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

The trustees met in regular session Monday, July 23, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. in the library. Those present throughout the meeting were Chair Manny Zuniga, trustees Rhonda Hogstad and Charlene Severson, Superintendent Brent Lipp, and Business Manager Suzie Zentz. Mark Berg was absent. There were no visitors.

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

There was one adjustment to the agenda. **Rhonda Hogstad made a motion to add a new hire recommendation for a new teaching position as #12 under new business; Charlene Severson seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the motion.**

**Rhonda Hogstad made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented; Charlene Severson seconded the motion. There was no discussion. All voted in favor of the motion.**

**Charlene Severson made a motion to accept Patrick Cates’ letter of resignation; Rhonda Hogstad seconded the motion. Brent expressed his thanks to Pat for his work at CCS. He will be a principal in Bridger and we wish him the best. All voted in favor of the motion.**

**Rhonda Hogstad made a motion to accept Michelle Herman’s letter of resignation; Charlene Severson seconded the motion. Brent noted that Michelle would still like to substitute in the kitchen. All voted in favor of the motion.**

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT**

Superintendent Brent Lipp recapped his administrative report:

- Brent, Leslie, and Kim Dugan (new counselor) attended the PowerSchool training in California. They are pleased with all they learned and are hopeful about utilizing all these new tools.
- The beam project is nearly complete. They hope to be finished by Wednesday.
- Our roof project will start this week. The gravel has already been removed from the roof and we have the first report from the CTA project manager. We are pleased with Empire thus far.
- Brent interviewed today for the junior high position—looking for someone with a strong technology background who can teach social studies and math.
- We are looking for trustee candidates. Send any suggestions to Brent.
- School starts August 29th and we’re looking forward to it!
COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no committee reports.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

*Rhonda Hogstad made a motion to approve the recommended increases in school lunch fees to $2.15 for grades K-3 and $2.50 for grades 4-8; Charlene Severson seconded the motion.* Suzie explained that this increase is a USDA requirement to insure that the paid lunches are not supported by the free and reduced lunch reimbursements. *All voted in favor of the motion.*

*Rhonda Hogstad made a motion to approve the 2012-13 transportation contract with First Student in the amount of $110,864.35 (plus the fuel surcharge of approximately $7,000.00) as presented; Charlene Severson seconded the motion.* Brent noted that this contract reflects a 2.9% increase (February CPI). He would like to address the fuel surcharge more thoroughly next year. He noted that all students are encouraged to ride the bus for safety’s sake. Suzie added that the Transportation levy is permissive. *All voted in favor of the motion.*

*Charlene Severson made a motion to approve the 2012-13 Student Handbook as presented; Rhonda Hogstad seconded the motion.* Brent reviewed the changes he made in the handbook as noted. *All voted in favor of the motion.*

*Charlene Severson made a motion to approve the purchase of two printers from J & H Office Supply Inc. for a total of $3,520.00; Rhonda Hogstad seconded the motion.* Brent explained that these are much heavier duty machines than we have used in the past. One is monochrome and will be used in the middle school; the other is color but will be set to default black & white and situated in the computer lab. *All voted in favor of the motion.*

*Rhonda Hogstad made a motion to approve the expenditure proposal for computers, etc. from Rimrock Computer Company in the amount of $23,090.80; Charlene Severson seconded the motion.* Brent explained that the tower units will go into the lab to replace ⅓ the units there. The less reliable computers will go to the classrooms. The Latitude laptops go to teachers who have not been updated. We are also now saving to a server so the individual computers don’t get bogged down. We would also change
to Sophos security on the server. This is a 3 year contract proposal, but it is still less expensive than what we were using. The last item is a new wireless router system. We currently are managing on home quality routers. This new system has two bands so that staff can use one band and students another. All these expenditures will be through the Tech Levy which is designed for this purpose. *All voted in favor of the motion.*

*Charlene Severson made a motion to accept the proposal from Carpet One in the amount of $5,100 to replace the stage floor with LVT flooring; Rhonda Hogstad seconded the motion.* Brent explained that the old VCT was coming loose and was not reparable. The new flooring is a no wax “floating” floor which connects to itself—commercial grade. *All voted in favor of the motion.*

*Rhonda Hogstad made a motion to hire Trina Halama as a teacher for the 2012-13 school year; Charlene Severson seconded the motion.* Trina has taught for 3 years in Fromberg and will teach in the junior high. *All voted in favor of the motion.*

Brent said that he hopes to have a discussion about the 5 year plan at the next meeting. Since the board is so new, we won’t do a board evaluation now, but will talk about goals at the next meeting.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**
There was no public comment.

**AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING**
Staff Handbook
Trustees Financial Summary
Final Budget
Breakfast on PIR—August 27th
BBQ in advance of the 27th

*There being no further business, Manny Zuniga made a motion to adjourn at 7:49 p.m.*

Respectfully submitted,

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Susan Zentz, Clerk

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Manuel Zuniga, Chair