MINUTES
July 8, 2008

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 7:01 p.m. by Chairperson Elda Nichols.

Members present were: Elda Nichols, Barb Mercer, Greg Matteson, Joe Larsen and Joe Sisk. Member(s) absent: Mark Grotbo, and Michelle Edwards. The superintendent and clerk were present throughout the entire proceedings. Visitors present were Kevin Mitchell, Elaine Mitchell, Carla McNamara, and Sanna Clark.

The **Pledge of Allegiance** was recited.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Discussion was held on amending the June 17, 2008 minutes.

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the June 17, 2008 as amended.
Motion: Greg Matteson Second: Barb Mercer - passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Comment on any public matter
None

Community Positive Comment on District Operations

Mr. Rapkoch commended the custodial staff, Ron Gruber, Eric Tokerud, and Tyson Byers for their hard work laying sod.

Elda Nichols said the RECCS program has been very positive. Elda also commented that she attended a leadership conference and would like the board to plan and follow through with goals for the 08-09 school year.

Sanna Clark commented that the RECCS program will be funded again next year.

REPORTS

Elementary – Mr. Rapkoch reported that the Elementary School has adopted the Saxon Math Series, K-8. Mr. Clark said the High School is looking into the 9-12 Saxon Math Series.

Superintendent – Mr. Genger reported that utility costs will increase this coming year and he would like for the schools to set their thermometers at 69 degrees to try and conserve. Air conditioning has been installed for the two upper rooms in the Vo Ag building. New sod has been laid in front and in back of the Elementary School and on the football field. Work on the parking lot directly North of the gym will begin as soon as the new gas line installation is completed. Work continues at the "Historic" Old Middle/High School with telephone and internet hook-ups being installed. John Hough has been busy installing and upgrading the District's technology system. The district needs to update the vehicle that provides transportation to the Cam Rose colony. Mr. Genger and Ed Delzer found a 2007 Chevy Van at Van Motors for $17,000. The van has 20,000 miles on it. The Elementary School has adopted the Saxon Math Series, K – 8. Cost of the series was: $27,468.29 for K – 6 and $17,113.50

for 7 & 8. (Seventh Grade Math through Algebra I.) Grand total of $44,581.79. This includes shipping. Mr. Genger said that he and Mrs. Flesch are working on building the budget for the 08-09 school year.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Hiring of High School Choir Teacher
Discussion was held on efforts to hire a High School Choir teacher. Greg Matteson said he felt deceived by the administration in their efforts. Mr Matteson thought that the position was still open and Mr. Genger informed him that there were no applicants for the choir position so the position was closed and that the staff was full. Mr. Genger and Mr. Clark said that they had no choice but to have our band teacher (Ron Gruber) teach both band and choir this year due to the fact that they had no applicants for the choir position. Mr. Genger said that he took offense to Greg Matteson's comment and asked Mr. Clark if he also took offense. Mr. Clark replied that he also took offense to Greg Matteson's comment.

PERSONNEL ACTION ITEMS

A motion was made to hire Eric Tokerud for HS Football; Bill Hansell & Mac McDermott for JH Football.
Motion: Joe Sisk Second: Joe Larsen – passed unanimously.

A motion was made to hire Rhonda Edmonston for Cheerleading Advisor; Curt Leeds & Mike White for Assistant HS Basketball; Mac McDermott for 8th Grade Basketball; Matt Genger for 6th/7th Grade Basketball; Ray Wanty for 5th/6th Grade Basketball.
Motion: Greg Matteson Second: Joe Sisk – passed unanimously.

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 59344 through 59429. The student activity checks for this month were numbered 9223 through 9227. 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: Joe Sisk Second: Barb Mercer - passed unanimously.

Clerk's Report

There were no warrants or checks to void, no student attendance agreements and no individual transportation contracts to be approved by the board this month.

First Reading and Action on District Policy Updates – (5328P, 2163, 3416, 4550, and 5328).
First Reading of revision to policies 5328P, 2163, 3416, 4550, and 5328.
A motion was made to approve the revisions.
Motion: Joe Larsen Second: Greg Matteson – passed unanimously.

Request(s) for use of bus
Wells Fargo requested the use of a bus for the Fun Run in July.
A motion was made to allow the use of the bus for the Fun Run.
Motion: Joe Larsen Second: Greg Matteson – passed unanimously.

Shelby alumni (Classes 1960-1970) requested the use of a bus to travel to a dinosaur dig.
A motion was made to allow the use of the bus to travel to the dinosaur dig.
Motion: Joe Sisk Second: Joe Larsen – passed unanimously.

Adoption of New Elementary Math Series
A motion was made to adopt and purchase the new Saxon Math Series K-8.
Motion: Joe Larsen Second: Greg Matteson – passed unanimously.

Purchase of vehicle for travel to Cam Rose Colony
A motion was made to purchase a 2007 Chevy Van for travel to Cam Rose Colony.
Motion: Barb Mercer Second: Joe Larsen – passed unanimously.

Request from Galata Elementary District to enter Shelby's School District
Galata District has requested to enter the Shelby District with their bus to pick up students.
A motion was made to grant permission to do this.
Motion: Joe Sisk Second: Barb Mercer – passed unanimously.

Set dates for work sessions
The strategic planning work session date was set for Tuesday, July 29th at 6:00 p.m. to discuss board goals and changes to the High School handbook.

CORRESPONDENCE
A letter from Laila Lindberg was read by Trustee Greg Matteson with concerns of having the band teacher also teach choir for the 2007-2008 school year. She states that this has never worked in the past and that band and choir should each have their own teacher.

NEXT MEETING OF THE BOARD

Special Meeting, Wednesday, August 13, 2008 at **7:00 a.m**.
Board Room, District Administration Office, 1010 Oilfield Avenue, Shelby, Montana

Regular Meeting, Tuesday, August 12, 2008, at 7:00 p.m. **HAS BEEN MOVED TO** Tuesday, August 5, 2008 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 9:10 p.m.
Motion: Greg Matteson Second: Joe Sisk – passed unanimously.

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BUSINESS MANAGER/CLERK **CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD**