

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

St. Regis School

August 11th, 2007

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m. by Chairman Dunlap.

>>>Board Roll Call<<<

H = Here

A = Absent

P = Partial

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

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

>>>Visitors<<<

Visitors (according to Sign-in sheet): Jacki Almquist, Darlene Jasper, Anna Getz, Diane Gingerich

>>>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."

A motion was made by Trustee Dockter and seconded by Trustee Skelton to move budget approval to the beginning of the new business section of the meeting.

Motion Carries 5-0

>>>Minutes<<<

A motion was made by Trustee Jasper and seconded by Trustee Sanford to approve the minutes of the July 22nd meeting.

Motion carries 5-0

>>>Old Business<<<

1. Policy 5328P – Family Medical Leave

After checking with the Montana School Board Association, Superintendent Kero confirmed that it is a requirement of law that this policy not only be adopted, but also posted.

A motion was made by Trustee Dockter and seconded by Trustee Sanford to adopt Policy 5328 and 5328P

Motion Carries 5-0

2. Policy 4550 – Registered Sex Offenders

In reference to a parent offender obtaining permission to attend special events, Trustee Dockter suggested that a form be created to act as a waiver between the parent and the District.

A motion was made by Trustee Sanford and seconded by Trustee Skelton to adopt Policy 4550 with a change to page 2, line 21 that specifically states that the waiver will be written.

Motion Carries 5-0

3. Policy 3235 – Video/Audio Surveillance

The surveillance system is not internet capable.

A motion was made by Trustee Sanford and seconded by Trustee Jolie to accept Policy 3235.

Motion Carries 5-0

4. Carpeting

Asbestos abatement is necessary in the office. The carpet that is being removed is attached to old tiles that contain asbestos, and those tiles are also peeling up with the carpet.

A motion was made by Trustee Jasper and seconded by Trustee Sanford to approve abatement up to \$3500 to remove asbestos in the office carpet/tile.

Motion Carries 5-0

>>>New Business<<<

1. Approval of budget 08/09

County Treasurer, Annabelle Getz was in attendance to assist with the budget process. She informed the Trustees that the taxable value of the District decreased.

It was suggested that 3 mills be shifted from the bus depreciation fund into the transportation fund.

The Board requested that any time there are protested tax funds received, they would like a report from the county.

A motion was made by Trustee Jasper and seconded by Trustee Skelton to move excess cash in general fund to the compensated absences fund

Motion Carries 5-0

2. Withdrawal of Resignation Letter - Darlene

The Administration recommended that the Board reinstate Darlene Jasper as Counselor/Teacher. Chairman Dunlap read a letter from Darlene requesting the withdrawal of her resignation.

A motion was made by Trustee Dockter and seconded by Trustee Skelton to accept the withdrawal of Darlene Jasper's Resignation Letter

Motion Carries 5-0

3. Hiring Counselor – Darlene Jasper

The Administration recommended hiring Darlene Jasper as the Counselor/Teacher.

A motion was made by Trustee Sanford and seconded by Trustee Skelton to hire Darlene Jasper as the Counselor/Teacher

Contrary to some things that may have been going around, Trustee Skelton is very happy of this outcome and feels that the turn of events is wonderful for the District. Chairman Dunlap shared the same sentiment.

Motion Carries 5-0

4. Hiring English/Business – Michelle Martineau

Michelle Martineau comes highly recommended by her references. She is not endorsed in Business, but she will be teaching the classes that don't require endorsement.

A motion was made by Trustee Jasper and seconded by Trustee Sanford to hire Michelle C. Martineau as an English teacher

Motion Carries 5-0

5. Approval of Sub List

Every year the Substitute List needs to be approved prior to school starting. There were some additions since last school year. Those additions are: Deb Debruin and Venus King.

A motion was made by Trustee Sanford and seconded by Trustee Skelton to approve the sub list for the 08/09 school year with the addition of Deb Debruin and Venus King.

Motion Carries 5-0

There will be a sub orientation next Monday and Wednesday.

6. Policy 4330F – Facilities/Resource Use

There have been some requests to use the tractor. The Board would not like individuals using the tractor. The Board would also like to review any use of the tractor other than on school grounds. Specific items like, tables/chairs are more common. Superintendent Kero suggested updating the Policy to include a statement about the tractor and bleachers and put the bleachers on the agenda to allow for public comment.

7. New Travel Reimbursement Rate.

On July 1st the State reimbursement rate increased to .585. The rate would be effective July 1.

8. Health Insurance Cost/Self Insurance Fund Balance

Due to the lack of funds in the Self Insurance Fund, the dental and vision premiums for the bus drivers were not paid from that fund, but out of the transportation fund.

9. Funding for Tractor

The recommendation of the Superintendent is to pay for the new tractor out of the facilities category of the restitution funds.

A motion was made by Trustee Jasper and seconded by Trustee Dockter to pay for the tractor out of the facilities category of the restitution funds.

Motion Carries 5-0

10. Budget Planning

The Clerk and Superintendent will meet and have a line item budget finalized for the meeting on Wednesday the 13th.

>>>Set Next Meeting/Adjourn<<<

The next regular meeting will be August 13th at 6 p.m. in Room 107. The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Dunlap at 7:12 p.m.

District Clerk

Board Chairperson