

MINUTES
May 14, 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 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Kevin Mitchell.

Members present were: Kevin Mitchell, Elda Nichols, Barb Mercer, Greg Matteson, Mark Grotbo, Joe Larsen and Joe Sisk. The superintendent and clerk were present throughout the entire proceedings. Visitors present were Dave Bennetts (Altacare), Dawn English (Altacare), Gayle Fenger, Vicky Warila, Marla Hasquet, Cathy Eklund, Hans Eklund, Peggy Taylor, Carla McNamara, Boyd Jackson, Joe Rapkoch, Sanna Clark, Sara Jo Aikins, Linnet Doane, Sherry Weishaar, Lynn Pettigrew, Charlotte Hanson, Schae Dumas, Kayli Brauchle, Lauren LeSueur and Laura Jo McKamey.

The **Pledge of Allegiance** was recited.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the April 10, 2007, regular meeting; the April 26, 2007, special meeting; and the May 10, 2007, special meeting as presented.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Comment on any public matter

Marla Hasquet, Middle School secretary, spoke about the bad condition of the middle school lockers. She distributed information on some possibilities for new lockers. Sanna Clark made her “annual comment” on how many days of school are missed by the students in April and May. Vicky Warila applauded the middle school track teams on their first place for girls and second place for boys this season. Carla McNamara asked for clarification on whether the Board asked Mr. Clark to submit a written report on the plan for the senior project for the next year. Mr. Rogers said that had not been done yet. Carla McNamara also asked if Mr. Clark had talked to people downtown yet as was mentioned earlier. Mr. Rogers said that has not been done either.

Community Positive Comment on District Operations

Mark Grotbo commented on the science fair for the elementary. He said it looked like the kids had a good time and there was a lot of participation. Carla McNamara said the choir trip to Spokane went well; it was a good experience and a fun trip for them. She also thanked Joe Larsen for coming around after the last meeting to talk to several people. Elda Nichols commented that the Ag Days went very well. Mark Grotbo thanked the sixth grade teachers for going above and beyond so the students could go to the King Tut exhibit. It was a very nice thing for the teachers to do. Joe Rapkoch said he has heard good comments on Mrs. Goodan’s spring programs. Kevin Mitchell commented on the State Music Festival and congratulated the kids. They were very well behaved and are a credit to the community.

BOARD REORGANIZATION

Canvass results of May 8th Trustee Election

The Trustees canvassed the results of the May 8, 2007 trustee election.

A motion was made as follows: Whereas, the trustee election was held for Shelby School District No. 14, Toole County on May 8, 2007, at which the following person was considered for election to the

Shelby School District No. 14, Toole County: Barbara Ann Mercer, P O Box 563, Shelby, Montana 59474; Whereas, the total number of registered electors who were eligible to vote in the election was 1838; Whereas, the canvass of the votes established the following: Total number of ballots cast: 224; total number of ballots destroyed: 0; total number of ballots counted: 224; of which said counted votes, Barbara Ann Mercer received 150 votes as Trustee for three years. Now, therefore, be it certified that Barbara Ann Mercer has been approved by the district electors, and is assigned to a three (3) year term.

Motion: Joe Sisk Second: Mark Grotbo

A motion was made as follows: Whereas, the trustee election was held for Shelby School District No. 14, Toole County on May 8, 2007, at which the following person was considered for election to the Shelby School District No. 14, Toole County: Joe W Sisk, P O Box 16, Galata, Montana 59444; Whereas, the total number of registered electors who were eligible to vote in the election was 204; Whereas, the canvass of the votes established the following: Total number of ballots cast: 54; total number of ballots destroyed: 0; total number of ballots counted: 54; of which said counted votes, Joe W Sisk received 49 votes as Trustee for three years. Now, therefore, be it certified that Joe W Sisk has been approved by the district electors, and is assigned to a three (3) year term.

Motion: Greg Matteson Second: Elda Nichols

Joe Sisk, being a representative on the high school board amended his motion as follows: Whereas, the trustee election was held for Shelby School District No. 14, Toole County on May 8, 2007, at which the following person was considered for election to the Shelby School District No. 14, Toole County: Joe W Sisk, P O Box 16, Galata, Montana 59444; Whereas, the total number of registered electors who were eligible to vote in the election was 204; Whereas, the canvass of the votes established the following: Total number of ballots cast: 54; total number of ballots destroyed: 0; total number of ballots counted: 54; of which said counted votes, Joe W Sisk received 49 votes as Trustee for three years. Now, therefore, be it certified that Joe W Sisk has been approved by the district electors, and is assigned to a three (3) year term.

Second amended: Mark Grotbo - passed unanimously

Therefore, Greg Matteson amended his motion as follows:

Whereas, the trustee election was held for Shelby School District No. 14, Toole County on May 8, 2007, at which the following person was considered for election to the Shelby School District No. 14, Toole County: Barbara Ann Mercer, P O Box 563, Shelby, Montana 59474; Whereas, the total number of registered electors who were eligible to vote in the election was 1838; Whereas, the canvass of the votes established the following: Total number of ballots cast: 224; total number of ballots destroyed: 0; total number of ballots counted: 224; of which said counted votes, Barbara Ann Mercer received 150 votes as Trustee for three years. Now, therefore, be it certified that Barbara Ann Mercer has been approved by the district electors, and is assigned to a three (3) year term.

Second amended: Elda Nichols - passed unanimously.

Swear in newly elected trustees

The newly elected trustees, Barbara Ann Mercer and Joe W Sisk, were sworn in by County Superintendent, Boyd Jackson.

Elect Officers

Chairman Kevin Mitchell called for nominations for chairperson.

A motion was made to nominate Kevin Mitchell as chairman.

Motion: Barb Mercer Second: Greg Matteson

A motion was made that nominations for chairman cease.

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

Kevin Mitchell was named chairperson unanimously.

Chairman Kevin Mitchell asked for nominations for Vice Chairperson.

A motion was made to nominate Elda Nichols as Vice Chairperson.
Motion: Mark Grotbo Second: Joe Sisk - passed unanimously.

Elda Nichols was named Vice Chairperson by acclamation.

A motion was made to appoint Marigail Sveum as clerk for School District 14.
Motion: Mark Grotbo Second: Joe Larsen - passed unanimously.

The clerk was sworn in by Elda Nichols.

BOARD OF TRUSTEE COMMITTEES

The Board agreed to continue with the existing committees.
A motion was so made.
Motion: Joe Sisk Second: Barb Mercer - passed unanimously.

REPORTS

Presentations

Dave Bennetts from Alta Care presented on school based mental health.

Peggy Taylor presented for the Elementary School. She gave an update on the Title I program.

Vicky Warila presented for the Middle School. Four students, Hans Eklund, Schae Dumas, Kayli Brauchle and Lauren LeSueur shared their History Fair projects and portfolios with the Board.

Administrator's Written Reports

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

INFORMATION ITEMS

None

A break was taken at 8:43 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 8:53 p.m.

PERSONNEL ACTION ITEMS

A motion was made to hire Prudence Hulman for Elementary Special Education.
Motion: Barb Mercer Second: Elda Nichols - passed unanimously.

A motion was made to hire Kathy Johnson for Middle School, High School and Distance Learning Spanish.
Motion: Mark Grotbo Second: Elda Nichols - passed unanimously.

A motion was made to hire the following extra curricular head coaches:
Volleyball - Donna Sparks, Cross Country - Deb Munson, Wrestling - Brian Hayes, Boy's Basketball - Tom Reynolds, Girl's Basketball - Doug Richman, Track - Clay Davis, Golf - David Madison, Softball - Erik Tokerud, Speech & Drama - Charlotte Hanson.
Motion: Joe Larsen Second: Mark Grotbo - passed unanimously.

A motion was made to hire the following Administrators/Supervisors and Non Certified Contracted Personnel:
Principal, Elementary and Cam Rose School - Joe Rapkoch

Motion: Elda Nichols Second: Greg Matteson – passed unanimously.
Transportation Supervisor – Ed Delzer, Business Manager – Marigail Sveum, Technology Coordinator – John Hough, Principal, Shelby 7-8 and Shelby High School – Shawn Clark, GTCC Executive Director – Chris Olszewski, GTCC Technology – Jeredene Mayfield.

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

A motion was made to accept the retirement of Mike Bashor as a Bus Driver.

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

A motion was made to reassign Peggy Taylor from Reading Specialist to Elementary Librarian.

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. 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 57824 through 5757920. The student activity checks for this month were numbered 8518 through 8571.

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

Clerk's Report

Student Attendance Agreements for the 2007/2008 school year were presented for the children of Terry & Julene Peters, Kenneth & Lisa Judisch, Jim & Cheryl Judisch, Robert & Jennifer Kuster, Tony & Diane Hershey, Melissa Ostberg and Jeredene Mayfield.

A motion was made to approve the agreements.

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

Individual Transportation Contracts for the 2007/2008 school year were presented for the following families: Tim & Gayle Fenger, Edward & Shirley Gardipee, Arlene Henke, Penny Underdahl and Troy & LouEllen Wanken.

A motion was made to approve the contracts.

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

Board Members planning to attend the Middle School and High School Graduation Ceremonies are:

High School: Kevin Mitchell and Joe Sisk

Middle School: Kevin Mitchell and Mark Grotbo

The “new” ceremony recognizing the Golden Gavel award winners is this Wednesday, May 16th in Great Falls at the Heritage Inn. Elda Nichols and Barb Mercer indicated they will be able to attend the awards ceremony to receive the Golden Gavel Award.

First Reading – Policy 5253 revision

First Reading of revision to policy 5253.

A motion was made to hear the first reading.

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

Continuation of membership in GTCC

A motion was made to continue the district's membership in the Golden Triangle Cooperative.

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

Continuation with Federal Programs

A motion was made to continue with the Federal Programs.

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

Continuation as a member of Big Sky Special Needs Co-op

A motion was made to continue the membership of the Big Sky Special Needs Co-op.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

A letter was received from the OPI informing the district that all the schools in our district met the Montana school accreditation standards for the 2006/2007 school year.

Student Issue

For the next portion of this agenda we will go into executive session. This deals with an individual's right to privacy. The meeting was closed at 9:22 p.m.

The meeting opened at 9:25 p.m.

A motion was made to allow the student to participate in the graduation ceremony.

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

NEXT MEETINGS OF THE BOARD

Special Meeting, Thursday, May 17, 2007, at 8:30 a.m., recessing Thursday evening and reconvening Friday at 8:30 a.m.

Regular Meeting, Tuesday, June 12, 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 9:35 p.m.

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

BUSINESS MANAGER/CLERK

CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD