

**MINUTES**  
**March 8, 2011**

**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 6:37 p.m. by Chairperson Elda Nichols.

Members present were: Elda Nichols, Mark Grotbo, Greg Matteson, Brian Aklestad, Michelle Edwards and Tom Carter. Member(s) absent: Joe Sisk. The superintendent and clerk were present throughout the entire proceedings. Visitors present were Ula Omdahl, Carla McNamara, Meghan McNamara, Eve Jacobson, Kristin Wiederrick, Charlotte Hanson, Peggy Taylor, Marcia Heydon, John Hough, Donna Sparks, Cris Steinbacher, Ron Gruber, Joe Rapkoch, Shawn Clark and Sharol O'Brien.

The **Pledge of Allegiance** was recited.

**Round Table Discussion**

The Board meeting began at 6:37 p.m. with the Board asking the public on comments regarding the 2010-2011 school calendar, in particular the option of going to to a four-day week. Mr. Ron Gruber reported that the results of the survey participated by the District's employees were split evenly between a four-day week or staying at a five-day week. Few advantages were mentioned on going to a four-day week, like students will be able to attend doctor's appointments without missing a school day, fewer discipline referrals, increased attendance and higher morale within staff and students. It will also help the District to save on the costs of utilities and cost of payroll for classified employees. Few of the disadvantages mentioned were parents arranging day care, students being alone at home and no hot lunch program available. Mark Grotbo said that most of the districts that are doing the four-day week are rural or elementary districts.

The Board is encouraging the public to get involved with this particular matter. Trustee Tom Carter said he wants to hear from both sides not just from the ones who are against it. Information will be available during the K-3 parent-teacher conferences and there will be further discussions during the next board meetings.

**Building Repair and Project Schedule**

Superintendent Matt Genger recommended the use of reserve fund monies to improve the roof next to the auditorium. Another needed improvement is the rain gutter system on the Vo-Ed building and the weight room. Trustee Greg Matteson reported that the cost to improve the track will go up as the price of asphalt and rubber increases due to increase in oil prices. He recommended that the Board should act on this project instead of waiting until June.

Tom Root recommended that the District should spend the track money right now, have all areas paved that needed to be paved and get the community involved to raise more money.

A break was taken at 7:53 p.m. and reconvened at 7:58 p.m

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the February 8, 2011, regular meeting as submitted.

Motion: Tom Carter

Second: Brian Aklestad- passed unanimously.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

### **Community Positive Comment on District Operations**

The district thanked Mr. Ron Gruber and Miss Amy Daiss for all the work they do. The concerts are absolutely fantastic this year and the students are enjoying doing it. Mr. Genger commented that the new sound system makes a world of difference. He also commented on the Science Fair, he said it was well organized and thanked Mrs. Robertson and Mrs. Hough for their hard work in their preparation for the Science Fair. Mr. Shawn Clark thanked Greg Matteson and Brenda Potter for their participation during the basketball tournament and kudos to the janitors for all their hard work during the weekend.

## **REPORTS**

### **Shelby Elementary School**

Mr. Joe Rapkoch reported that the Shelby students took seven of the top ten places in the Toole County Spelling Bee held in Sunburst. CRT test will be given next week and he advised parents to let their student practice, have enough sleep and have a good balance diet.

### **Shelby Middle/High School**

Mr. Shawn Clark reported that Eric Tokerud presented the Write to Learn program at the last PIR day and thanked him for obtaining temporary access so that teachers can try it out.

### **Superintendent's Report**

Mr. Genger reported that Tremco has created a timeline and needs a schedule for the High School roofing which needs repairs or replacement. WTR and Trane were here with an electrician to complete the scope and pricing of the Retrofit and HVAC improvements. He said that if the cost exceeds the grant's fund then the Board needs to decide if the District is willing to pay for the difference or scale the project down. The grant and work needs to be completed by June 30, 2011.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### **Second Reading of Board Policy 2170 (Digital Academy) and Board Policy 2170P (Procedures)**

A motion was made to approve the second reading of policies 2170 and 2170P

Motion: Brian Aklestad

Second: Greg Matteson- passed unanimously

### **Approval of Modified WTR/Trane High School Project**

A motion was made to authorize the building committee to approve the WTR/Trane High School Project.

Motion: Mark Groth

Second: Tom Carter-passed unanimously

### **Resolution to call for a School Election**

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

Motion: Brian Aklestad

Second: Greg Matteson- passed unanimously

### 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 62637 through 62720. The student activity checks for this month were numbered 10681 through 10796. 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: Brian Aklestad

Second: Michelle Edwards

The motion was made to approve but with the exception for coaches on scouting games in other schools.

Voting in favor of the motion with exception for coaches on scouting games in other schools, was Brian Aklestad.

Voting against the motion with the exception for coaches on scouting games in other schools were, Elda Nichols, Tom Carter, Greg Matteson, Michelle Edwards and Mark Grotbo.

The motion did not pass.

The motion was made to approve the claims approval list and the monthly listing of Student Activities accounts as presented and added.

Motion: Greg Matteson

Second: Michelle Edwards

Voting in favor of the motion were Elda Nichols, Tom Carter, Greg Matteson, Michelle Edwards and Mark Grotbo.

Voting against the motion was Brian Aklestad.

The motion passed 5 to 1.

### Discussion and possible action on Tournaments

A motion was made to run the District C Tournament with a bid of \$4000.00

Motion: Brian Aklestad

Second: Michelle Edwards- passed unanimously

### Clerk's Report

There were no claim warrants and student activity checks to be voided.

There were no student attendance agreements and no individual transportation contract presented.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

A letter from OPI was read stating that the Shelby School District has been granted regular accreditation for 2010-2011 school year. Shelby Life Special Olympic Team has sent an invitation to attend their annual "Stirring UP Magic" fund raiser on April 2, 2011.

Saint William Youth Group thanked the School Board for allowing them to present their Florence Crittenton Project during the Board Meeting and for supporting it.

**NEXT MEETING OF THE BOARD**

Regular Meeting, Tuesday, April 8, 2011, at 6:00 p.m.  
Board Room, District Administration Office, 1010 Oilfield Avenue, Shelby, Montana

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 9:23 p.m.

Motion: Michelle Edwards

Second: Brian Aklestad – passed unanimously.

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**BUSINESS MANAGER/CLERK**

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**CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD**