

MINUTES
April 12, 2016

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 7:10 p.m. by Chairperson Brian Aklestad.

Members present were: Brian Aklestad, Rikki James, Jay Hould, Anna Fretheim, Elda Nichols and Dan Leck. Member(s) absent: Richard Jorata. The superintendent, clerk, elementary principal and high school principal were present throughout the proceedings. Visitors present were Suzanne Hough, Clayton Davis, Lauri and Eric Tokerud, Ron Gruber, Merilee Kleiber, Kathy Cleverly, Jennifer Mosley, Danny Hintz, Julie Olsen, Terri Jo Baney, Eve Jacobson, Carla McNamara, Debbie Munson, Emily McDermott, Jennifer Van Heel, Philip Kleinsasser, Peter Hofer, Krista Mellinger, Kaylee Nelson, LeAnn Appley, Julean Hanson, Brent Hanson, Sabrina Hanson, Richard James, Matthew James, Julie Martin, Dawn Wagner, Shawnii Apoka, Tiphany Apoka and Sara Brown.

The **Pledge of Allegiance** was recited.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the March 8, 2016 regular board meeting and March 22, 2016 special board meeting.

Motion: Elda Nichols

Second: Jay Hould- passed unanimously.

Approval of Bills and Student Activity Accounts

A motion was made to approve the claims approval list. The approved warrants were numbered 67688 through 67753. The student activity checks for this month were numbered 13357 through 13437. 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: Anna Fretheim

Second: Rikki James- passed unanimously.

Voiding Student Account Checks

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

Check # 13178 in the amount of \$74.92 payable to Kyle Watterud

Check # 13180 in the amount of \$70.75 payable to Tony Fleisher

Check # 13386 in the amount of \$96.07 payable to Tom Reynolds

Motion: Dan Leck

Second: Elda Nichols- passed unanimously.

Public Comment

Mr. Ron Gruber announced that the district music festival is on April 15th and 16th and he also said that anybody who wants to help is sure welcome. Lauri Tokerud praised the art class and Mr. Laroche for a wonderful art show at the high school.

President's Volunteer Service Award

Mr. Crump presented Sabrina Hanson the President's Volunteer Service Award for her outstanding number of volunteer hours and her dedication to help others.

REPORTS

Elementary Principal Report

Principal Erica Allen read her written report to the board. She told them about the schedule of activities during the month of March and April.

Junior/High School Principal Report

Principal Philip French also told the Board about the upcoming events that will be happening at the high school and middle school.

Superintendent Schedule

Mr. Crump told the Board that he will be contacting them for more job interviews.

ACTION ITEMS

Alternative School

Mr. Crump made a recommendation to move the Alternative School to the main high school facility.

Motion: Jay Hould

Second: Rikki James

The motion passed 5 to 1. Voting in favor were Brian Aklestad, Rikki James, Anna Fretheim, Jay Hould and Dan Leck. Voting against was Elda Nichols.

Retirement/Resignation

Mr. Crump made recommendations to accept the resignation of the following employees:

Sarah White

Motion: Dan Leck

Second: Jay Hould- passed unanimously.

Charlie Simkin

Motion: Jay Hould

Second: Elda Nichols- passed unanimously.

Hiring

Mr. Crump made recommendations to the Board to hire the following staff:

Paraprofessionals- Alicia Baney and Danika Larson

Motion: Rikki James

Second: Jay Hould- passed unanimously.

Cafeteria- Inga Odden

Motion: Elda Nichols

Second: Dan Leck- passed unanimously.

High school head coaches:

Football- Mike White

Motion: Rikki James

Second: Elda Nichols-passed unanimously.

Volleyball- Ron Buck

Motion: Jay Hould

Second: Anna Fretheim- passed unanimously.

Cross Country- Deb Munson

Motion: Elda Nichols

Second: Rikki James- passed unanimously.

Teacher Renewal

Elementary, Middle School and High School Tenure Renewals

Mr. Crump made recommendations to the Board to hire the following tenured teachers:

Elementary School

Veronica Goodan, Jennifer Mosley, Kimberly Hayes, Brandy Kiefer, Sara Aikins White, Kristin Wiederrick, Janelle Koschmeder, Chris Leary, Shelly Rewerts, Kelly Hayes, Tom Reynolds and Wendy Reynolds, Ron Buck and Jamie Peterson

Motion: Rikki James

Second: Jay Hould- passed unanimously.

Middle School and High School

Suzanne Hough, Sara Kincaid -Park , Kathy Cleverly, Ron Gruber, Mike White, Wendy Reynolds, Lauri Tokerud, Rob Lee, Clayton Davis, Sharol O'Brien, Kayla Moylan, Eric Tokerud and Merilee Kleiber

Motion: Dan Leck

Second: Jay Hould- passed unanimously.

Elementary, Middle School and High School Non-Tenure Renewals

Mr. Crump made recommendations to the Board to hire the following non-tenured teachers:

Elementary School Non-Tenured

Brittany Tomsheck, Zach Hayes and Galina Maki

Motion: Rikki James

Second: Jay Hould- passed unanimously.

Middle School and High School Non-Tenured

Thaddeus White, Kathje Griffis, Kaylee Schubert, Brice Stewart, Merilee Kleiber and Carissa Blair

Motion: Anna Fretheim

Second: Rikki James- passed unanimously.

4-H Bus Use

Mr. Crump recommended to approve for the 4-H group to use the school bus during the week of June 13th as long as they have proof of insurance.

Motion: Rikki James

Second: Jay Hould- passed unanimously.

New Student Account

The superintendent made a recommendation to add Missoula Children's Theater to the Student Account.

Motion: Anna Fretheim

Second: Elda Nichols- passed unanimously.

A break was taken 8:38 p.m. and reconvened at 8:52 p.m.

Block Schedule to 8-Period Day

After a long discussion about the schedule the Board made a recommendation to move to an 8 period day with stipulations that kids will get 35 minute lunch break, include study halls each period during the day and extend the release schedule on Fridays to 2:44 p.m. instead of 2:38 p.m.

Motion: Rikki James

Second: Jay Hould- passed unanimously.

Non-Union Salary Increase

The superintendent made a recommendation to give the non-union employees who are currently employed an increase of .5 % for the 2015-2016 school year and another .5 % increase for the 2016-2017 school year.

Motion: Jay Hould

Second: Anna Fretheim- passed unanimously.

Bus Purchase

The transportation committee made a motion to approve the purchase of a new route bus. Jay Hould second the motion and the motion to buy a new route bus passed unanimously.

Special Education Co-op Financial Assessment

Mr. Crump explained to the Board that due to declining enrollments in rural schools, the increase of special education needs and with the legislature choosing not to apply any inflation factors to special education funding, the Big Sky Special Needs Coop has a shortfall in funding. In order for the Coop to operate again next year each district within the Cooperative was assessed a fee. Mr. Crump made a recommendation to pay the assessed amount of \$25,444.84 to Big Sky Special Needs Cooperative.

Motion: Anna Fretheim

Second: Jay Hould- passed unanimously.

Discussion Items

Teacher Negotiations

Another meeting has been scheduled.

Bus/Custodial Negotiations

Mr. Aklestad said that there is not much progress and he is trying to schedule another meeting.

Correspondence

None

NEXT MEETING OF THE BOARD

Regular Meeting, Tuesday, May 10, 2016, 7:00 p.m. Board Room, District Administration Office, 1010 Oilfield Avenue, Shelby, Montana

Superintendent Evaluation

The meeting went into a closed session at 10:00 p.m. and adjourned at 11:04 p.m. and then the meeting went to a second closed session at 11:05 p.m. and adjourned at 11:06 p.m.

BUSINESS MANAGER/CLERK

CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD