

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

The trustees met in regular session, February 21, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. in the curriculum room. Those present throughout the meeting were Mark Berg, Vice-Chairman, Brent Lipp, Superintendent, Jeanne Carroll, Business Manager, Billie Bergstrom, Trustee and Joel Junso, Trustee.

The vice-chairman called the meeting to order and led the group in the pledge of **CONSENT AGENDA** allegiance. *Joel moved to accept the Consent Agenda. Billie seconded. All in favor.*

Month in Review

Mr. Lipp included his administrative report in the packet:

ADMIN REPORT

- Brent said in his report that Mrs. Murphy's band students attended a music festival on February 7th. Canyon Creek students performed in a combined band with a guest conductor. They also performed as an individual group and received high ratings on the adjudication scores. He said they are really a talented bunch of kids.
- Congratulations to our 7th and 8th grade boys' basketball team. They finished the County School Tournament with a second place finish. The team showed awesome sportsmanship on the court and represented the school with pride.
- The PTO Book Fair is this week, along with a game night on Thursday to help promote students to come in and enjoy the evening and pick up some books. All sales of the book fair go back into the library. Thanks again to our PTO and Kim Harper for helping with this event.
- A great big thank you is in store for many volunteers in the building this month helping with the tournaments, book fair, MCT, dental screening and eye screening. The district could not manage all of this without your help. He said we really appreciate the volunteers we have.
- We are ready for the SBAC testing coming up. Our testing window will be in April over a three week period. Brent said with careful planning we should be able to complete the tests without any major problems.
- Brent will be sending out a survey this week in regard to parent feedback about the Wednesday night family night. The responses will help him decide about how to proceed next year with this topic. He said he looks forward to the results and will share them next month with the board. Brent will look at amounts of homework being given.
- He is doing a study on extracurricular participation in our 5th-8th grade students. In the next few weeks he will be collecting participation rates and developing some idea about how students are participating in activities. The purpose of this is to gain a sense of how students are responding to opportunities to participate and ways we can improve or adjust in these areas.
- Brent said currently our outside light project is on schedule. We should have lights up in the next few weeks. We will be having some tree trimming done to make the lighting power source safe.

NEW BUSINESS

5. Trustee Appointment

TRUSTEE APPOINTMENT

Jason Matt is interested in being a trustee. Joel moved to appoint him as trustee until the election in May. Billie seconded. All in favor. Jeanne will swear him in as trustee.

6. Calendar Adjustments

CALENDAR ADJUSTMENTS

Brent has some things he's considering for the calendar for next year, then next month he'll come back with the 2017-18 calendar. Area K-8 Superintendents met on professional development for the staff. He asked the board's input on 5 early outs at 1:10 p.m. and all the k-8 schools would convene here until 3:30 to do PLC's. Then no sub plans or subs are necessary. Brent will have to build this time back into the calendar to meet the number of required minutes. He said possible downfalls are for the community especially for daycare arrangements. It is one of Brent's concerns. He is thinking about talking to the Y to see if they would have an option. In order to make up the 10 hours, he's looking at options. One of which is starting school at 8 instead of 8:10, because he has so many parents dropping kids off at 7:30 or so. And school would get out at 3 pm. The board like the early outs and making it easier for parents to drop kids off, also Mark and Billie wondered about adjusting conferences. Brent said he has been thinking of changing conference schedules anyway due to the trimesters. Brent said

he tries to align the calendar with Billings schools. The board is in agreement for Brent to design a couple of calendars incorporating these changes.

7. Roof Update

ROOF UPDATE

Brent said the elementary roof has been leaking again, over the music room. Earl has gone up and squeegeed all the water off and it stopped for now. He'd like to start getting some estimates Jeanne talked about the legislative bill that may help us. She also talked about the Intercap Loan being paid in full in 2020. The board would like Brent to proceed.

8. Resolution to Call for Election

RESOLUTION TO CALL FOR ELECTION

Joel made a motion to call for election. Billie seconded. The board discussed the option of a poll election or mail ballot. All in favor of the mail ballot. The board sets a mill levy amount and/or also a tech levy next month.

9. Septic System

SEPTIC SYSTEM

Brent said he and Earl have been working on getting the system working well. The company with the hot water system that cleaned out the parking lot drains also does hot water cleaning of the septic. We had them present as a second opinion during the other company's service. Brent would like to try the new hot water system company. The board is good with going ahead with the new company.

10. Enrollment Report

ENROLLMENT REPORT

Jeanne reported on enrollment. In the fall, we were at 232 and now we are at 244, so we are up by 12 students. Until the Legislature is done, it is extremely difficult to give any kind of a dollar estimate towards next year's budget. There are too many variables still circulating at the legislature. We should know more in March.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

11. Strategic Plan

STRATEGIC PLAN

Joel made a motion to approve the Strategic Plan. The board said they were happy with it. Billie seconded. All in favor.

There being no further business, Joel moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 pm. Billie seconded All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne Carroll, District Clerk

Rhonda Hogstad, Chair