

**MINUTES**  
**March 11, 2014**

**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 Chairperson Brian Aklestad.

Members present were: Brian Aklestad, Rikki James, Felicia Midboe, Jay Hould , Mark Cross, Anna Fretheim and Richard Jorata. Member(s) absent: None. The superintendent, clerk, high school principal and elementary school principal were present throughout the entire proceedings. Visitors present were Cris Steinbacher, Ron Gruber, Jaime Peterson, Lauri Tokerud, Pru Lybeck, Mari Sanchez, Emily McDermott, Carla McNamara, Eve Jacobson, Philip Kleinsasser, Debbie Munson, Julie Martin, Jenny Draband, Vicki Draband and Justin Mason.

The **Pledge of Allegiance** was recited.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the February 11, 2014, regular meeting as submitted.

Motion: Anna Fretheim

Second: Richard Jorata- passed unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**Community Positive Comment on District Operations**

Peggy Taylor commented on how wonderful the 6<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> band festival was and that Mr. Gruber has to be commended for it. Pru Lybeck announced that the Special Olympics Dodge Brawl competition is on March 29<sup>th</sup> at the Shelby High School gym and they are still looking for teams to enter the competition. Anna Fretheim said that she received positive comments on the pep band and the athletes during the basketball competition in Cut Bank. Matt Genger thanked Shannon McAllister and the crew from Marias River Electric for all their work and kudos to the elementary kids and teachers for their flexibility during the restoration of the elementary gym floor. Ron Gruber commented that the job opening for the Agricultural Education teacher has not been posted on the OPI website and that it should have been posted already.

**REPORTS**

**Shelby Elementary School**

Elementary Principal, Peggy Taylor reported that the elementary students concluded the celebration of I Love to Read month in several ways. Zero the Hero had challenged the K-2<sup>nd</sup> graders to read one hundred books in their classrooms in February and they accomplished that easily. She also reported that on February 18<sup>th</sup> Shelby hosted the Toole County Spelling Bee with 40 students from Shelby and Sunburst and the winner was Alex Doolittle, a seventh grader from Shelby who will be representing Toole County at the state spelling bee in Billings. She told the Board that the elementary gym floor is complete and looks great. She also told the board that Shannon McAllister and the crew from Marias River Electric installed the curtain that closes off the wrestling room which makes a big difference and she would like to thank them for making that project a reality. She said thank you to the District, Home N School and the Shelby Booster Club for their help in updating the speaker system at the elementary gym. She commented that our gym is one of the best and we are so appreciative of our community for all their help and support. She also said that she has been spending time in the classrooms and she is so impressed by the quality of lessons that she observed.

### Shelby Middle/High School

High/Middle School principal, Jeni Mason reported on parents attendance during the spring parent teacher conference. She said that Rob Lee and Jane Garsjo did a fabulous job with the Middle School Science Fair and she would like to thank everybody that helped out during the science fair. She announced the name of students who won on the middle school science fair and will be heading to Great Falls on Wednesday, March 12<sup>th</sup> for regionals. She also reported that every student that has participated in fall and winter sports and all other extra curricular activities had been drug tested once, then those kids are in the pool so when the random drug testing happens, 70% of the kids are tested so far. She told the Board that the staff are holding department meetings in math, science and technology. She said the math group is aligning the new Common Core Standards to the current textbooks we have as well as shifting content taught currently to other grades in order to matchup with the common core standards. She asked the Board to consider her proposal that starting with the class of 2018 that we require 3 credits of math and 3 credits of science as graduation requirements. She said currently we align with the state's requirement of 2 credits each.

Lauri Tokerud explained about the next generation science standards and she said our science classes right now fit very well to the common core standards.

### Superintendent's Report

The Superintendent reported on the 2014-2015 school budgets:

High School highest budget without a vote is \$1,578,203 and with a vote is \$1,597,753

Elementary School highest budget without a vote is \$2,473,2935 and with a vote is \$2,536,609.

He explained to the Board that in order to reach the budget authority we have to get a vote from the public with the following levy amounts:

Elementary- \$65,909.68

High School-\$19,550.18

He told the Board that the District is still submitting claims to EMC insurance company for extra water, energy, clean up and wall repair. He also told the Board that we are experiencing drain water issues on the east side of the elementary building, when the area is completely thawed out we will investigate the problem and develop a solution.

A break was taken at 8:20 p.m. and reconvened at 8:25 p.m.

### Early Graduation Request

A closed session regarding the request for early graduation was called by Chairman Brian Aklestad at 8:35 p.m and the meeting was reopened at 9:02 p.m.

A motion was made to grant an early graduation to Vicki Draband in consideration of special circumstances that early graduation will occur based on the expectation that the plan in place approved by Mrs. Mason and getting passing grades.

Motion: Mark Cross

Second: Felicia Midboe- passed unanimously.

### Personnel Action Items

The following are the Trustee Hiring Committee Recommendations:

Elliot Crump- Superintendent of Schools

Jeni Mason- High/Middle School Principal for 2014-2015 school year

Tom Reynolds- Assistant High School Golf Coach/Junior High Golf Coach

Debbie Munson- Head Coach- Cross County

Craig Widhalm- Assistant Coach- Cross County

All of the above recommendations were approved by the Board of Trustees.

The recommendation to hire football coaches was tabled until the next board meeting.

## 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 65761 through 65829. The student activity checks for this month were numbered 12353 through 12448. 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 Cross

Second: Jay Hould- passed unanimously.

### Clerk's Report

#### Void Student Activity Checks

A motion was made to void the following student activity checks due to game cancellations:

#12229 to Scott Bye for 71.62 dated 12-6-13

#12230 to Hugo Anderson for 42.24 dated 12-6-13

#12235 to James Russell for 102.00 dated 12-6-13

#12379 to William Hansell for 150.00 dated 2-25-14

#12381 to Joe Rapkoch for 100.00 dated 2-25-14

Motion: Rikki James

Second: Mark Cross- passed unanimously.

#### 2014 School Election

The clerk reported that so far she has received two nomination petitions for the trustee positions for Shelby School District. She informed the public that the deadline to submit nomination petition is on March 27, 2014 at 4:30 pm.

#### Resolution to call for a School Election

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

Motion: Mark Cross

Second: Rikki James- passed unanimously.

#### First Reading of Technology Acceptable Use Policy

The policy committee presented the first reading of Technology Acceptable Use Policy.

The first reading was passed by the Board of Trustees.

#### Second and Final Reading of Board Policy #3350 Amendments

The policy committee presented the second reading of Board Policy # 3350 Amendments with the following changes in wording:

In the instance of a shy bladder, the individual will be allowed three (3) hours to produce a specimen. If one is not obtained, participation in extra-curricular activities will be suspended until specimen is obtained. In this instance, the District will accept lab results from a credible facility/lab, this expense is the responsibility of the parent/guardian/student.

The second and final reading was passed by the Board of Trustees.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

A letter was received from Chamber of Commerce.

**NEXT MEETING OF THE BOARD**

Regular Meeting, Tuesday, April 8th, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

Board Room, District Administration Office, 1010 Oilfield Avenue, Shelby, Montana

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Brian Aklestad adjourned the meeting at 9:45 p.m.

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**BUSINESS MANAGER/CLERK**

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**CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD**