

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

The trustees met in regular session, February 19, 2019 at 6:35 p.m. in the library. Those present throughout the meeting were Chairman Jason Matt, Brent Lipp, Superintendent, Amanda Agyeman-Budu, Trustee, Jeanne Carroll, Business Manager, Joel Junso, Trustee, Amy Sironi, Trustee, and Jamie Wegner, Trustee.

The chairman called the meeting to order and led the group in the pledge of allegiance. Joel *moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Amanda seconded. All in favor.*

CONSENT AGENDA

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

MONTH IN REVIEW

***Maintenance:**

Brent gave a little heads-up on some maintenance items. The motor for one of the baskets in the gym had a few problems. Yellowstone Electric came and worked on it for a full day and fixed it. We have not gotten a bill yet. He and Earl will be replacing the straps on them this week.

He talked to Earl about getting some costs on getting the coolers replaced over the kitchen. Brent will be coordinating the roof replacement with sealing holes for the coolers when they are replaced and the roof antennae for the radio

Also, the new radio systems have been installed. Brent will be attending meeting with Billings Schools and others to set up procedures and protocols.

He asked Earl to look into costs for a replacement tractor or side-by-side for plowing, etc. just in case there is money available.

***Paraprofessionals Week:**

Paraprofessional week was last week. He thinks we have one of the best teams we've had in years. They all seem to work together really well. Even if there are shortages, they work together to get it figured out. He gave them coffee cards and will be taking them all to lunch.

***Volunteer Thank You:** He just wants to acknowledge them and that we could not manage all the little things that are big things.

PIR: For such a large staff, he feels they don't know each other very well. So he had a bus take them over to the hydro-ponic greenhouse to give them a little taste of the science involved. There was a tour and everyone was actually pretty excited about it. He hopes to have the teachers take kids on field trips there. Then we went on a bus tour of the school district, so that everyone could get an idea of the demographics of the district. The following day he took them to Escape Room and put them in three different groups for interaction and team-building. Then they finished out their day working on their priorities.

Student News: Mathcounts went on this weekend. He saw on Facebook, once of the girls had their designs picked to be the t-shirt design for the state of Montana.

SBAC testing will be going on pretty soon. We will get the results back in October and he will share the results with the board.

Kim is currently doing SOS presentation in the library for parents. He will help Kim tomorrow in presenting it to the kids and working with them. These issues are very real.

NEW BUSINESS:

ENROLLMENT REPORT

Jeanne said February 4th was our spring count date. We were at 254 and only dropped one down to 253, so this is great for our budget. The budget is calculated from enrollments and with our issues in passing mill levies, this is the main way to fund our budget for the next year.

We are supposed to have Preliminary Budget numbers from the OPI by March 1st, so we will know more for the March meeting.

SEAT BELTS ON BUSES

We met with First Student regarding seat belts and they will order us 3 new buses with seat belts, bus cameras, drop down chains and tracking software. The board would need to agree to a five year contract with them. Jason did a lot of research into this that he shared with the board. Brent said there actually is a bill before the legislature requiring seat belts, but he said it has been proposed for a lot of years and hasn't passed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

UPDATE ON THE GRAVEL PIT

The gravel pit was approved by the county commissioners with the condition that First Mark use Wise Lane up and over the overpass to Zoo Drive, not the Frontage Road. Brent was at that meeting and spoke. The condition is until the traffic study is done and he thinks then that condition will go away. Amy said the application has not been completed for the DEQ yet. They will still have a lot of hoops to jump through. She said there is a special zoning meeting Thursday night to still try and get it done.

DEMOGRAPHIC STUDY

John Eisen has been working on it. He has most of it done by next week and he will be meeting with the teachers to visit and talk about how the building works for them and their classrooms. He has talked with city planning while working on this study. John feels the area not being zoned is going to leave people out here as sitting ducks. We also gave him information on our out-of-district students.

BOARD COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Jason appointed the following trustees to the committees: Building/Grounds are Jason Matt and Joel Junso, Community Relations are Jamie Wegner and Amanda Agyeman-Budu, Curriculum are Amy Sironi and Jason Matt, Finance are Jamie Wegner and Joel Junso, and Personnel/Negotiations are Joel Junso and Amy Sironi.

There being no further business, *Amanda moved to adjourn the meeting at 8 :20 p.m. Joel seconded. All in favor.*

The March board meeting will be March 18th, 2019.

Jeanne Carroll, Business Manager/Clerk

Jason Matt, Chairman