

**MINUTES**  
**March 13, 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 7:02 p.m. by Chairman Kevin Mitchell.

Members present were: Kevin Mitchell, Barb Mercer, Greg Matteson, Mark Grotbo, Joe Larsen and Joe Sisk. Member absent: Elda Nichols. The superintendent and clerk were present throughout the entire proceedings. Visitors present were Tim Fenger, Gayle Fenger, Kathy Brown, Cris Steinbacher, Vicky Warila, Carla McNamara, Marla Hasquet, Lynda Fretheim, Brandy Kiefer, Mary Ann Biancarelli, Lisa Ballantyne, Cam Seubert, Donna Matoon, Sara Aikins, Wendy Reynolds, Clayton Davis, Amy Madison, Tawnee Hartwell, Nancy Martin, Helen Brown, Buster Brown, Sanna Clark, Dawna Widmar, Jack Widmar, Bonnie Nickol, Sheila Maloney, Gene Maloney, Lorette Carter, Peggy Taylor, Joe Rapkoch, Brenda Potter, George G. Waldner, Peter Hofer and Shawn Clark.

The **Pledge of Allegiance** was recited.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the February 13, 2007, regular meeting as submitted.

Motion: Mark Grotbo                      Second: Barb Mercer – passed unanimously.

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the March 6, 2007, special meeting as submitted.

Motion: Joe Larsen    Second: Joe Sisk - passed unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Comment on any public matter

Marla Hasquet said she has a lot of concerns about the proposed senior project and asked that this be on the agenda for the next board meeting. Gayle Fenger said she was opposed to the proposed senior project and passed around two handouts. Tawnee Hartwell distributed a handout of questions several parents had and asked that they could be discussed at the next board meeting. Wendy Reynolds commented on the basketball tournament and said the district and students did an excellent job. She added our dancers were awesome and thanked Karen Watson and the community. Helen Brown stated a list of ten points concerning the senior project and also passed around a handout of the items.

Community Positive Comment on District Operations

Barb Mercer thanked Tom Rogers for setting up the meeting with the legislators. Llew Jones, Jerry Black and Edith Clark were present at the meeting. Shawn Clark said he has met with over 20 parents about the senior project and they all said it was an outstanding program. Vicky Warila reported she took the 8<sup>th</sup> graders to Helena to visit the Legislature and Carroll College. The students represented Shelby in a positive manner. The 7<sup>th</sup> grade will go at a later date. Tawnee Hartwell said Rob Lee and the others that went on the ski trip were wonderful. Barb Mercer attended the 6<sup>th</sup> grade science fair and everyone did a great job. She added that Tammy did a wonderful job. Shawn Clark also agreed with Mrs. Mercer's comments. Sanna Clark thanked Kathy Cleverly, Tom Rogers and Anna Fretheim for taking 26 students to the math contest today as she was unable to go. The test results are expected in about 3 weeks. Shawn Clark took two high school teams to the Principal's Cup. Joe Larsen said the BPA traveled to Billings and competed in technology. He said Mrs. O'Brien was very proud of her students. Greg Matteson said the county spelling bee was in Sunburst. Our schools were well represented and the spelling bee was well run.

## REPORTS

### Presentations

Wendy Reynolds presented on senior project information.

Vicky Warila recognized Fabio Biancarelli for placing in the top 100 for the state in the Geography Bee. He will compete in the state bee in Billings on March 30.

Brandy Kiefer and Sara Aikins presented on Indian Education for All.

### Administrator's Written Reports

The Elementary Principal, Middle School/High School Principal and Superintendent submitted their written reports to the board.

### Negotiations Committee

Joe Larsen reported they met last night. They are talking over more issues and moving forward. They are certainly waiting on the legislature. From the trip to Helena, there has been a proposal of an alternative compensation plan. The next meeting will be April 2<sup>nd</sup>. There is more language work with SEA now and discussion of a science fair coordinator.

### Sports Complex Committee

Greg Matteson reported for the Sports Complex Committee. He, Tom Reynolds and Chuck Kelleher are the representatives for the School District. Cindy Doane and Harvey Hawbaker are the representatives for the City. There are no representatives for the County at this time. The committee has met four times and has talked about many plans. Their next meeting is March 26<sup>th</sup> at the City Hall and the public is welcome to attend.

A break was taken at 8:58 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 9:13 p.m.

## INFORMATION ITEMS

### Preliminary Budget Information

Mr. Rogers presented the available preliminary budget information for the 2007-2008 school year.

## PERSONNEL ACTION ITEMS

A motion was made to accept the resignation of Holly Olszewski as Spanish/Distance Learning Teacher.

Motion: Joe Sisk            Second: Mark Grotbo - passed unanimously.

A motion was made to approve the request for additional sick leave for Chris Leary. During this discussion, the board made it clear that they were acting solely on the merits of this request and intend to not set a precedence.

Motion: Barb Mercer    Second: Greg Matteson - 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 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 57634 through 57723. The student activity checks for this month were numbered 8357 through 8434.

Motion: Greg Matteson            Second: Joe Larsen - passed unanimously.

Clerk's Report

Warrant number 57522 needs to be voided. The check was for boiler and elevator operator certificates. The boiler and elevator sections are separate and need separate warrants.

A motion was made to void the above mentioned warrant.

Motion: Mark Grotbo Second: Joe Larsen - passed unanimously.

Student attendance agreements were presented for the children of Carolyn Herrick.

A motion was made to accept the agreements.

Motion: Mark Grotbo Second: Joe Sisk - passed unanimously.

An Individual Transportation Contract was presented for Carolyn Herrick.

A motion was made to accept the contract.

Motion: Mark Grotbo Second: Greg Matteson - passed unanimously.

The thank you note for the Helena Public Schools was passed around for the trustees to sign.

The "New" Award Ceremony information from MTSBA concerning recognition of Golden Gavel and Marvin Heinz award winners was distributed. The ceremony will be May 16<sup>th</sup> and we can discuss at the April Meeting who would like to attend.

Resolution to call for a School Election

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

Motion: Joe Larsen Second: Mark Grotbo - passed unanimously.

Approval of 2007-2008 School Calendar

A motion was made to approve the 2007-2008 school calendar as presented.

Motion: Greg Matteson Second: Joe Sisk - passed unanimously.

Discussion and possible action on tournaments

Discussion was heard concerning the problems with children running, climbing and misbehaving at the tournaments. It was suggested that next year children under grade 6 or 7 will not be admitted without a parent.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

A thank you note from the Fairfield High School basketball team was passed to the trustees.

**NEXT MEETING OF THE BOARD**

Regular Meeting, Tuesday, April 10 2007, 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 10:18 p.m.

Motion: Mark Grotbo Second: Joe Larsen - passed unanimously.

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**BUSINESS MANAGER/CLERK**

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**CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD**