

MINUTES
March 13, 2012

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 Mark Grotbo.

Members present were: Mark Grotbo, Tom Carter, Elda Nichols, Joe Sisk, Brian Aklestad, Rikki James and Felicia Midboe. Member(s) absent: None. The superintendent and clerk were present throughout the entire proceedings. Visitors present were Shawn Clark, Suzanne Hough, Pru Lybeck, Peggy Taylor, Ron Gruber, Lauri Tokerud, Sharol O'Brien, Ula Omdahl, Matt Berg, Mari Sanchez, Ron Buck, Dana Hellinger, Emily McDermott, Darcy McAllister, Mark Cross, Julie Martin, Michael Martin, Jay Hould, Eve Jacobson, Carla McNamara, Nicki Anderson, Kari Hoover, Briana Wipf, Julean Hansen, April Seubert and Marla Hasquet.

The **Pledge of Allegiance** was recited.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the February 13, 2012, regular meeting as submitted.

Motion: Brian Aklestad

Second: Felicia Midboe- passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Comment on any public matter

Julie Martin expressed her concerns to the Board on the current 5th grade class which consists of 30 students. Her major concern is that the teaching time has been reduced and so the students learning time has gone down. Mark Cross also expressed the same concern to the Board. Chairman of the Board, Mark Grotbo assured the parents that he will discuss their concerns with Superintendent Matt Genger. Mr. Grotbo reminded parents to express their concerns to the staff and the administration before coming to the Board.

Community Positive Comment on District Operations

Mr. Shawn Clark thanked all of the volunteers who worked during the Northern C Girls Divisional Tournament. Carla McNamara commented that the combined concert was really nice.

REPORTS

Shelby Elementary School

Elementary Head Teacher, Peggy Taylor reported that grades 3-6 have started the CRT tests this week with 4th graders going a couple of extra days as they have to take a longer battery tests that include a science section. She said that there will be an end of testing assembly on March 22nd and with the help of the Key Club students the annual bike give away sponsored by the Kiwanis Club will be explained. She reported that teachers have been attending various professional development workshops and GTCC committee meetings. Some of the topics discussed include Response to Intervention, Montana Common Core Standards and reading problems such as dyslexia. She said that this year the staff has been working really hard to align the Golden Triangle Curriculum objectives to the Montana Common Core Standards. She said that on March

23rd the staff will listen to a presentation about auditory processing difficulties. She also told the Board that Mr. Kelly Hayes and Mr. John Hough are attending a technology conference right now and she hopes that they will come back with lots of information.

Shelby Middle/High School

Mr. Shawn Clark reported that on Thursday, March 15 our district will be hosting the students from North Toole County High School. The purpose of the gathering is to provide students with information regarding healthy lifestyle decisions. The program is in conjunction with the Toole County DUI Task Force, Toole County EMT, Toole County Sheriff's Office, Marias Medical Center and Gateway Recovery. He also reported that on Tuesday, February 28th the Junior High Choir traveled

to Great Falls for their annual mass festival. This event was a great opportunity for the students to sing in a large group and to work under the direction of another conductor.

Matt Berg did a presentation on McGraw Hill Specific Skill Series for reading. He said that there are 16 students taking part in it. This program focuses on reading comprehension skills.

Lauri Tokerud presented to the Board some information about the Galapagos Islands Ecology Program. She told the Board that she plans to take at least 13 students to this trip on June 2013. She said that this a very famous research center and it will give students a great experience.

Superintendent's Report

The Superintendent reported that the Elementary School has the budgetary authority for a general fund budget of \$2,510,674 with a maximum voted amount of \$84,843.11. The maximum budgetary authority is the same as last year's budget. The High School has the budgetary authority for a general fund budget of \$1,580,715.55 with a maximum voted amount of \$43,751.89. This amount will be an increase on \$3392.55 from last year's general fund budget. He explained to the Board that we do not generate much money from the oil and gas revenues and in order to reach the budget authority we have to get a vote from the public. He also reported that the lighting project is complete and that we are getting a lot of compliments with the gym lights.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Superintendent Matt Genger announced the resignation of Mary Christianson. She has been a valuable employee for the District since April, 1982.

PERSONNEL ACTION ITEMS FOR THE 2012-2013 SCHOOL YEAR

A motion was made to hire the following Elementary-Junior High Teaching Staff:

Amy Daiss, Ron Gruber, Tom Reynolds, Wendy Reynolds, Barbara Donnell, Brandy Kiefer, Chris Leary, Donna Sparks, Janelle Lutke, Jennifer Mosley, JoEve Aikins, Kathy Ellen Johnson, Kathleen Cleverly, Joan Svennungsen, Kelly Hayes, Kimberly Hayes, Kristin Wiederrick, Pru Lybeck, Rob Lee, Mike White, Sara White, Sara Kincaid-Park, Sharol O'Brien, Shelly Rewerts, Suzanne Hough, Tammerah Robertson, Tracy Stevens, Veronica Goodan, Clayton Davis and Brian Hayes.

Motion: Tom Carter

Second: Rikki James- passed unanimously.

A motion was made to hire Peggy Taylor as the Elementary School Principal.

Motion: Tom Carter

Second: Elda Nichols- passed unanimously.

A motion was made to hire the following High School Teaching Staff:

Clayton Davis, Cristine Steinbacher, Curt Leeds, David Madison, Eric Tokerud, Julia Arnold, Kathy Ellen Johnson, Kayla Moylan, Lauri Tokerud, Mike White, Rob Lee, Ron Gruber, Sharol O'Brien, Ula Hilt-Omdahl, Wendy Reynolds and Amy Daiss.

Motion: Joe Sisk Second: Brian Aklestad- passed unanimously.

A motion was made to hire Shawn Clark as the High School Principal.

Motion: Brian Aklestad Second: Rikki James- passed unanimously.

A motion was made to hire Matt Berg as the Art Teacher and Ronald Buck as the Camrose Colony Teacher.

Motion: Tom Carter Second: Elda Nichols- passed unanimously.

A motion was made to hire the following staff:

Support Staff- Denise Flesch, Janet Flesch and Dallas Stirling

Transportation Supervisor- Ed Delzer

IT Supervisor- John Hough

Food Services- Robin Stubbs, Judy Booth, Becky Hansel and Nancy Reedy

Custodial Staff- Ron Migneault, Lyle Kimmet, Lee Davis, Marlena Schwenke and David Clark

Motion: Joe Sisk Second: Rikki James- passed unanimously.

Mr. Genger recommended that the hiring of Bus Drivers is postponed until the future board meeting because of possible bus route changes. He also explained that the hiring of Educational and Support Aides will depend on the passing of the levies.

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 63764 through 63842. The student activity checks for this month were numbered 11312 through 11386. 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: Brian Aklestad Second: Elda Nichols- passed unanimously.

Clerk's Report

Resolution to call for a School Election

A motion was made for the resolution to call for a School Election.

Motion: Elda Nichols Second: Tom Carter- passed unanimously.

Purchase of Route Bus

The motion to purchase a route bus has been tabled until the April board meeting since the Board did not have enough information about the new bus.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

NEXT MEETING OF THE BOARD

Regular Meeting, Tuesday, April 10, 2012 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 8:05 p.m.

Motion: Brian Aklestad

Second: Elda Nichols - passed unanimously.

BUSINESS MANAGER/CLERK

CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD