

February 9, 2021
REGULAR MEETING

The Board of Trustees of School District #4 and Forsyth High School District held a Regular Meeting on February 9, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. in Room 9 of the Middle School Building with the following in attendance:

Layton Salsbery, Chairman	School District #4 & Forsyth High School District
Gerald Killen, Vice Chairman	“ “
David Sorenson, Trustee	“ “
Jennifer Anderson, Trustee	“ “
Donald John Cameron, Trustee	“ via Zoom

Absent:

Jeanette Krueger, Trustee	“ “
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Also Present:

Dinny Bennett, Superintendent
Stacy Montgomery, District Clerk/Business Manager
Craig Knoche, AD
Dixie Seleg, K-6 Principal
Shelly Weight, 7-12 Principal

Guest present: Keith Raymond, Tisha Larsen, Andrea Pederson, KariLea Hutchins, Eric Lawrence, Dennis Johnson, and Rian Pinkerton

Guests present via ZOOM meeting:

Danae Pinkerton, Samantha Beyl, Jayme Nelson, Marni Bierlein, Karen Harms, Beth Hall, Dee Raymond, Tia Seleg, Jan Banks, and Trish Payer

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

The Chairman led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Participation: none

Revise/Review Agenda:

Consent Agenda

Gerald Killen moved, seconded by David Sorenson, to approve the consent agenda consisting of the following,

- February bills in the amount of \$320,088.08 including warrants #47694 through #47731

- Minutes for the: January 12, 2021 regular meeting

- Warrant lists from 01/01/2021 through 01/31/2021 including the following:

 - Claims 47652 – 47702 \$ 345,869.05*

 - Payroll 312930-312953 \$ 37,578.36

 - [*Includes direct deposit check 47695 \$ 113,967.60]

- Activity Cash Report

Upon call for a vote, all trustees present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

Student

Personnel

Old Business - none

New Business – none

Consider Hiring HS Assistant Track Coach

After having met with Craig Knoche, Kyla Schleuning is being recommended as the HS Assistant Track coach for the 2020-21 season.

Jennifer Anderson moved, seconded by Gerald Killen, to approve the hiring of Kyla Schleuning as the HS Assistant Track coach for the 2020-21 season. All trustees present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

Consider Hiring Fall Coaches

After completing their 2020-21 season, the following coaches are being recommended for hire for the 2021-22 season.

High School

Head Football – Shane Cole

Assistant Football – Cody Kanta

Assistant Football – Lex Heberle

Head Volleyball – Krissy Yerger

Assistant Volleyball – Lynda Montgomery

Junior High

Head Volleyball – KariLea Hutchins

Assistant Volleyball – Molly Fay

Head Football – VACANT

Assistant Football – VACANT

Gerald Killen moved, seconded by Jennifer Anderson to hire the coaches as presented for the 2021-22 season. All trustees present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried

Consider Hiring High School Office Manager

Interviews were conducted for the High School Office Manager position.

Mrs. Weight recommended that Gina Sorenson be hired as the High School Office Manager for the 2021-22 school year.

Gerald Killen moved, seconded by Jennifer Anderson to hire Gina Sorenson for the High School Office Manager position for the 2021-22 school year. Jennifer Anderson and Gerald Killen voted aye, Donald John Cameron voted nay, Layton Salsbery and David Sorenson abstained. Motion carried.

District

Old Business

Consider Approving Advanced PE Curriculum – Second and Final Reading

The Advanced PE curriculum was presented for first reading at the regular January board meeting. With no recommended changes, the Advanced PE Curriculum is being presented on second and final reading.

It was recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the Advanced PE Curriculum on second and final reading.

Donald John Cameron moved seconded by Jennifer Anderson to approve the Advanced PE Curriculum on second and final reading. All trustees present voted in favor the motion. Motion carried

New Business

Review Forsyth Schools Reopening Plan – Consider Possible Changes

Montana Legislation is currently looking at revision in the wearing of face coverings and social distancing in establishments. Review of the reopening plan was conducted. It was decided at this time to continue with this plan that is in place. Will continue to review as needed in the coming months.

Review Winter Sports Spectator Guideline – Consider Possible Changes

Following review of the state’s reopening plan and the wearing of face coverings and social distancing, it was recommended to review and/or revise the district winter sports spectator guidelines. After discussion, it was decided that no changes needed to be made as the last home game was cancelled due to weather.

Consider Suspension of District Policy 1310

The Board of Trustees needed to consider suspending the current Policy 1310 – Adoption and Amendment of Policies in order to amend a policy that is needed for the approval of Forsyth Schools on first reading. Amended Policies will remain in place until further review from the Board.

It was recommended that the Board of Trustees approve to suspend Policy 1310 – Adoption and Amendment of Policies as needed.

Gerald Killen moved seconded by Jennifer Anderson to suspend Policy 1310 until the completion of the February 9, 2021 meeting. All trustees present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

1900 Series Policy Review – Consider Possible Changes

The 1900 Series Policy, specifically 1903-School District Meetings, Gatherings, Events and Visitors was reviewed in the event that the state makes revisions to the face covering and social distancing guidelines. After much discussion among the board and audience, it was decided to suspend the Facilities Use Agreements from Policy 1903 and once again follow Policy 4330.

Jennifer Anderson moved to suspend the Facilities Use Agreements section of Policy 1903 and to once again follow Policy 4330 with the exception of not hosting any sponsored tournaments. David Sorenson seconded. All trustees present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

Spring Enrollment

The Business Manager reported that the Spring Enrollment Count date was on Monday, February 1, 2021. The enrollment numbers were collected, the data was reported to the Office of Public Instruction on Thursday February 4, 2021. These results were discussed with the Board of Trustees.

Trustee and Levy Elections

The date for the general school election is the first Tuesday after the first Monday in May. This year, that date will be May 4, 2021. The trustee positions up for election this year are those held by Gerald Killen representing the Elementary and High School Districts and Donald John Cameron from Ingomar, MT representing the High School District only. These are three year positions.

It may be necessary to run a mill levy election in both the Elementary and High School Districts. The preliminary data sheets are not expected until March 1, therefore, the amount of the voted levies and mills required is not known at this time.

The following actions were taken by the trustees:

**RESOLUTION TO CALL FOR TRUSTEE ELECTION
FOR SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 4, ROSEBUD COUNTY**

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that on Tuesday, May 4, 2021, a School Election is called.

Trustee Gerald Killen introduced the following resolution and moved its passage and adoption.

WHEREAS, this school board has determined that an election of the registered electors for School District No. 4, Rosebud County will be done by a mail ballot only for the purpose of electing one (1) trustee, for a three (3) year term.

The following voting location will be used for the election. Ballots may be deposited at this location only until 8:00 p.m. on May 4, 2021.

Voting Location and Address: Forsyth Public Schools Administration office,
425 N. 10th Ave, Forsyth, MT 59327

The following electors of this district who are qualified to vote at such election are appointed to act as judges at the election.

Name	Address
Lanell Kaup	Box 912; Forsyth, MT
Pat Brunner	Box 612; Forsyth, MT
Kay Davis Berdahl	Box 182; Forsyth, MT

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk of this school district is hereby directed to notify said election judges of their appointment not less than 30 days before the election.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk of this school district is hereby directed to prepare ballots to be used in the election.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk of this school district is hereby directed to notify the Rosebud County Clerk & Recorder of this election, the date of holding said election, and request her to close registration, and prepare poll books.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if it is later determined that any portion of the election is not required; the Board of Trustees authorizes the Clerk of this school district to cancel that portion of the election in accordance with 13-1-304 and 20-3-313, MCA.

Trustee Jennifer Anderson seconded the motion for the adoption of the resolution. All trustees present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

Attest:

Layton Salsbery
Chairman, Board of Trustees
School District #4 and
Forsyth High School District #4

Stacy Montgomery
District Clerk/Business Manager
School District #4 and
Forsyth High School District #4

**RESOLUTION TO CALL FOR TRUSTEE ELECTION
FOR HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 4, ROSEBUD COUNTY**

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that on Tuesday, May 4, 2021, a School Election is called.

Trustee Donald John Cameron introduced the following resolution and moved its passage and adoption.

WHEREAS, this school board has determined that an election of the registered electors for High School District No. 4, Rosebud County will be done by a mail ballot only for the purpose of electing one (1) trustee, for a three (3) year term.

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LaDawna Erickson	Ingomar, MT
Johnna Newman	Ingomar, MT
Susan Webber	Ingomar, MT

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Trustee Gerald Killen seconded the motion for the adoption of the resolution. All trustees present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried

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Layton Salsbery
Chairman, Board of Trustees
School District #4 and
Forsyth High School District #4

Stacy Montgomery
District Clerk/Business Manager
School District #4 and
Forsyth High School District

**RESOLUTION TO CALL FOR ELEMENTARY GENERAL FUND ELECTION
FOR SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 4, ROSEBUD COUNTY**

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that on Tuesday, May 4, 2021, a School Election is called.

Trustee Jennifer Anderson introduced the following resolution and moved its passage and adoption.

WHEREAS, this school board has determined that an election of the registered electors for School District No. 4 will be done by a mail ballot only for the purpose of voting on the question of whether the Board of Trustees of School District No. 4, shall be authorized to make the following additional levy for the purpose:

Of providing funds to support the General Fund for the proper maintenance and operation of the school programs for the 2021-2022 school year beginning July 1, 2021.

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Trustee Gerald Killen seconded the motion for the adoption of the resolution. All trustees present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried

Attest:

Layton Salsbery
Chairman, Board of Trustees
School District #4 and
Forsyth High School District #4

Stacy Montgomery
District Clerk/Business Manager
School District #4 and
Forsyth High School District #4

**RESOLUTION TO CALL FOR HIGH SCHOOL GENERAL FUND ELECTION
FOR SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 4, ROSEBUD COUNTY**

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that on Tuesday May 4, 2021, a School Election is called.

Trustee Gerald Killen introduced the following resolution and moved its passage and adoption.

WHEREAS, this school board has determined that an election of the registered electors for Forsyth High School District No. 4 will be done by a mail ballot only for the purpose of voting on the question of whether the Board of Trustees of Forsyth High School District No. 4, shall be authorized to make the following additional levy for the purpose:

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Trustee David Sorenson seconded the motion for the adoption of the resolution. All trustees present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried

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Chairman, Board of Trustees
School District #4 and
Forsyth High School District #4

Stacy Montgomery
District Clerk/Business Manager
School District #4 and
Forsyth High School District #

Consider Approving Attendance Agreement (Non-Forsyth District Student)

An attendance agreement was presented for an out-of-district student who wishes to attend Forsyth School.

Walker, Charlee Grade 6 Rosebud School District

It was recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the attendance agreement as presented.

Gerald Killen moved, seconded by Jennifer Anderson, to approve the attendance agreement as presented. All trustees present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

Consider Approving Individual Transportation Contract

Request has been made by Jamie Schenk to be reimbursed for individual transportation costs. She lives on Dry Creek and has 2 grandchildren that she transports to and from school.

The funds to pay for the transportation contract come from the state and county transportation reimbursement.

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the requested Individual Transportation Contract.

Jennifer Anderson moved, seconded by Gerald Killen to approve the Individual Transportation Contract as presented. All members present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

Administrative Team Reports

K-6 Principal

Dixie Seleg presented the K – 6 Principal's report.

- End of the 2nd quarter
 - Academic Awards
 - High Honors – 30%
 - Honors – 37%
 - High Achieving Youths (HAY) – 48%
- Dogie Tickets
 - Students that reached their goals received sundaes
- PIR
 - Suicide prevention training
 - Takeaways
 - Use direct questions
 - Suicide isn't the problem
 - Don't be judgmental
- Safety
 - District meeting on Jan 20th
 - Held a fire drill on Feb 2nd
 - Lockdown drill on February 10th
- Student of the Month
 - January – Friendship
 - Mr. Bennett handed out the certificates
 - February – Teamwork
- Ruth Smith – Retirement
 - Celebrated with cake and music
- Evaluations
 - Completed 2 tenure and 2 non-tenure evaluations
- Completed progress reports for 24 special education students
- Completed 6 IEP's
- Attended 5 speech IEP's

7-12 Principal

Shelly Weight presented the 7-12 Principal's report

- 8th graders hosted an art show highlighting their art in the style of Bob Ross
- Junior high students made over 100 face masks for the school from old t-shirts
- Information was gathered to send the Montana Department of Labor Safety Bureau for our safety inspection. Thanks to Marty and Dinny for their help
- Advising for the new semester was held. All online students are now back in face-to-face
- IEP meeting 2
- PIR on January 18th – Suicide Prevention and CPR/First Aid online
- Pep assembly for Speech and Drama. All three of our members made it to State
- Mission Organization kicked off with 27 students receiving binders and supplies from the schools. Thank you to Terri Brown for donating to the scholarship fund for those who were not able to afford the binders and supplies.
- Band curriculum placed in Chalk lesson planning program for 2nd semester

- Virtual Principal’s Conference held January 25 and 26th. More nationally renowned speakers in this format.
- Four teachers and Mrs. Weight are attending a 9-week course entitled Rich Brain/Poor Brain on Tuesday evenings.
- Jackie Sand resigned. Trina Peppersack has been transferred to HS to replace Jackie.
- Investigation and discipline for a cyber-bullying issue.
- CTE Curriculum Meeting
- Library Curriculum with Molly Fay
- Senior Parent Recognition held for both basketball and wrestling
- Getting ready for the PowerSchool conversion

Activities Director

Craig Knoche presented the Activities Director report

- JH Basketball season has finished
- Speech and Drama – 3 placed at Divisional so will compete at State
- District Basketball will be held next week in Colstrip and Baker
- District wrestling will be in Glasgow – State will be held in Shelby

District Clerk/Business Manager

Stacy Montgomery presented the Business Manager’s report

- Attended the MASBO Board meeting in Bozeman
- Spring enrollments count was done and submitted to OPI
- Application for Indirect Costs for Title I program submitted
- Working on the ACA report and filing

Superintendent

Mr. Bennett presented the Superintendent’s report.

- Safety meeting
- MTSBA HR symposiums
- Continue advertising for Special Ed position – no applicants
- Advertising for Mrs. Goyette’s position – no applicant
- Meeting held with Payne West for health insurance rates – increase will be between 0 – 5%
- Continue to follow legislature
- Difficult week with activities due to cold temperatures

Next Meeting

The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, March 9, 2021. The meeting will be held in Room 9 of the Middle School Building at 7:00 p.m.

Adjournment

The Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacy Montgomery
District Clerk/Business Manager

Layton Salsbery
Chairman of the Board