MINUTES
March 9, 2010

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 7:01 p.m. by Chairperson Elda Nichols.

Members present were: Elda Nichols, Barb Mercer, Greg Matteson, Joe Sisk, Mark Grotbo, Michelle Edwards, and Brian Aklestad. Member(s) absent: None The superintendent and clerk were present throughout the entire proceedings. Visitors present were Joe Rapkoch, Shawn Clark, Sanna Clark, Carla McNamara, Philip Kleinsasser, George Waldner, Brad Wanken, Amanda O'Connell, Eve Jacobson, and Sharol O'Brien.

The **Pledge of Allegiance** was recited.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the February 9, 2010, regular meeting.
Motion: Joe Sisk Second: Mark Grotbo - passed unanimously.

A motion was made to approve the special minutes of the March 4, 2010, regular meeting.
Motion: Greg Matteson Second: Barb Mercer - passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Comment on any Public Matter

Eve Jacobson asked Mr. Genger who determines which group gets to take the Coyote Bus on out of town trips. Mr. Genger replied that Transportation Director Ed Delzer determines who gets to take the Coyote Bus. He bases it on distance, number of students, and if the driver available is certified for the coyote bus as it has air brakes. Mr. Genger said that the Coyote Bus doesn't have sufficient heating due to the air return system so the weather is also a factor on who gets to take the bus.

Carla McNamara asked Mr. Clark if the new Senior Seminar class would have any conflicts with the other classes that the seniors are required to take. Mr. Clark replied that the seniors only have to take two electives so it shouldn't be a problem for them to take the Senior Seminar class.

Community Positive Comment on District Operations

Elda Nichols commented that the Shelby students were well behaved at the State Tournament. She said they had great sportsmanship and she was proud of them. Mr. Genger said that the fans, students, athletes, band, and cheerleaders represented Shelby very well. Brian Aklestad thanked Sanna for offering classes to help students prepare for their ACT tests. Joe Sisk and Michelle Edwards also thanked Sanna for the great articles she writes in the Promoter.

REPORTS

Elementary Principal's Report

Mr. Rapkoch said that the elementary school will be taking their CRT's next week. He is in the midst of discussing whether elective classes like music, computers, and P.E. should count towards the students' GPAs. The 3rd grade class will take a field trip the first part of April to Ratzburg's farm to learn about grain and farming. The greenhouse was ordered. The spelling bee went well and Shelby 6th grader Cage Hansen took 1st place. He said Peggy Taylor attended a DIBELS workshop in Albuquerque and would like to thank the district for the opportunity. She is the only DIBELS trainer in the state right now.

High School Principal's Report

Mr. Clark said that a letter will be sent next week to the board and parents with information on the new Senior Seminar class. The course description guide will be online next week. High School

teachers Sharol O'Brien and Sanna Clark are going to attend a workshop for the new Senior Seminar class. The curriculum for the class can be downloaded from the school's website. Mark Grotbo asked Mr. Clark if the English class will still teach how to build a resume since the Senior Seminar class will include resumes. Mr. Clark replied that it would until all Seniors are able to take the Senior Seminar class. Mr. Clark explained how tournament funds are distributed. The boys and girls district B tournament brought in $39,322.00. Shelby can only receive what they bid which was $5,000.00. The rest of the proceeds are split amongst the other schools. He said that the schools that travel the greatest distance and have to spend the night receive more money. Greg Madison asked why Spanish I was the only Spanish class listed on the school website. Mr. Clark replied that Spanish 2,3, and 4 are also uploaded now.

A break was taken at 8:04 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 8:14 p.m.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Genger said that Mr. Clark had an issue with a cell phone in the locker room last week. Mr. Rapkoch has confiscated 2 cell phones this month. Discussion was made on the use of cell phones on school grounds. The policy committee will review the use of cell phones and adopt a policy in May or June. Mr. Genger is recommending running a building reserve levy for the high school and an elementary general fund levy for the elementary. The amounts have not been set yet. Mr. Genger said that he will be decreasing some expenditure lines next year to help cut spending. The application for the energy grant money is done but Mr. Genger has not received an official award letter yet from WTR.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Senior Trip

Brad Wanken spoke to the board about the senior trip. They are undecided as to what they are going to do but the trip will not be overnight. The board told Mr. Wanken that they are okay with whatever they decide to do as long as it's approved by Mr. Clark and the senior advisors.

Preliminary Budget Report

Preliminary Budget Report: Elementary prior year budget $2,471,881. 2010 possibilities: without a vote $2,492,623, with a vote $2,499,220. Max Increase of $27,339. High School prior year budget, $1,563,218. 2010 possibilities: without a vote $1,573,760, with a vote $1,585,531. Max Increase of: $22,313. The negotiated increase is for certified employees is 2% or roughly 2% of $1,939,121 = $38,782. This does not include any increases due to step and lanes or any increase to the classified employees.

Strategic Planning Session

The trustees scheduled a strategic planning session for March 16, 2010 from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

PERSONNEL ACTION ITEMS

Recommendation to hire:

K-12 Music/Chorale Instructor

A motion was made to hire Victoria Shawgo.
Motion: Brian Aklestad Second: Barb Mercer - passed unanimously.

Assistant Softball Coach

A motion was made to hire Mike Alford.
Motion: Greg Matteson Second: Joe Sisk - 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 61493 through 61583. The student activity checks for this month were numbered 10051-10116. 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: Mark Grotbo Second: Barb Mercer - passed unanimously.

Clerk's Report
A motion was made to cancel the following warrants:
61472& 61468
Motion: Mark Grotbo Second: Michelle Edwards

Student Attendance Agreements were presented for the children of Marie Hoffman. A motion was made to accept the agreements.
Motion: Brian Aklestad Second: Michelle Edwards – passed unanimously.

Individual Transportation Contract was presented for Marie Hoffman.
A motion was made to accept the contract.
Motion: Brian Aklestad Second: Michelle Edwards – passed unanimously.

Football Field/Track Renovations
Greg Matteson said he spoke with Brian Midboe about different ways to fix the football field/track. He would like to raise the football field 24 inches but there is other options to look into to. Greg estimated the cost at $250,000.00 for the dirt work, sod, and sprinkling system. The district is trying to find the best economical way to do the project. Greg Matteson, Mr. Genger, and Mr. Clark said they will look over the options and bring a plan to the board in April.

Resolution to call for an Elementary and High School School Trustee and Levy Election
A motion was made to accept the resolution to call for a May 4th school election.
Motion: Mark Grotbo Second: Greg Matteson – passed unanimously.

Summer Food Program
This was tabled until the April 13th board meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE
None

NEXT MEETING OF THE BOARD
Regular Meeting, Tuesday, April 13, 2010, at 7:00 p.m.
Board Room, District Administration Office, 1010 Oilfield Avenue, Shelby, Montana

ADJOURNMENT
Chairperson Elda Nichols adjourned the meeting at 10:10 p.m.

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BUSINESS MANAGER/CLERK **CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD**