, Barb Mercer, Greg Matteson, Joe Sisk, Mark Grotbo, Michelle Edwards, and Brian Aklestad. Member(s) absent: None The superintendent and clerk were present throughout the entire proceedings. Visitors present were Joe Rapkoch, Shawn Clark, Sanna Clark, Carla McNamara, Philip Kleinsasser, Donna Sparks, John Hough, and Mike White.

The **Pledge of Allegiance** was recited.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the January 12, 2010, regular meeting.
Motion: Barb Mercer Second: Greg Matteson - passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Comment on any Public Matter
None

Community Positive Comment on District Operations
Barb Mercer commented that the science fair was very well done and well organized. Brian Aklestad said he was very impressed with the science fair. Mr. Genger and Mr. Clark also commented that the science fair had improved from last year and had a higher level of experiments.

REPORTS

Elementary Principal's Report
Mr. Rapkoch reported that he will be ordering the greenhouse soon. He said that he was very pleased with the results from the DIBELS testing and happy with the work the committee has done on the rubric. There will be an awards assembly for the Bullying Program Wed. February 10th at 1:00 p.m. in the elementary gym.

High School Principal's Report
Mr. Clark said that he has been working with Kelly Hayes on the new schedule for the upcoming school year. He said that he is going to offer a Senior Life Skills class as an elective for the 2010-2011 school year. He would like to switch middle school and high school music periods, offer a 7-12 art program, and create a math lab in the middle school and high school. He said that he would like to have the grading program generate a letter to parents when their student has a D.

Superintendent's Report
Mr. Genger said that he would like to see the board plan another strategic planning session. He thanked MCR, Torgerson's, First State Bank, and Booster Club for their donations to purchase the new scoreboard. He also thanked Sean Pahut for collecting donations to purchase a new wrestling mat. Karen Watson received a big thank you for all of her efforts in painting the walls in the gym. Spring enrollment was down K-6 by 35 students compared to last year, 7-8 is up by 5, 9-12 is down by 6. This will not affect state funding as a three-year average is used to calculate ANB.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Resignations
Mr. Genger accepted resignations from Head Cook Audie Bancroft and Kitchen Staff Member Jeanne Widhalm.

Technology Report
John Hough reported to the board how the technology funds are being spent. He said that approximately 25 percent of the 100,000.00 technology budget is being spent on annual licensing fees. He also said it would be cheaper to upgrade Novell software rather than switch to Microsoft. The server is seven years old and will eventually need to be replaced. John is looking into purchasing used computers from the state of Montana and Border Patrol. He would also like to purchase more Smartboards as he has a waiting list.

Summer Food Program
Sanna Clark and Donna Sparks spoke to the board about the district possibly running a summer food program. The program would be fully funded by the state and the purpose is to feed students who do not receive proper nutrition in the summer months. Sanna Clarks 21st Century Grant Program ran the summer food program last summer with success but would like to expand the program and would need the district to step in and take over. Mr. Genger's concern with the district taking over the program is the manpower to run it and also discipline issues that could occur. The board will discuss the program and make a decision at the next board meeting.

Alternative Education
Mike White spoke to the board about the progress of the Alternative Ed School, also called Shelby Learning Academy. He said that 19 students are currently enrolled. He also said that 2 inmates from Crossroad Correctional Facility are trying to get their diploma through our Alternative Ed Program. The students have P.E. once a week at the civic center and Mr. White would like to get them to the civic center more often in the coming school year. Mr. White said the new classrooms at the administration building are a much better learning environment for the students. The high school teachers have been coming over often to check and make sure the students have the work they need. The Alternative Ed students have a closed campus at lunchtime.

PERSONNEL ACTION ITEMS
Recommendation to hire:

High School Head Track Coach
A motion was made to hire Clayton Davis.
Voting in favor of the motion were Elda Nichols, Barb Mercer, Brian Aklestad, Michelle Edwards, Joe Sisk, and Greg Matteson.
Voting against the motion was Mark Grotbo.
The motion passed 6 to 1.

High School Assistant Track Coaches
A motion was made to hire Tyson Byers and Cristine Steinbacher.
Motion: Mark Grotbo Second: Greg Matteson- passed unanimously.

Junior High Track Coaches
A motion was made to hire Ray Wanty as Head Coach and Mallory Stinger, Bill Hansell, and Mac McDermott as Assistant Coaches.
Motion: Michelle Edwards Second: Barb Mercer - passed unanimously.

Kitchen Staff
A motion was made to hire Robin Stubbs as Head Cook, Belinda Pacheco and Elena Lopez as Kitchen Aides.
Motion: Joe Sisk Second: Greg Matteson - passed unanimously.

Golf Coaches
A motion was made to hire Dave Madison as Head HS Coach and Tom Reynolds as Assistant HS and JH Coach.
Motion: Mark Grotbo Second: Brian Aklestad - 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 61407 through 61492. The student activity checks for this month were numbered 9985-10050. 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: Brian Aklestad - passed unanimously.

Clerk's Report

There were no warrants/checks to be voided and no student attendance agreements or individual transportation contracts.

Student Handbook Recommendations/Action

This was tabled until the March 9th board meeting so the board would have time to review other schools policies on cell phones and other electronic devices.

CORRESPONDENCE

Chairperson Elda Nichols reported that she had received a letter from Northwest Association of Accredited Schools saying that the district received full accreditation.

NEXT MEETING OF THE BOARD

Regular Meeting, Tuesday, March 9, 2010, at 7:00 p.m.
Board Room, District Administration Office, 1010 Oilfield Avenue, Shelby, Montana

ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Elda Nichols adjourned the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

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BUSINESS MANAGER/CLERK **CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD**