

*****09-10 MINUTES*****

St. Regis School

May 26th, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m. by Chairman Dunlap.

>>>Board Roll Call<<<

H = Here

A = Absent

P = Partial

H- John Cheesman

H- Shelly Dunlap

H- Jolie Skelton

H- Carol Young

H-Jackie Sanford

H- Patrick Low, Superintendent

H-Edward Huenemann

A -Tina Hill, Clerk (Darlene Jasper – minutes)

>>>Visitors<<<

Visitors (according to Sign-in sheet): Diane Gingerich, Mary Johnston, Melody Adamson, Julie Burklund, Gerry Gotcher

>>>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."

Mary Johnston reports that we had three high school music students nominated to go to Europe to participate in a music program next summer. There is a deposit of \$500 that is required by July and further expenses at a later date. The students received an invitation from the Governor of Montana. Students were Jocelyn Dockter, Juliana Spencer and Timothy Cranley II. Superintendent Low inputs that he must abide by the policies of the school and state of the times and if a country is not able to be flown into or such, we would have to cancel the trip.

>>>Payroll (teacher contract close out)<<<

Nothing to approve at this time. Trustee Skelton will provide an update at a later date.

>>>Old Business<<<

1. Hiring 2010/2011 Coaching Positions

Trustee Skelton comments that these positions may be filled by potential teachers/staff coming into the District and that she would like to wait to hire until mid-summer to see if the application pool may have more experienced people. Mr. Low and Mr. Huenemann report that the current applicants do not have an excess of coaching skills.

The Board would like to table the JH VB position and the HS Girls BB Position until they can be advertised.

Jess Tuchscherer – HS Assistant Boys BB

A motion was made by Trustee Skelton and seconded by Trustee Cheesman to hire Jess Tuchscherer as the HS Assistant Boys BB coach.

Motion Carries 5-0

Mark Field – JH Boys BB

A motion was made by Trustee Sanford and seconded by Trustee Cheesman to hire Mark Field as the JH Head Boys BB coach.

Motion Carries 5-0

>>>New Business<<<

1. Hiring – 21st Century Summer Staff & Programming (Janelle Pruitt)

The posting requirement of 2 weeks for nepotism has been fulfilled.

A motion was made by Trustee Skelton and seconded by Trustee Young to hire Janelle Pruitt for 21st Century Summer Staff.

Motion Carries 4-0

2. Health Ins. – possible approval of new Carrier

Julie Burklund related information gathered from the insurance committee. The insurance committee has chosen MUST as the carrier. Julie Burklund explains that MUST gave us a quote that is less money than what is standard. When giving us our new quote, the insurance changed the quote incorrectly, at a lower rate than they should have, but they have stated they will stand by those rates since it was their error. Trustee Young asks if it is possible to negotiate out the penalty from the exit process of MUST. Julie Burklund explains that in the process of a two-year buy-out, a school can stay in one year, and then buy out the second year for a lesser price, or wait until the trust is not in a deficit year where no penalty would be assessed. Trustee Dunlap states that she wants to support the staffs' decisions; however, wants to be cognizant of the cost to the district outside of the teaching staff. The union has chosen a lesser coverage plan to help with insurance savings.

A motion was made by Trustee Young and seconded by Trustee Skelton to keep MUST as our insurance carrier.

Motion Carries 5-0

A motion was made by Trustee Skelton and seconded by Trustee Skelton to select the Revised Major Medical by MUST which requires a minimum of seven participants.

Motion Carries 5-0

For upcoming payroll checks (July and August), the District will continue to pay the amount of the current year and the receiver may have to pay the difference

A motion was made by Trustee Skelton and seconded by Trustee Sanford to cut the final checks and withhold the new insurance premium amounts from those final checks.

Motion Carries 5-0

3. Volleyball Camp – Janelle Pruitt

The posting requirement of 2 weeks for nepotism has been fulfilled.

Trustee Skelton comments that she is in favor of hiring Janelle Pruitt for this position because new staff has not been hired and they do not have the opportunity to have this position due to the time frame.

A motion was made by Trustee Skelton and seconded by Trustee Young to hire Janelle Pruitt to run a Volleyball Camp.

Motion Carries 4-0

4. Student Issue <EXECUTIVE SESSION ANTICIPATED>

Trustee Dunlap reports that the executive session is not needed at this time.

>>>Information/Discussion Items<<<

A. Track Improvements

Patrick Low reports that the track has some improvements that have been made and encourages everyone to take a look.

B. Health insurance quotes

Health insurance quotes have been reviewed by the insurance committee.

C. Interest Based Bargaining / Budget – set start date

Bargaining will resume again tomorrow, 05/27/2010.

D. Building Maintenance Update

Weekly meetings with the Superintendent continue to occur. New boiler manuals have arrived. Tim and Gary have been working on several projects.

E. Adult Education Update – Dustin

Mr. Low reports we are wrapping up the Spring Semester of FVCC Courses. We offered session II of Yoga but were not able to keep that in place due to instructor constraints. We still have money left in the budget, though monies we had budgeted for tuition were at a greater expense than anticipated due to participation.

F. Laptops for students

Mr. Low reports that he will compile survey data to report. He will meet with the technology committee as well to discuss this issue.

G. 8 Period Day progress

Mr. Low reports that the staff is making progress. The entire staff will meet next Wednesday to share the courses that will be offered next school year. The counselor is gradually meeting with students to get preferences for courses; Mr. Huenemann and Mr. Low have been meeting with teachers to work towards clarification and progress.

H. phone system update

Mr. Low reports that new hardware and updates would be an expense of \$2800 plus labor to replace our system.

I. Driver's Education Program

Mr. Low reports that in his research he has found that independent driver's education schools in MT do not seem to exist. He has put out an email to staff to pursue interest to those staff who may be interested in earning the necessary requirement to teach the course. Diane Gingerich reports that she may be aware of a potential teacher and will share that information with administration.

J. Handicapped Parking

Mr. Low reports that there are two Handicapped parking signs at each entrance. Over the summer, our maintenance team will re-paint the parking space.

K. 4th Grade Teacher job posting (and Kindergarten)

Mr. Low reports that there were 14 candidates to review. He is reviewing applications currently. Mr. Low is intending to have the candidates narrowed to four by the start of next week. In addition, Mr. Low reports that he has had conversations with a Mathematics candidate, as well.

L. Centennial Planning Committee

Announcement banners are at each entrance to the school and other banners will be placed in town. Ms. Johnston reports that she will help with the music performances of the weekend events. Mr. Low will put an information item out with report cards to parents regarding the Centennial Celebration. Mr. Low reports that we are working with the BBQ/catering. Mr. Low has suggested to staff that this may be a good way for clubs to raise money by selling St. Regis logo items. The next Centennial Planning Committee is June 8, 2010.

>>Administrative Report<<

Mr. Low reports that he has asked the teachers to meet with the teacher that their current students will transition to in order to discuss needs, ideas, etc. Mr. Low is considering that teachers may write a newsletter to parents to summarize the year and pose summer reading lists and such.

Mr. Low will work with Dawn Palmer next week to review food service.

Trustee Skelton requests information on Math and Science curriculum; Mr. Low states that it will be on the next board agenda as it is being reviewed currently. The Saxon program is standing out at this time; Mr. Low suggests that though the board should be aware of the recommendation at the June board meeting, perhaps a final decision should be made in July after the new Math hire is completed and that staff member can have input. Mr. Low says that PIR days need to be in place to support the new curriculum.

Trustee Young asks about exit interviews for those who are leaving the district. Mr. Low reports that he is working towards that for the June board meeting. Staff would be able to participate at the board meeting or in writing.

Mr. Huenemann reports that we had two students qualify for State Track and four students qualify for State Golf.

Mr. Huenemann reports that Prom went well and there were not disciplinary problems.

Mr. Huenemann reports that Books for Bikes were drawn with two winners. Winners were given their bikes this week.

Mr. Huenemann reports students have participated in an ATV safety training program

Mr. Huenemann reports that our school won the Governor's Cup again.

Mr. Huenemann reports that graduation plans are coming along well.

Mr. Huenemann reports that TR 6 Reimbursement has been completed.

>>>Set Next Meeting/Adjourn<<<

The next meeting will be June 1st at 3:45 in Room 305.

The next regular meeting will be June 9th at 6 p.m. in Room 107.
The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Dunlap at 7:26 p.m.

District Clerk

Board Chairperson