

**March 7, 2017**  
**REGULAR MEETING**

The Board of Trustees of School District #4 and Forsyth High School District held a Regular Meeting on March 7, 2017, 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, “ “  
Jeanette Krueger, Trustee “ “  
Doug Roberts, Trustee “ “  
Donald John Cameron, Trustee “ “

Absent:

Jerry Hagadone, Trustee “ “

Also Present:

Dinny Bennett, Superintendent  
Stephanie Schnug, District Clerk/Business Manager  
Dixie Seleg, K – 6 Principal  
Shelly Weight, 7-12 Principal  
Craig Knoche, Activities Director

Guests: Susan Treible, Steve Pulver, Dana Sievers

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

The Chairman led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Public Participation:** None

**Revise/Review Agenda**

Discussion of the Wrestling Equity Fund and Girls Equity Fund. The District Clerk will have information on the accounts at the April 11, 2017 Board Meeting.

**Consent Agenda**

Doug Roberts moved, seconded by Donald John Cameron, to approve the consent agenda consisting of the following:

- March bills in the amount of \$566,074.13 including warrants #44854 through #44915.
- Minutes for the February 7, 2017 regular meeting.
- Warrant lists from 02/01/17 through 02/28/17 including the following:
  - Claims 44805-44860 \$ 335,020.14\*
  - Payroll 311211-311273 \$ 46,743.84
  - [\*Includes direct deposit check 44797 \$ 105,802.96]
- Activity Cash Report
- Correspondence
  - a. Thank You Card

- b. Thank You Card- Chamber
- c. Range Donation Letter
- d. Brandon Heberle Resignation – Weight Room Supervisor

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

### **Student**

#### **Choir Request for Travel**

Susan Treible was present at the meeting. Forsyth HS Choir is requesting to travel to Orlando, FL in June 2018 with The Eastern Montana Honor Group (Forsyth, Colstrip, Broadus). All costs for travel are funded completely by fundraising activities. Mr. Bennett recommends the HS Choir be allowed to travel with the Eastern Montana Honor Group to Orlando Florida in June 2018. Gerald Killen moved, seconded by Doug Roberts, to approve the request. All trustees present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

### **District**

#### **Old Business**

#### **Board Evaluation**

Layton Salsbery collected and compiled the self-evaluations completed by the Board of Trustees and Administrators. Copies of the final self-evaluation was distributed to the present Board of Trustees and audience members. General Discussion followed.

#### **Calendar Committee**

Shelly weight presented the results of the 2017-2018 calendar vote. Dixie Seleg and Shelly Weight provided details to the different options that were available. Option “C” received the most votes. Gerald Killen moved, seconded by Donald John Cameron, to approve the option “C” calendar for the 2017-2018 school year. All trustees present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

#### **New Business**

#### **Policy Review**

Dinny Bennett presented a policy revision of Policy 5333, first reading. Mr. Bennett recommends revising the Holidays Policy. Discussion continued in regards to accepting the policy as the first and final reading due to the minor changes. Doug Roberts moved, seconded by Donald John Cameron, to approve the revisions to Policy 5333 as first and final reading. All trustees present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

#### **SB 307 Resolution**

Dinny Bennett recommends the Board of Trustees approve Senate Bill 307, that allows the district to increase or decrease the permissive levies as needed. The estimated change in levies is \$0.00 at this time. By passing the resolution, it allows the district to make changes to the estimates according to budget needs for the 2017-2018 school year. A resolution for the Elementary District and a resolution for the High School District must be approved separately. Gerald Killen moved, seconded by Jeanette Krueger, to approve the SB 307 Resolution for the Elementary District. Donald John Cameron moved, seconded by Gerald

Killen to approve the SB 307 Resolution for the High School District. All trustees present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

### **Graduation Speakers**

Craig Knoche presented the following list of individuals for approval to serve as graduation speakers for the 2017 Commencement Proceeding:

- 1) Governor Steve Bullock (was asked, but it is not available that day)
- 2) Tara Derenburger
- 3) Craig Knoche

The 2017 senior class will vote on the candidates if the Board of Trustees approves the list of speakers. Gerald Killen moved, seconded by Jeanette Krueger to approve the list of speakers for 2017 Graduation. All trustees present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

### **Disassociate “Maverick” Mascot**

With the closing of the middle school many years ago, placing the junior high students within the high school, it is suggested that the “Maverick” mascot not be associated with the middle school program any longer. The junior high students are very much involved with many of the high school activities and have embraced being a “Dogie”. Craig Knoche recommends the Board of Trustees approve the disassociation of “Maverick” from the middle school program. Doug Roberts moved, seconded by Gerald Killen to approve the disassociation of the “Maverick” mascot from the middle school program. All trustees present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

### **LED Lighting Retrofit**

Costs for LED replacement bulbs have become reasonable enough to consider replacing florescent lights with the LED retrofits. Steve Pulver provided information and cost analysis to the Board of Trustees to retrofit the elementary building with the new LED bulbs. A quote from Don’s Electric to complete the job was presented to the Board of Trustees. The district has applied and received an incentive grant from MDU.

Quote for Labor and Materials	\$23,480.00
MDU incentive grant	-\$ 9,297.20

Dinny Bennett recommends the Board of Trustees approve the LED retrofit and hire Don’s Electric to complete the job in the elementary building. Doug Roberts moved, seconded by Jeanette Krueger to approve the LED lighting retrofit project in the elementary building. All trustees present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

### **Counseling and Guidance Curriculum**

The School Counseling and Guidance Curriculum was last reviewed in June of 2010. The new curriculum that is being presented was designed to match the standards set forth by the American School Counseling Association. Dixie Seleg and Shelly Weight presented the curriculum that was compiled by Amanda Bundy. Discussions followed with some requested changes. Dinny Bennett recommends to approve the curriculum with

consideration to comments made in the first reading. Jeanette Krueger moved, seconded by Gerald Killen to approve the curriculum with consideration to the comments made. All trustees present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

### **Administrative Team Reports**

#### **K – 6 Principal**

Dixie Seleg presented the K – 6 Principal’s report. Elementary students in grades 3-12 took the State of Montana My Voice Survey. February was I Love to Read Month, every Tuesday the kids dressed up in special dress. February 8, 2017 there was an elementary staff meeting and PIR ideas were discussed. The Forsyth High School FFA has been active in the PALS program with the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students. Steve Rush with “Friends of Pompey’s Pillar” gave a presentation on February 15, 2017. Also this month the PIR Committee met, 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter mid-term, and a Tornado Drill was conducted. Dixie Seleg attended the Community or Northern Rosebud County Foundation Dinner on February 27. Goals for the coming month is to have parents come in and see how the kids are doing in their classrooms. The sixth grade class built volcanos and parents were invited to come in and view the projects. The fifth grade class had a read aloud ceremony of the biographies that they wrote. The elementary school was awarded the Town Pump award of \$500.00 for science and math. Kindergarten screening will take place April 5, 2017.

#### **7 – 12 Principal**

Shelly Weight presented the 7 – 12 Principal’s report. The after school program is flourishing; they have added additional paraprofessional help for those kids. An active shooter drill was conducted with the students and a training will be done for the March PIR day. The high school is working with “Ag Pathways” with Miles City Community College. The junior class won the belt event. The junior high has a dance on the 24<sup>th</sup>. The students completed the Montana Youth Behavior Risk Survey during two connections classes this month. Goals for the School Improvement Plan were distributed to the Board of Trustees.

#### **Activities Director**

Craig Knoche presented the Activity Director’s report. All winter activities have been completed. Spring Sports start March 13, 2017. The music Festival will be held in Forsyth on April 13-April 14, 2017. The football coaches will be attending a coaching clinic for 8-man football and they will be implementing procedures for junior varsity football and junior high football as well.

#### **District Clerk/Business Manager**

Stephanie Schnug presented the Business Manager’s report. The final fiscal audit has been received from WIPFLI CPA’s and Consultants. Stephanie will be attending several conferences and budget symposiums in the month of March. The E-Rate contract for the new internet contract has been certified.

#### **Superintendent**

Dinny will be attending Legislative Meeting in Helena, the Big Country Cooperative meeting and High School Academic Olympics in Miles City. Bids were received from Hardin and Colstrip for the District Basketball tournament next year. Colstrip was given the bid. Forsyth High School received \$1,700.00 in reimbursement for mileage for the

District Basketball Tournament. The division has renewed the contract for the next three years with the Billings Metra for Divisional Basketball Tournament.

**Next Meeting**

The next regular meeting will be held Tuesday, April 11, 2017. 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 9:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Stephanie Schnug  
District Clerk/Business Manager

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Layton Salsbery  
Chairman of the Board