

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

The trustees met in regular session, September 18, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. in the library. Those present throughout the meeting were Chairman Rhonda Hogstad, Brent Lipp, Superintendent, Jeanne Carroll, Business Manager, Jason Matt, Trustee, Mark Berg, Trustee and Joel Junso, Trustee.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

MONTH IN REVIEW

*Student Concerns: Brent wanted to let board know that have a student causing behavior issues and he is pursuing options for other locations, so a head's up to the board, there may be tuition costs coming.

*Reschedule Training (Board):

*Facilities: There was an issue with one of our air-handler units, which were installed in 2003, and have been very well maintained, which may be a concern. There are four of them total. There is new road surface out on Danford that we didn't know about on the first day of school. It is nice because it keeps the dust down. Also, storage is getting to be a real issue. We need to start thinking about some options.

*Sports: It's going really well. Football has had two wins in a row. Staff is helping out with books and the clock for basketball.

*New Staff: Some of the new staff is here tonight.

*Budget: There may be more cuts to the budget from the state.

*Christmas Party: Brent would like input from the board on this. Attendance has been a little leaner the last couple of years. The Social Committee usually plans it. Rhonda said she feels initially it's still a good idea. Joel suggested getting a head count on who would still like to do it. Brent said he knows we are balancing it against taxpayer money, but staff also needs to have a good environment. Mark and Jason agree that it would be good to survey the staff. The board gave their okay to proceed if the staff wants to continue it.

*Professional Development: Brent said it is going really well. They are doing a series on Wednesday nights to align trimesters and pscals for standards and assessments. Most of the staff is attending. They are working in all area and all grade levels. ACE is working with them so they are doing K-12. Title I will be standards driven now. He is very pleased with the whole process. Monday will be a PIR day with Todd Whitaker and some suicide training on Tuesday.

*Laurel Little League: He was approached by a parent last month asking if we would allow them to put in a baseball field out here with access forever. He wants to know what the board thinks. He said there isn't really a plan in place. Also, our field is on the fence of the border with Laurel Little League. The Laurel schools don't take care of it in Laurel. He also feels it will interfere with soccer and football. The board felt if they don't really have a plan, then it doesn't really seem like a good idea. The board was very skeptical and felt maintenance would lead to conflict.

*PTO Fun Night: He attended a meeting last week. Instead of doing a movie night, they want to do a fun night, kind of like a carnival/sports night with maybe a concessions stand. This is coming up in November.

*Hot Items This Month!!: These will be things that Brent would like them to be aware of.

Library books: there's been a little fuss because kindergarten has not been able to check out library books. It's because she is teaching them about the library first. They have a lesson plan on checking out books this week.

Smoke has been a concern. He has been watching the website about that. He feels the concern is Legit; he does watch the smoke levels. He did talk to other rural schools about it the day it was so bad. On the website, it says if you are doing robust cardio for 40 minutes or more, probably they should

be kept in. He felt recess for 10 or 15 minutes doesn't meet that. If they are asthmatic kids, they are watched more closely.

Sports attendance has been an issue, because of multiple sports going on. It's going okay. He talked about how playing time is working.

Bus routes: We are constantly updating the new routes. We may still adjust one route to pick up more kids.

NEW BUSINESS

Approve Hirings for 2017-18

APPROVE HIRINGS FOR 2017-18

Mark made a motion to hire Dawn Shrinarine as a paraprofessional for 2017-18.

Jason seconded. All in favor.

Joel made a motion to hire Katie Allen for PE teacher. Mark seconded. All in favor.

Mark made a motion to hire Jacob Burd as Custodian. Jason seconded.

All in favor.

Joel made a motion to hire Nancy Monforton as Counselor long-term sub. Mark seconded. All in favor

Middle School Staff-8th Grade Trip

MIDDLE SCHOOL STAFF EIGHTH GRADE TRIP

Brent said we had a turnover in our middle school staff. He went to them and said he would really like to see the trip be more educational. So they have been brainstorming and tying it to the standards. He said it is in the "pre" stages. So he asked them to come give the board their ideas.

Aimee Konzen, Tesa Sironen, Jessica Kugler, Katie Allen and Haley Morales are the staff and they are present. Aimee started off with their goal is to incorporate the common core goals and make it inter-active and have the kids invested in it. They want them to have college readiness. Again, they want them to take ownership and want them to have a great time while they do that.

Tesa said they would like the students to plan their own trip with some guidelines. She said they will have some parameters. She said most of them they will have been working on throughout the year.

Katie said one of the ideas is to visit some of the colleges toward college readiness. Haley said our vision is for them to take ownership. Let's see the college but what are the fun things in the area to do and how can we tie them to our standards.

Aimee said each day of the trip would have a focus. Not necessarily totally in Montana, but they would need to give reasons why they want to go there and how would it tie into the standards.

Tesa said they would have daily requirements, examples of curriculum learning, math can be done everywhere by keeping within the budget. They want them to plan some physical activity and incorporate fun in what we do. Jessica said obviously they have to have some fundraising, and every student has to be part of it. In the past we have done the two tournaments. Also, they are looking at concessions.

They are looking at two students with a parent in the concessions during a game. They are going to be looking at profit margins, revenue and costs, which she will also will be doing in her classroom.

They will have a general idea of what they will have. Haley said the last week of school they would work together, make a power point to show the 7th graders and make an 8th grade video to present at promotion.

They will do this in class those four days. Rhonda said she thought it sounded really good and she likes it coming back to the standards. Brent said things like Silverwood aren't necessarily off, but math and science etc can be incorporated. The board thought is sounded good and are excited to hear more.

Suicide Prevention-Kim Tennant

SUICIDE TRAINING

Kim trained Brent last week. She attended a training last fall in District #2. She said like it or not, suicide and those thoughts do exist. The SOS program is evidence-based. She said it is so important for us to educate our staff and our students. Most students don't really want to kill themselves, they are looking for help. Depression is treatable. 1 in 5 students have a diagnosed depression disorder. Less than half of the students with a psychiatric disorder receive help. We can prevent suicide. Students across the state take the youth-risk survey. Montana students are very similar to those nationwide. She will teach the staff "ACT", Acknowledge the student you are concerned about, Caring-get them to someone

who can help them because they can't, and the last one is to Tell, tell a trusted adult. She does have a video she normally shows, but it was too lengthy for tonight. She talked about the risk factors: behavioral health, personal characteristics, adverse life circumstances, family characteristics, and environmental. Populations at elevated risk are those who use alcohol or drugs, lgbtq, homeless, medical conditions, or impacted by suicide. Single events are usually coupled with other risk factors. She reviewed the warning signs. She has steps for the staff to take if they see warning signs. The mental health team at school would be Mrs. Tennant, Mrs. Crane and Mr. Lipp. The 6-8th graders would be the risk group to be trained. She reviewed the agenda that students would be trained with. Parents will also be trained. Brent said the legislature last year made this mandatory that the schools must have a policy in place. He will be bringing policy to the board for approval. He said it is not a fun topic, but a very important one.

There being no further business, Joel moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 p.m.

The next meeting will be October 16, 2017.

Jeanne Carroll, Business Manager/Clerk

Rhonda Hogstad, Chairman