

*****08-09 MINUTES*****

St. Regis School

January 14th, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairman Dunlap.

>>>Board Roll Call<<<

H = Here

A = Absent

P = Partial

H- Ken Jasper
H- Shelly Dunlap
H- Jolie Skelton
A- Tina Dockter
H-Jackie Sanford

H- Patty Kero, Superintendent
H- Don Almquist, Principal
H-Tina Hill, Clerk

>>>Visitors<<<

Visitors (according to Sign-in sheet): Chris West, Cindy Feasel, Diane Gingerich, Kern Wilson, Terri Barclay, Terri Barclay, Jim Martin

>>>Public Forum<<<

The chairman made the following statement, "Public Forum is an opportunity to discuss items that are not on the agenda. These items may not be voted on by the board, however. Also, a reminder that individual's right-to-privacy laws usually exceed the public's right-to-know, therefore prohibiting any discussions of individual performance during the public forum section, or any other time during the meeting."

>>>Minutes<<<

A motion was made by Trustee Skelton and seconded by Trustee Sanford to approve the minutes of the December 10th meeting.

Motion carries 4-0

A motion was made by Trustee Sanford and seconded by Trustee Skelton to approve the minutes of the December 16th meeting.

Motion carries 4-0

>>>Activity Accounts<

A motion was made by Trustee Jasper and seconded by Trustee Sanford to approve activity accounts with an ending balance of **\$18042.94 including check numbers 5011-5065.**

Motion carries 4-0

>>>Finance committee Report<<<

The Board would like to rotate members to perform the finance committee members, but overlap one member per month in order to keep continuity. Trustee Skelton and Chairman Dunlap will review the financial information this month.

This month's reviewers noted that there were 3 overpayments in claims this month, and those overpayments will be applied to the next bill. Those overpayments were on

warrant #33238 to Flathead Valley Community College for \$118, warrant #33256 to Orkin for .84, and warrant #33282 to Whalen Tire for .14.

>>>Payroll and Bills<<<

This was the first month for Direct Deposit. The “transaction number” for these payments will also be recorded in the minutes from now on.

A motion was made by Trustee Sanford and seconded by Trustee Jasper to approve the Payroll Warrants from number **23451 to 23489 and direction deposit transactions from -89979 to -89921 transaction -89978 to -89950 were cancelled**, and Claim Warrants from number **33224 to 33282**. Claim warrant #33263 was voided.

Motion Carries 4-0

>>>Old Business<<<

1. Policy Update – MTSBA (3rd reading)

Policy 2410 – High School Graduation Requirements

Superintendent Kero does not recommend including our school’s actual requirements, but we can attach them to the policy.

A motion was made by Trustee Jasper and seconded by Trustee Skelton to approve Policy 2410.

Motion Carries 4-0

2. Policy 2115 – Class Schedule – Alternate (2nd reading)

A motion was made by Trustee Jasper and seconded by Trustee Skelton to adopt Policy 2115 Class Schedule on 2nd reading.

Motion Carries 3-1 Trustee Sanford opposed.

3. Policy 1135, 1135P – School Board Advocacy (2nd reading)

School Board Advocacy requires a lot of time of the volunteer. Trustee Jasper is the advocate.

A motion was made by Trustee Sanford and seconded by Trustee Skelton to approve policy 1135 and 1135 P.

Motion Carries 4-0

>>>New Business<<<

1. Presentation – Chris West – Effect of Targeted Interactive Ongoing Connective Activities in Biology Vocabulary.

Chris West gave a presentation that explained the ways in which technology enhances the learning process.

2. Combination of JV & Head Coach Position w/additional partial stipend of \$500 for JV duties – Dan Park

It was recommended by the Athletic Director, Cindy Feasel, that the boys basketball coach receive an extra \$500 stipend because he does not have an assistant. The recommendation is based on the lack of qualified applicants/no applicants for the assistant position. There is also additional supervision time required without a qualified JV coach.

The board would like to review situations such as this prior to the beginning of the season, and on a case by case basis.

A motion was made by Trustee Jasper and seconded by Trustee Sanford to take the recommendation of the A.D. and administration and approve the addition partial stipend of \$500.

Motion Carries 4-0

3. Job Description – Gifted & Talented Coordinator

The advice from the GT specialist at OPI was to have the coordinator develop the job description after this year is completed in order to reflect the true duties of the position.

A motion was made by Trustee Sanford and seconded by Trustee Skelton to approve the job description for the 08/09 school year for the GT coordinator

Motion Carries 4-0

Kern Wilson gave an update on the GT program. This year the concentration will be on 3-8. The goal of the program is to challenge the qualifying students. The kids will meet 2 times a week. Jim Warnken and Kern have volunteered to take those classes for the remainder of the school year. Right now there are 6 students identified in grades 4-7. Reading and Math are the subjects in which the students are evaluated for participation, based on the testing from last year.

4. Missoula Area Curriculum Consortium Membership

It is recommended by the Superintendent that the District join the MACC for the upcoming school year. The cost of this membership is \$9/student/year, approximately \$1440. Payment for this membership will be paid from Title IIA for professional development. The membership is a 3 year commitment.

The curriculum development cycle was also presented. We just missed Math in the rotation, but once we are members we can receive any prior documents adopted by the consortium.

A motion was made by Trustee Sanford and seconded by Trustee Jasper to join the Missoula Area Curriculum Consortium.

Motion Carries 4-0

5. Restitution payment to deceased past employees

There are still two past employees' restitution payments that have not been processed due to the fact that they are deceased and the proper documentation needing to be on file before payment to beneficiaries can be made.

6. Hiring 21st Century – Mary Johnston

It is the recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board hire Mary Johnston for the 21st Century program. Mary would like to organize a 5th – 8th grade after-school choir that would meet up to twice a week.

A motion was made by Trustee Sanford and seconded by Trustee Skelton to hire Mary for the 21st century program.

Motion Carries 4-0

>>>Information/Discussion Items<<<

A. Trustee Election Information

Election Date is May 5th. Ken Jasper and Jackie Sanford's terms will expire at that time.

The Board also needs to decide if we are going to run a building fund levy. This item will be on the next agenda.

B. Saturday School

The attendance committee has discussed options for students that have missed significant amounts of school. They could attend either Saturday School or stay after school. They would have to attend one hour for every hour they were absent. Right now there are staff members here after school that could provide this service and that would not require additional pay. Saturday would be a last resort, and if it is offered, it could be paid from 21st century.

C. MTSBA Advocacy Meeting – Ken

Trustee Jasper gave an update on the legislative process. The overall concern is the budget and financing of schools. The concern of Ken is that MTSBA may start to look out for the big guys, not us. Our role in this is to encourage educators and community members to contact their local representatives. That is the first step. All concerned

parties should speak up. Right now, the funding is estimated to be a 2.68% increase for our school, which is about 30,000.

D. Requirements for volunteers – sports and classroom

Policy 5430 specifically speaks to volunteers and policy 5122 addresses this as well. As far as athletic volunteers are concerned, the MHSA requires that “regular” volunteers need to complete the Coaches Education Clinic. This is not for the occasional volunteer such as a graduate that comes home from break and wants to help out.

The Clerk will draw up a questionnaire to be given to substitutes, volunteers and coaches at the beginning of each school year to address any possible criminal activity that occurred since their background check.

E. Protested taxes

Anna Getz gave a presentation on protested taxes. Northwestern Energy released the protested taxes. For 2005 and 2006, St. Regis received 100% of the amount protested. 2007 was released at a discounted rate. The breakdown of amounts released is as follows:

- General Fund: \$36894.68
- Transportation: \$11081.58
- Bus Depreciation: \$1311.73
- Adult Ed: \$307.90
- Technology: \$2130.99
- Building Reserve: \$2144.56

Total Amount released: \$53871.44

We also received \$3553.92 in interest from the protested taxes.

The protested tax release cannot be placed anywhere except where they were protested from. Anna suggested increasing the budget limits because the levies will automatically be reduced based on the protested tax reserves. The companies that still remain in protest are Puget Sound, Pacificorp, Quest and Verizon.

>>>Administrative Report<<<

*US News and World Report – Our school received a bronze medal for being one of America’s Best High Schools.

*Construction Academy – There has been discussion about forming an academy that would build structures as part of a community service project. Transportation and scheduling are a huge factor. There is a possibility of just doing something locally, and possibly on school grounds. Insurance will need to be reviewed.

*Technology program – SynchronEyes is up and running with positive feed back from staff.

*Pep Band status – the music teacher is considering it, but more likely to begin next year. She is not receiving the stipend at this time

>>>EXECUTIVE SESSION<<<
Personnel Issue – Superintendent

Began at 7:25

Ended at 8:25

>>>**Set Next Meeting/Adjourn**<<<

The next regular meeting will be February 11th at 6 p.m. in the library. The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Dunlap at 8:25 p.m.

District Clerk

Board Chairperson