

MINUTES
December 18, 2012

CALL TO ORDER

The 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 on December 18, 2012 at 1:00 p.m. by Chairperson Brian Aklestad.

Members present were: Brian Aklestad, Rikki James, Joe Sisk, Tom Carter, Jay Hould, Mark Cross and Felicia Midboe. Member(s) absent: None. The superintendent and clerk were present throughout the entire proceedings. Visitors present were Shawn Clark, John Hough, Peggy Taylor, Ron Gruber, Carla McNamara, Emily McDermott, Lorette Carter and Philip Kleinsasser.

The **Pledge of Allegiance** was recited.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made to approve the amended minutes of the November 13, 2012, regular meeting.

Motion: Joe Sisk

Second: Tom Carter- passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Comment on any public matter

None

Positive comment on District Operation

Brian Aklestad commented that the Junior High concert was very good last night and he also thanked Peggy Taylor for her immediate action concerning the tragic event in Connecticut. Emily McDermott praised the Elementary Staff for sending out letters so quickly to the parents.

REPORTS

Shelby Elementary School

Peggy Taylor reported that during the month of December, the students at Shelby Elementary School were involved in a "Sparkle Box" project. She said that the students listened to the story of The Sparkle Box which is about a family that writes down their good deeds and acts of kindness then reads them during Christmas. She also reported that Mrs. Kiefer's class collected some money for the animal shelter, the 4th graders donated to the Marias River Electric Energy fund and the 5th graders volunteered to come play games with the younger students during recess. She said that after the winter break, there will be two student teachers in our schools. She also said that a parent survey was conducted during conferences and a link has been put on our school webpage to gather parent and community input. She explained that the response was not good but there were concerns about the amount of homework going home, especially on Wednesdays which is traditionally family night. She told the Board that the staff is reading and looking at research about the effectiveness of assigning homework and adjusting the school's procedures and policies accordingly.

She reported to the Board that the City of Shelby Police Department, Border Patrol and Firefighters work directly with the school system to ensure that the students of our schools are safe. She also reported that all departments conduct training excercises in our schools so they are familiar with the buildings, classrooms and playgrounds and that she would like to thank them for their dedication and professional expertise.

Shelby Middle/High School

Shawn Clark reported that a few students attended the University of Great Falls science day this past Wednesday. He said that the students had the opportunity to participate in Chemistry and Biology experiments to better gain an understanding about what college science can be like. He told the Board that My Voice Aspirations survey was given to all students. He explained that the survey measures students' opinions in eight areas including belonging, heroes, sense of accomplishment, curiosity and creativity, spirit of adventure, leadership and responsibility and confidence to take action. He told the Board that the High School and Middle School staff handled it very well in dealing with the crisis that happened in Connecticut. He also told the Board that right now a lot of people have keys to the school buildings and that it will be a good idea to change the locks.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Genger reported that the freezer has been moved and operational for awhile but unfortunately the installing of steel siding and roof has been delayed due to supplier's forgetting to order the metal. He said that ABC Roofing is also engineering a plan to put rain gutters on the southside of the Vo-tech building to hopefully alleviate the excess amount of ice that builds throughout the winter. He also reported that Elementary School front doors are schedule to receive all new hardware as the present hardware is failing and the Administration building will be installing a new front door and will be closing the existing north door.

Technology Report

John Hough reported that he has been discussing with 3 Rivers in regards to the lack of ability to broadcast television or video in the High School. He also reported that he has been in conversation with CDWG as well as Baracuda Networking to bring a web filtering appliance in for a 30 day demonstration. He said that this device provides a piece of the puzzle as we continue to build up our ability to support more devices on the network. He told the Board that he is working with the Technology Committee to firm up a day and time to meet and discuss the current technology as well as how to get to the next step. He also told the Board that the High School computer lab is due for a refresh this summer and the computers that were purchased with Perkins money to use for AutoCad classes and currently used by MTDA students are also in need of replacement. He also said that he was able to get the iPads that were purchased for the resource rooms configured and distributed to the classrooms. He also showed the Board a demonstration of Lighthouse's redicat classroom audio enhancement product.

INFORMATION ITEMS

MTSBA Workshop

Four members of the Board attended the MTSBA Technology and Law conference in Helena. Felicia Midboe said it was very interesting and insightful. Mark Cross, Joe Sisk and Brian Aklestad also shared what they learned during the conference. Their advice was to be very careful on what you write in your email and what you post in your facebook since everything will come back to you and it can get you in a lot of trouble.

Safe Routes to School

Lorette Carter thanked the District for partnering with the City of Shelby for the Safe Route to School program. She said that drivers are slowing down since the meridian signs are up and they really help with the kids' safety while crossing the streets. She also said that the City of Shelby will continue to support the program whether there is funding available or not.

PERSONNEL ACTION ITEMS

A motion was made to hire John Gardipee for the Nurse position as required for Special Needs.

Motion: Joe Sisk

Second: Rikki James

Voting in favor of the motion were Brian Aklestad, Felicia Midboe, Tom Carter, Joe Sisk, Jay Hould and Rikki James. Voting against the motion was Mark Cross. The motion passed 6 to 1.

