

**MINUTES**  
**March 8, 2016**

**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 Chairperson Brian Aklestad.

Members present were: Brian Aklestad, Rikki James, Jay Hould, Richard Jorata, Anna Fretheim, Elda Nichols and Dan Leck. Member(s) absent:None. The superintendent, clerk, elementary principal and high school principal were present throughout the proceedings. Visitors present were John Hough, Suzanne Hough, Clayton Davis, Sara Aikins White, Ron Gruber, Jennifer Mosley, Brittany Blair Tomsheck, Terri Jo Baney, Eve Jacobson, Carla McNamara, Emily McDermott and Jennifer Van Heel.

The **Pledge of Allegiance** was recited.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made to approve the amended minutes of the February 8, 2016 regular board meeting.

Motion: Richard Jorata

Second: Elda Nichols- passed unanimously.

Approval of Bills and Student Activity Accounts

A motion was made to approve the claims approval list. The approved warrants were numbered 67615 through 67687. The student activity checks for this month were numbered 13290 through 13356. 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: Anna Fretheim

Second: Rikki James- passed unanimously.

**Public Comment**

Elliott Crump congratulated the boys and girls basketball teams for their awesome job during the tournaments. He thanked John Hough for all his efforts to make sure the ebooks worked and the students are able to utilize them now. He also thanked the Home N' School and the Booster Club for their contributions to purchase the new marquee. He also congratulated the Junior High Science Fair for their success. Emily McDermott announced that the Junior High volleyball teams had a good season and thanked the Board for giving her the opportunity to work with the team.

**REPORTS**

Elementary Principal Report

Principal Erica Allen announced that the first MBI parent/community meeting was on February 9<sup>th</sup>. She told the Board that 80 students auditioned for the Missoula Children's Theater and 64 students were able to participate. She also told the Board on the upcoming schedule for the month of March.

Junior/High School Principal Report

Principal Philip French told the Board that the Junior High choir festival in Havre went very well. He said that the Junior High science fair was a success and thanked the judges for their time and efforts. He announced that spring sports will begin practices on March 14<sup>th</sup> and the Principal's Cup Academic Challenge will be on March 18<sup>th</sup>.

Superintendent Schedule

Mr. Crump told the Board that he will be leaving on Thursday to attend the state boys basketball tournament in Butte.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### Retirement/Resignation

Mr. Crump made recommendations to accept the resignation/retirement for the following employees:

William Maki-elementary school paraprofessional

Motion: Anna Fretheim Second: Jay Hould- passed unanimously.

Marlena Schwenke- elementary school custodial staff

Motion: Dan Leck Second: Elda Nichols- passed unanimously.

The district thanked her for the dedication and 32 years of service.

Gaetano Laroche- junior/high school art teacher

Motion: Rikki James Second: Anna Fretheim

The motion passed with 6 to 1 votes. Mr. Alkestad voted no to the motion.

### Approval of the School Calendar

A motion was made to approve the 2016-2017 school year calendar.

Motion: Richard Jorata Second: Jay Hould- passed unanimously.

### Approval of Individual Transportation Contract

A motion was made to approve the transportation contracts for Kirby and Kelli Lohr and Brandie Barnes.

Motion: Dan Leck Second: Jay Hould- passed unanimously.

## **Discussion Items**

### Levy Election

Superintendent Elliott Crump explained to the Board that due to decrease in enrollment in our district for the last few years the budget is also decreasing. He further explained that he is expecting a decline in enrollment for the next four years which means we will likely be discussing levy elections in a few years and if the levies pass and the student enrollment stabilizes it could be a very long time before we need to ask the community for financial support.

The amount that the district is authorized to levy is \$67,051 which is approximately 5.16 mills and will increase the taxes on a \$100,000 by \$6.97 and on a \$200,000 by \$13.93. A Special Board Meeting was scheduled on March 22, 2016 to discuss whether or not a levy election should be run.

### Alternative School

Mr. Crump discussed with the Board and the public about the Alternative School and he praised Mr. Davis for an exceptional job he has done for the school. His concern was that IEP students cannot be served at the Alternative School and also these students need to attend a regular setting for services with a special education teacher. He added that the students do not follow the attendance requirements and coursework expectations are different and no student evaluation is done to create those changes. He explained that our policy requires students to attend seven semesters of school to be eligible for graduation but students did not meet this requirement. Mr. Crump said that these students can be served at the high/junior high school and will be given a fuller and complete education and will also save the district some money which would result to not cutting any staff for the next school year.

After the discussions, the Board asked to have the Alternative School as an action item for the April Board meeting.

A break was taken at 8:45 p.m. and reconvened at 8:52. p.m.

### Teacher Negotiations

A meeting is scheduled next Tuesday, March 15<sup>th</sup>.

### Bus/Custodial Negotiations

Mr. Aklestad announced that he has not heard from them after the offer was voted down.

### Correspondence

None

**NEXT MEETING OF THE BOARD**

Special Board Meeting on Tuesday March 22, 2016, 7:00 p.m. and Regular Meeting, Tuesday, April 12, 2016, 7:00 p.m. Board Room, District Administration Office, 1010 Oilfield Avenue, Shelby, Montana

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chairperson Brian Aklestad adjourned the meeting at 8:54 p.m.

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**BUSINESS MANAGER/CLERK**

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**CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD**

**MINUTES**  
**March 22, 2016**  
**SPECIAL BOARD MEETING**

**CALL TO ORDER**

A special 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 Vice-Chairperson Rikki James.

Members present were: Rikki James, Richard Jorata, Anna Fretheim, Elda Nichols, Jay Hould and Dan Leck. Brian Aklestad was present through a conference call. The superintendent and clerk were present throughout the entire proceedings.

**Establish High School Levy Amount**

A motion was made to approve the establishment of the High School Levy Election in the amount of \$67,051.00 and approximately 5.16 mills.

Motion: Jay Hould

Second: Richard Jorata- passed unanimously.

Regular Meeting, Tuesday, April 12, 2016, 7:00 p.m.

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

Vice-Chairperson Rikki James adjourned the meeting at 7:22 p.m.

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**BUSINESS MANAGER/CLERK**

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**VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD**