

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

The trustees met in regular session Monday, February 21, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. in the cafeteria. Those present throughout the meeting were Chair Manny Zuniga, trustees Hal Olson, Rhonda Hogstad, Tom Bradford, and Superintendent Brent Lipp. Suzie Zentz and Sheri Boelter were absent. There were no visitors.

Manny called the meeting to order and led the group in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

There were no adjustments to the agenda.

**AGENDA ADJ**

*Manny Zuniga made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented; Tom Bradford seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the motion.*

**CONSENT AGENDA**

The trustees received a thank you note from the Tom Bradford family.

**CORRESP**

Superintendent Brent Lipp recapped his administrative report:

**ADMIN RPT**

- A number of teachers participated in MBI training to help revive our MBI program. Different positive rewards have been designed for each age group.
- Training on the Promethean boards is being provided to staff to ensure that they will be well used.
- Our Mathcounts team won first place for Class C schools. Ms. Pimley, her husband, and Mr. Meick coached the team.
- NAEP testing is finished for the year.
- Map testing is completed and our 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> grades did especially well.
- The 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> graders have been participating in a science program at the Audubon Conservation Education Center. It has been a great experience.
- Our students attended an author workshop at Elder Grove. The author did a great job encouraging students to be writers and readers.
- March 16 & 17 we have scheduled Interest based bargaining (IBB) with Ted Handel.
- The community newsletter is in process.
- In terms of legislation, the proposal being formulated by Rep. Jones is anticipating using oil and gas funds to help support entitlement funding for all schools.
- This week is "I Love to Read" week. Ms. Ameline and Mrs. Wheeler have organized lots of activities, including a celebration of Dr. Seuss's birthday. In addition, the PTO is sponsoring a book fair.
- On February 24<sup>th</sup> we are holding a judged science fair for 6-8<sup>th</sup> graders. Mrs. Tolton has obtained judges and awards for the competition.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

*Hal Olson made a motion to approve the Surplus Property Resolution with the State of Montana; Tom Bradford seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the motion.*

## **SURPLUS PROPERTY RESOLUTION**

Brent advised the trustees that our ANB has grown substantially and we anticipate a positive effect on our revenue/budget picture. We will have more complete information from OPI on March 1<sup>st</sup>. Hopefully, we will see budget growth without needing a voted levy.

## **ANB UPDATE**

Brent reviewed his goals for the trustees. They are focused on the following six areas: students, academics, community engagement, staff, facilities and superintendent.

## **SUPT GOALS**

Brent informed the trustees that he will be absent from the district April 18-27 (six school days) in order to accompany his wife to the Boston Marathon. He will appoint staff to handle specific duties in his absence.

## **SUPT TRIP**

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

## **AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING**

Update on budget info  
Business Manager/Clerk evaluation  
Student Council update on activities  
Dept. Taylor report on safety lights  
8<sup>th</sup> Grade Trip  
Calendar 2011-12  
Courtyard plans

*There being no further business, Hal Olson made a motion to adjourn at 7:25 p.m.*

Respectfully submitted,

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Susan Zentz, Clerk

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Manuel Zuniga, Chair