

MINUTES
December 10, 2013

CALL TO ORDER

The District Building Tour began at the Shelby High School at 1001 Valley Street. The meeting was called to order December 10, 2013, at 10:08 a.m. by Chairperson Brian Aklestad.

Members present were: Brian Aklestad, Felicia Midboe, Rikki James, Mark Cross, Anna Fretheim and Richard Jorata. The Superintendent and Clerk were present throughout the entire tour.

The Board toured the Shelby High School, Vo-Ed Building and the Shelby Elementary School. The members of the board recommended the following projects to be done:

1. Remaining pianos need to be tuned
2. Entry door by the auditorium needs to be sealed
3. 2nd door has to be installed by the front door of the high school building
4. Windows have to be sealed or replaced
5. Seal the air gaps on most of the doors of the school buildings

The building tour was adjourned at 12:00 p.m. and lunch was served by Anne Lancaster at the FACS room.

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 10, 2013 at 12:55 p.m. by Chairperson Brian Aklestad.

Members present were: Brian Aklestad, Rikki James, Felicia Midboe, Anna Fretheim, Richard Jorata and Mark Cross. Member(s) absent: Jay Hould. The superintendent and clerk were present throughout the entire proceedings. Also present were High School Principal Jeni Mason and Elementary School Principal Peggy Taylor. Visitors present were Philip Kleinsasser, Emily McDermott, Carla McNamara and Jacob Waldner.

The **Pledge of Allegiance** was recited.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made to approve the amended minutes of the November 12, 2013, regular meeting.

Motion: Mark Cross

Second: Richard Jorata- passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public input to agenda items at this time.

Positive comment on District Operation

The Superintendent, Matt Genger thanked Peggy Taylor and Custodians for all the hard work they did when the pipe broke by the elementary school gym due to very cold weather. Anna Fretheim commented that the students presented very well on both academic and extra-curricular activities.

REPORTS

Shelby Elementary School

Peggy Taylor reported that the teachers learned about blood-borne pathogens from Toole County Health Nurse, Kristi Aklestad. She also reported that the parent-teacher conferences were very successful. Each teacher reported meeting with a majority of the parents. She told the Board that the chemistry class is scheduling a presentation for the elementary students during the week of December 16th. She also told the Board that Ronald Buck will be doing a CPR training with the staff

members. She said that the month of December will be full of holiday activities and all programs are held at the SHS auditorium.

Shelby Middle/High School

The new high school principal, Jeni Mason was very excited to report that the students are just amazing at this school and that the staff is equally amazing. She said that she was glad to see a high level of professionalism and pride amongst the staff. Mrs. Mason thanked the staff for all their patience as she learned about the school and is becoming familiar with things. She also gave thanks to Ron Migneault, Dave Clark and Lyle Kimmet for keeping the buildings warm and functioning and a special thanks to Hans Eklund for all the time he spends on keeping our school clean. She told the Board that Brynn Cadigan is interested in taking a small group of students to the Montana State Thespian Festival, which will be held in Missoula on February 7-8, 2014.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Genger reported that Ray Dawes has re-submitted the request for payment from the Department of Commerce. He said that the District should be getting back \$20,793.15, so instead of reporting a loss of income in the amount of \$38,879, the loss will be \$18,085.85. He also reported that the front parking lot is open for school events and a gate will be installed in the spring. He told the Board that the District has been looking at vehicles with different dealers so we can replace the vehicles that needed to be replaced in the near future. He also reported that the Office of Public Instruction has been granted a testing waiver from the U.S. Department of Education in order to avoid double testing of Montana students this school year and to allow schools to smoothly transition to a new statewide assessment in the year 2015. He informed the Board that the State of Montana is changing from GED to HiSET program, which is a national testing program that will launch in January 2014. He further explained that the HiSET program will provide an accessible and an affordable alternative to the GED tests for states, educators, test takers and test center administrators.

INFORMATION ITEMS

MTSBA Workshop

Matt Genger, Brian Aklestad, Mark Cross, Anna Fretheim and John Hough attended the law and technology workshop in Helena. This year's keynote topic was cyber liability risks in Montana schools. Mark Cross said that the main thing is the use of common sense and more supervision on the kids when they are using the internet.

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of Bills and Student Activity Accounts

A motion was made to approve the claims approval list. The approved warrants were numbered 65542 through 65604, with the exception of warrant number 63536. The Student Activity checks for this month were numbered 12223 through 12275. 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: Rikki James- passed unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

NEXT MEETING OF THE BOARD

Regular Meeting, Tuesday, January 14, 2014, 7:00 p.m.

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

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:45 p.m. by Chairperson Brian Aklestad.

BUSINESS MANAGER/CLERK

CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD