

MINUTES
January 10 , 2012

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 Mark Grotbo.

Members present were: Mark Grotbo, Tom Carter, Elda Nichols, Joe Sisk, Brian Aklestad, Felicia Midboe and Rikki James. Member(s) absent: None. The superintendent and clerk were present throughout the entire proceedings. Visitors present were Peggy Taylor, Shawn Clark, Sanna Clark, John Hough, Kathy Cleverly, Pru Lybeck, Janelle Lutke, Ron Gruber, Dana Hellinger, Riley Hellinger, Mark Cross, Brianna White, Bridget Blevins, Julie Martin, Eve Jacobson, Carla McNamara, April Seubert, Linda Lee, George Waldner, Philip Kleinsasser and Emily McDermott.

The **Pledge of Allegiance** was recited.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made to approve the amended minutes of the December 12, 2011, regular meeting.

Motion: Joe Sisk

Second: Brian Aklestad- passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Comment on any public matter

April Seubert asked the board if the district is going to hire an elementary principal. Chairperson Mark Grotbo told her that this agenda will be revisited during the February board meeting.

Positive comment on District Operation

Peggy Taylor thanked Ron Gruber and Amy Daiss for their great presentations and performances. Carla McNamara also praised them for having such a great high school concert. Superintendent Matt Genger gave thanks to staff members and community members for their generosity which allowed him to deliver presents to needy families during the Christmas season.

Special Presentation

The Board of Trustees received an award from the Office of Public Instruction for the district's move to become a Tobacco Free School of Excellence. This award recognizes the exceptional school policy efforts to prevent and reduce tobacco use in Montana Schools.

REPORTS

Shelby Elementary School

Mrs. Peggy Taylor did a demonstration on how to use the Accelerated Reader, Destiny Quest library program and the World Book Online. She told the board that these websites are safe to use and are available to teachers, parents and students. She also told the board that she attended an OPI sponsored training about the implementation of the Common Core Standards. She reported that the I Love to Read month is celebrated in February and I Love to Read night sponsored by Home N School will be held in the cafeteria early in February to kick off the celebration.

Shelby Middle/High School

Mr. Shawn Clark reported that the initial work on the 2012-2013 master schedule will begin later this month. The process begins with teachers reviewing their course of lectures for each class they teach and department meetings will be held to determine if any changes need to be made. He reported that the student council's theme for the month of January is the "Power of Voice". He

said that the student council is helping sponsor an assembly at the end of the month on cyber safety and trends among today's teens. He told the board that he will be attending the annual MHS meeting in Billings on Monday, January 16th.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Genger reported that the correction and completing of the insulation and drywall envelope at the elementary building and the updating of the HVAC system in the high school building are resulting in positive results as far as energy use is concerned.

He told the board that after investigating the benefits versus the negatives of the four day school week, he is recommending that the district will stay with its current five day school week. He believes that the current five day school week is the best for both schools.

He also told the board that he has reservations regarding the extended retirement incentive that was passed by the board during the December board meeting. He said that the incentive creates an unfunded liability that would affect the finances of the district in the future and it also entices very valuable teachers to leave the district and that it will be very difficult to replace them. The retirement incentive that was passed in December will expire on February 13th at 5:00 p.m.

PERSONNEL ACTION ITEMS

NONE

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Approval of Bills and Student Activity Accounts

A motion was made to approve the claims approval list. The approved warrants were numbered 63610 through 63676. The Student Activity checks for this month were numbered 11182 through 11248. 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: Rikki James- passed unanimously.

Clerk's Report

The clerk reported that there are three trustees whose terms will be expiring in the year 2012. They are Mark Grotbo, Elda Nichols and Brian Aklestad.

A motion was made to void claim warrant # 63536.

Motion: Joe Sisk

Second: Rikki James - passed unanimously.

Recommendation on Four Day School Week

The board recommended that the district will stay with its current five day school week for the 2012-2013 school year.

Superintendent's Annual Evaluation

The meeting was closed in accordance with Montana Law 2-3-203(3) at 7:45 p.m. for the Superintendent's evaluation. The meeting was reopened at 9:30 p.m.

CORRESPONDENCE

A letter from the Superintendent of the Office of Public Instruction was read by Chairperson Mark Grotbo.

NEXT MEETING OF THE BOARD

Regular Meeting, Monday, February 13, 2012, at 7:00 p.m.

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

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 9:37 p.m.

Motion: Brian Aklestad

Second: Tom Carter – passed unanimously.

BUSINESS MANAGER/CLERK

CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD