

MINUTES
January 8, 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 6:58 p.m. by Chairman Kevin Mitchell.

Members present were: Kevin Mitchell, Barb Mercer, Greg Matteson, Elda Nichols, Joe Larsen, Joe Sisk, and Mark Grotbo. The superintendent and clerk were present throughout the entire proceedings. Visitors present were Joe Rapkoch, Shawn Clark, John Hough, Sanna Clark, Carla McNamara and Donna Sparks.

The **Pledge of Allegiance** was recited.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the December 7, 2007, regular meeting as submitted.
Motion: Joe Sisk Second: Barb Mercer – passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Comment on any public matter

None

Community Positive Comment on District Operations

Joe Rapkoch commented that the kindergarten joined the 1st and 2nd graders for the Christmas program and that helped draw a larger audience. Barb Mercer and Kevin Mitchell also said they went to the elementary Christmas program and that it was wonderful.

Kevin Mitchell said he spoke with a parent of one of the girl's basketball players and he said the girl's are having a great season and they love their coaches.

Donna Sparks requested that the district hire a fourth Jr High volleyball coach as she has 50-55 girls signed up for the program next year. A recommendation was made that all 4 volleyball coaches remain the same as last year.

REPORTS

Elementary

Mr. Rapkoch reported that the Elementary Math Committee (consisting of 4 teachers and himself) are previewing various textbook series and "packaged" programs. The team will be making visits to area schools to see the programs in actual use. Casey Smith's after school program (RECCS) is doing well. Matt commented that they are meeting at the elementary but the program will be moved to the city hall basement in the near future. The elementary teachers will be more directly involved with the Intervention Program (RTI) as they will be doing interventions with the students in their classroom.

Middle/High School

Mr. Clark reported that the teachers are seeing a large number of students sharing and borrowing answers for their schoolwork. The HS staff is going to use an activity from Project Wisdom to teach the students how important integrity and honesty is and that it will help them prepare for college. A letter concerning the issue is being mailed to the parents. Montana High School Association is meeting to discuss the placement of teams in the districts. Mr. Clark said it is time to start bidding on tournaments. Mr. Genger, Mr. Clark, and the board members agreed to bid aggressively on tournaments as they benefit our district and the community of Shelby financially. Mr. Clark said they have a student at the high school that will need an Aide for the rest of the 1st semester and the 2nd semester. Special Needs Coop will provide funding for the Aide.

Superintendent

Mr. Genger reported that the old boiler in the high school was removed and taken to the city dump. The new boiler is ready to be installed after we receive the air quality report. An efficiency study is being done on our janitorial operation. The study will provide the district with information on how to best use janitorial manpower per square footage. Mr. Genger also reported that schools no longer have to fund the NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND Act as the 6th Court of Appeals has ruled against it. Mr Genger attended the MASS meeting and said there will not be a special session for budget shortfall. The district offered the High School Choir Director position to a gentleman from Colorado. They are waiting to get a response back from him. John Hough, the Technology Coordinator, is putting together a report on the assets and depreciation in the Technology department.

INFORMATION ITEMS

None

PERSONNEL ACTION ITEMS

A motion was made to hire Denise Flesch as Business Manager/Clerk.
Motion: Barb Mercer Second: Joe Larsen - passed unanimously.

A motion was made to increase the salary of the Payroll Clerk (Melit Flynn).
Motion: Joe Sisk Second: Joe Larsen - passed unanimously.

A motion was made to hire Jill Conant as a part time Aide with possibility to become full time.
Motion: Joe Sisk Second: Barb Mercer - passed unanimously.

A motion was made to hire an additional Jr High Volley Ball Coach.
Motion: Greg Matteson Second: Barb Mercer - 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 58721 through 58815. The student activity checks for this month were numbered 8826 through 8868. 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: Elda Nichols Second: Mark Grotbo - passed unanimously.

Clerk's Report

A motion was made to void the following student activity checks:
#7759 and #8850

Motion: Mark Grotbo Second: Elda Nichols – passed unanimously.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

None

NEXT MEETING OF THE BOARD

Regular Meeting, Tuesday, February 12, 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 8:09 p.m.
Motion: Elda Nichols Second: Mark Grotbo – passed unanimously.

BUSINESS MANAGER/CLERK

CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD