

MINUTES
July 10, 2007

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 7:03 p.m. by Chairman Kevin Mitchell.

Members present were: Kevin Mitchell, Elda Nichols, Barb Mercer, Greg Matteson, Joe Larsen and Joe Sisk. Member absent: Mark Grotbo. The superintendent and clerk were present throughout the entire proceedings. Visitors present were Joe Rapkoch, Shawn Clark, Charlotte Hanson, John Hough, Cris Steinbacher, Sharol O'Brien, Carla McNamara, Meghan McNamara, Debbie Munson, Gene Schilling, Sanna Clark, Sara Aikins and Eric Tokerud.

The **Pledge of Allegiance** was recited.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the June 12, 2007 meeting as presented.
Motion: Joe Sisk Second: Barb Mercer - passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Comment on any public matter

None

Community Positive Comment on District Operations

Elda Nichols said it was a nice reception for Mr. Rogers; she enjoyed the food and company. Joe Sisk said he would like to welcome Matt. Joe Larsen thanked Elda for getting the gift for Mr. Rogers.

REPORTS

Shelby Elementary School - Mr. Rapkoch said they are preparing for all day kindergarten. The staffing is pretty much set. Kevin Mitchell asked if there were any plans for the bare spot on the lawn. Joe said they have tried several things and none seem to work, the area is very popular with the students. Mr. Mitchell said the issue needs to be addressed now before it gets bigger. Mr. Rapkoch said we may need sod and he would talk to Lee or Marlana to get it going.

Shelby Middle/High School - Mr. Clark said the Leadership Retreat this year is August 6th through 8th. The letters will be going out shortly. He also reported they are looking at a couple programs. One is called Project Wisdom. This program focuses on character education that stresses respecting each other. The other program is a math program. It is on the internet and helps students by showing steps to solving math problems. The cost is about \$2.00 per student per year. He will ask Kathy Cleverly to come to the August meeting to show the website. The football field scoreboard was blown down. We will need to report this to our insurance company if it can not be repaired. It costs about \$20,000 to replace. Elda Nichols asked how the summer school was going. Mr. Clark said it is going well. Mr. Genger said letters are going out to parents/guardians as a mid-term report showing attendance and current grade. Joe Sisk asked what the plan was if we don't have a music teacher. Mr. Clark said we have someone interested that was interviewed 4 years ago. Mr. Clark added he hopes to come to the August board meeting with an outlined plan for our alternative school.

Superintendent's report - Mr. Genger reported the first few days have been very smooth. The staff is accommodating and helpful. He said some students are taking advantage of the summer school.

INFORMATION ITEMS

21st Century Community Learning Program Grant - Mr. Genger reported the grant was written for \$130,000 and we were approved for \$80,000. A committee met yesterday to whittle down the original budget. Shelby will handle the grant as they do with the Golden Triangle grants.

PERSONNEL ACTION ITEMS

A motion was made to hire Merle Raph as Cross Country Assistant Coach.
Motion: Joe Sisk Second: Joe Larsen - passed unanimously.

A recommendation was made to hire Eric Tokerud, Brian Hayes and Kelly Hayes as Varsity Football Assistant Coaches and Troy Wanken as a volunteer assistant coach.

A motion was made to hire Eric Tokerud as an assistant football coach.

Motion: Barb Mercer Second: Greg Matteson

After discussion, Barb Mercer withdrew her motion and Greg Matteson withdrew his second.

A motion was made to table the issue of assistant football coaches to a special meeting and the meeting time will be decided later.

Motion: Joe Larsen Second: Elda Nichols - passed unanimously.

A motion was made to hire Ray Wanty as Varsity Basketball Assistant Coach.

Motion: Barb Mercer Second: Elda Nichols

After discussion

In favor: Barb Mercer, Elda Nichols and Greg Matteson

Opposed: Joe Sisk and Joe Larsen

Motion passed

A motion was made to accept the resignation of Marla Hasquet as Middle School secretary.

Motion: Elda Nichols Second: Joe Sisk - passed unanimously.

A break was taken at 7:49 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 7:55 p.m.

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of Bills and Student Activity Accounts

The Clerk reported that additional claims warrants were run yesterday in the amount of \$9,042.37 and asked that they be included in the bills to be approved tonight. A motion was made to approve the claims approval list and the monthly listing of Student Activities accounts as presented and added. 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. The approved warrants were numbered 58098 through 58183. The student activity checks for this month were numbered 8610 through 8614.

Motion: Greg Matteson Second: Barb Mercer - passed unanimously.

Clerk's Report

Student attendance agreements were presented for the children of Kristi Aklestad and Brandi Hawkins. A motion was made to accept the agreements.

Motion: Elda Nichols Second: Barb Mercer - passed unanimously.

Individual Transportation Contracts were presented for Melody Taylor and Kristi Aklestad.
A motion was made to accept the contracts.
Motion: Elda Nichols Second: Greg Matteson - passed unanimously.

Ratification of Master Contract with SEA

The contract could not be ratified as there was a problem with the personal leave section.
A motion was made to table action on ratification of the Master Contract with SEA until the upcoming special meeting.
Motion: Joe Larsen Second: Barb Mercer - passed unanimously.

Approval of Student Activity Handbook

Mr. Clark reported there were no changes to the handbook from last year. There was discussion that the wording overnight in parentheses should be added for the gender specific chaperone per 10 students section on activity trips.
A motion was made to approve the Student Activity Handbook with the change mentioned.
Motion: Elda Nichols Second: Barb Mercer - passed unanimously.

Approval of High School District Student and Staff Handbooks

One change was discussed: change the first offense of a student caught with drugs or alcohol in school or at a school related activity to 5 days out of school suspension but to place the student in the alternative school for the 5 days.
A motion was made to table approving the school handbooks until changes are made and hard copies are available for the board to review. The issue will be acted on at the special meeting.
Motion: Joe Larsen Second: Elda Nichols - passed unanimously.

Request from Galata Elementary District to enter Shelby's School District

Galata District has requested to enter the Shelby District with their bus to pick up students.
A motion was made to grant permission to do this.
Motion: Greg Matteson Second: Elda Nichols - passed unanimously.

Bus Request from Mr. Tim Ellis

Wells Fargo requests the use of a bus for the annual Fun Run.
A motion was made to allow the use of the bus.
Motion: Joe Larsen Second: Joe Sisk - passed unanimously.

NEXT MEETING OF THE BOARD

Special Meeting, Monday, July 23, 2007, 7:00 p.m.
Board Room, District Administration Office, 1010 Oilfield Avenue, Shelby, Montana

Regular Meeting, Tuesday, August 14, 2007, 7:00 p.m.
Board Room, District Administration Office, 1010 Oilfield Avenue, Shelby, Montana

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:31 p.m.
Motion: Elda Nichols Second: Joe Larsen - passed unanimously.

BUSINESS MANAGER/CLERK

CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD