

## MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF SD #4

The trustees met in regular session, Monday, June 15, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. in the library. Those present throughout the meeting were Chair Rhonda Hogstad, Trustee Mark Berg, Superintendent Brent Lipp, Business Manager Jeanne Carroll, and Trustee Joel Junso.

*The chair called the meeting to order and led the group in the pledge of allegiance.*

### AGENDA ADJ

*Mark Berg made a motion to approve the amended Consent Agenda, adding #6 under Correspondence: J. Tolton's resignation, and the memo for spending authority under New Business..Joel Junso seconded. Rhonda asked about the Ann Garfinkle check. Brent answered she is consulting for autism. All in favor.*

### CORRESPONDENCE

#### 4. Kent Lorash Resignation

*Mark Berg moved to approve Kent Lorash's resignation as presented. Joel Junso seconded. Brent said Kent's done a nice job and is ready to move on. He wished him well. All in favor.*

#### 5. Mike Eddards Resignation

*Joel Junso moved to approve Mike Eddards resignation as presented. Mark Berg seconded. Brent said this came suddenly and he feels Mike is ready to move on. There were disagreements with both people on expectations of the school. All in favor.*

#### 6. Jennifer Tolton Resignation

*Mark Berg moved to approve the resignation of Jennifer Tolton. Joel Junso seconded. Brent said her resignation came late this afternoon. Brent said she's done a nice job here. All in favor.*

#### 6. Month in Review

Mr. Lipp reviewed his administrative report with the trustees:

- We offered a county workshop on June 10 and 11 for teachers. Topics of Professional development included The Power in Me, Promeathian training, Tech Tools, The Daily Five and SPED. The second day included Professional Learning Community Training. Brent said all topics were well-received and lots of good discussion. 65 people attended here in the library. He thanked Earl and Kent for setting up for all of that. Teachers got MEA trade days for it.
- Brent was unable to attend MBI, however, a group of staff is attending the week in Bozeman. During this conference, the MBI team will be establishing goals for the coming year.
- Brent thanked Rhonda and Mark for attending the 2015 promotion. Time spent at the school is appreciated.
- May was very busy, staff really deserves a break.
- 8<sup>th</sup> grade Rocking the Rockies trip and promotion went well. 8<sup>th</sup> grade enjoyed the trip.
- Summer school is going well with 7 students attending.
- Brent will be gone on vacation from July 22 through August 3.

### ADMIN REPORT

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### 6. Negotiations Committee Update

Rhonda said they will be meeting again July 14<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 p.m. in the library. There is nothing new on that front. They asked for June off and the board was fine with that.

### REPORTS

## NEW BUSINESS

### 7. Approve Classified Staff

### REHIRE CLASSIFIED STAFF

*Mark Berg moved to approve following staff. Billie Bergstrom seconded.*

*Danielle Egan, all in favor*

*Michelle Herman, all in favor*

*Brenda Hess-Bissell, all in favor*

*Jennifer Howard, all in favor*

*Tracy Lawson, all in favor*

*Linda Morgan, all in favor*

*Earl Ross, all in favor.*

*Kelsey Weatherford, all in favor*

*Terry Mills, all in favor.*

There was no discussion. Brent said this is a good group of people. The Board thanked Earl for being at the meeting. *All in favor.*

### 8. Property Insurance Renewal

*Joel Junso moved to renew the property insurance. Mark Berg seconded.* Brent said this is a very good insurance company and has been good to us. They did switch hands recently with another underwriter. It has gone up in price, 5.5%, to \$25,381. There really are no other options out there. *All in favor.*

### 9. Transportation Contract with First Student

### TRANSPORTATION CONTRACT

*Mark Berg moved to approve the transportation contract with First Student.*

*Joel Junso seconded.* Brent said he has had some concerns with First Student. There is a lot of turnover of staff with bus drivers. That has been difficult. Phillip is the new manager and Brent feels he can build a repertoire and is optimistic. Brent has been contemplating 2 buses instead of 3, however, he is wrestling with time constraints on riding time. Brent said he and Dani and Jeanne will be running the routes this summer and there will be a change to one route that will be a little longer. *All in favor.*

### 10. Spending Authority

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*Mark Berg moved to allow administration and the business manager the spending authority to exhaust the 2014-15 budget. Joel Junso seconded.*

Brent said he and Jeanne have been looking at budget dollars today, and Jeanne will be nose to the grindstone spending out with payrolls and expenditures through the end of month. Jeanne mentioned to Brent that another district has given spending authority for the superintendent /business manager for year-end rather than having a special board meeting to approve. He said if anyone is uneasy about it, he understands. The board feels it's fine and anything large is sent by e-mail to members. Rhonda said she is really glad Jeanne shared this and the members all feel this is a great idea. *All in favor.*

*Joel Junso moved to approve replacement cost for computers for 18 computers.*

Brent explained the Lenovos are for the mobile lab. Current computers go to white screens. The Lenovos are doing well. Open DNS is a content filter we need to have to keep junk out of the school. The Dell computers are to replace the other half of the computers in the primary to get it up to speed. We are using year-end if possible to save Tech fund dollars for the future because we don't know when we'll be able to pass a tech levy again. Probably we would use it for server replacement or something like that. The replacements come at an estimated dollar amount of \$11,800. Joel asked if warranty covers dropping or breaking, Brent said it's hard to tell. If a hard drive fails, yes. Some of the damage is aesthetic and Rimrock has parts and pieces to replace. *Billie Bergstrom seconded. All in favor.*

12. Appoint Board Committees

**APPOINT BOARD COMMITTEES**

*Mark Berg made a motion to keep close to the same. Joel Junso seconded. The new committee members will be as follows:*

Building/Grounds: Manny Zuniga and Joel Junso.

Community Relations: Joel Junso and Billie Bergstrom

Curriculum: Mark Berg and Manny Zuniga

Finance: Mark Berg and Rhonda Hogstad

Personnel/Negotiations: Rhonda Hogstad and Billie Bergstrom

Mrs. Carroll will re-do the committee sheet. *All in favor.*

No public comment.

**AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING**

Approve Student Handbook

Trustees Evaluation of Past Board Year

*There being no further business, Mark Berg moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m.*

Respectfully submitted,

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Jeanne Carroll, District Clerk

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Rhonda Hogstad, Chair