

**September 6, 2016
REGULAR MEETING**

The Board of Trustees of School District #4 and Forsyth High School District held a Regular Meeting on September 6, 2016, 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, “ “
Doug Roberts, Trustee “ “
Donald John Cameron, Trustee (by phone) “

Absent:

Jerry Hagadone, Trustee “ “
Jeanette Krueger, Trustee “ “

Also Present:

Dinny Bennett, Superintendent
Robert J. Martelle, District Clerk/Business Manager
Dixie Seleg, K – 6 Principal
Shelly Weight, 7 – 12 Principal
Craig Knoche, Activities Director

Guests: Molly Fay

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:13 p.m.

The Chairman led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Participation: None

Revise/Review Agenda

The agenda was accepted as presented.

Consent Agenda

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

- September bills in the amount of \$62,581.64 including warrants #44468 through #44514.
- Minutes for the August 9 & 10, 2016 regular meeting and the August 25, 2016 Final Budget Hearing.
- Warrant lists from 08/01/16 through 08/31/16 including the following:
 - Claims 44394 – 44458 \$ 179,030.05*
 - Payroll 311012– 311035 \$ 25,165.10
 - [*Includes direct deposit check 44456 \$ 29,661.16]
- Activity Cash Report
- Resignation – Lonnie Pulver – 7-12 Paraprofessional
- Resignation – Jan Pulver – Library Aide

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

Personnel

New Business

Hire Head Custodian

The Superintendent discussed the need to hire a Head Custodian following the resignation of Gene Brown. He recommended that Lonnie Pulver be hired for that position. Jeanette Krueger moved, seconded by Gerald Killen, to hire Mrs. Pulver as recommended. All trustees present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

Hire Paraprofessionals

The Superintendent discussed the need to hire paraprofessionals. One will be to replace Lonnie Pulver. The other is to work with a new student. He recommended the following individuals be hired:

K – 6 Paraprofessional	Cassandra Ferguson
7 – 12 Paraprofessional	Kayla Fulton

Doug Roberts moved, seconded by Gerald Killen, to hire the individuals as recommended. All trustees present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

Hire Community Education Director

The Superintendent discussed that due to the resignation, it is necessary to hire a Community Education Director. He recommended that Susan Treible be hired to the position. Doug Roberts moved, seconded by Gerald Killen, to hire Mrs. Treible as recommended. All trustees present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

Hire Coaches/Sponsor

The Activities Director discussed coach and sponsor openings. He recommended that the following individuals be hired subject to the results of fingerprint and background checks as needed:

HS Asst. Speech & Drama Coach	Tonya Wetherelt
HS Drama (School Play) Sponsor	Tonya Wetherelt
MS Head Girls' Basketball Coach	Susan Quinlan
MS Asst. Girls' Basketball Coach	Ryan Tooke

Doug Roberts moved, seconded by Jeanette Krueger, to hire the individuals as recommended. All trustees present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

Appoint Volunteer

The Activities Director discussed the request to appoint a volunteer for the HS Volleyball Program. He recommended that Rob Johnstone be appointed for the 2016 – 2017 season.

Doug Roberts moved, seconded by Gerald Killen, to appoint Mr. Johnstone as recommended. All trustees present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

District

Old Business

MCEL

The Superintendent discussed the upcoming Montana Conference on Educational Leadership. Last minute registrations are available. He encouraged the Trustees to attend and requested that any who wishes to; please call the Administration Office.

New Business

Attendance Agreements

The Business Manager presented the following attendance agreement for a student who is not a resident of the Forsyth District but wishes to attend the Forsyth Schools and recommended that it be approved. Doug Roberts moved, seconded by Jeanette Krueger, to approve the attendance agreement as recommended. All trustees present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

The following attendance agreement was approved by this action:

Student Name	Grade	Home District	Parent Name
Hargrove, Jerry	6	Miles City	Amanda Bundy

Fall Enrollment

The Business Manager presented the results of the Fall Enrollment Count which was done on Monday, October 3. Comparisons with the previous year were discussed.

MHSA Reclassification

The Superintendent explained the reclassification process under consideration by the Montana High School Association. The biggest change will be for football. That sport is being separated from the other MHSA sports so that it can be considered for a lower classification based on enrollment if needed.

The Activities Director discussed the issues and benefits associated with the change.

The Superintendent recommended the following:

That Forsyth petition to be classified as C-8 (eight man) for football for the 2017-2018 school year.

That he be directed permission from MHSA to dissolve the current football coop between Forsyth and Rosebud.

Gerald Killen moved, seconded by Doug Roberts, to approve the recommendation as presented. All trustees present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

Handbook Language Changes – Ticket Prices – First Reading

The Activities Director discussed the need to adjust the ticket prices for admission to Forsyth School Events. These changes would bring Forsyth in line with all other schools in the Southern B Division. He recommended that the adult and student prices for all

events be increased by \$1.00. Should these changes be adopted, they can be implemented for the winter sports.

Doug Roberts moved, seconded by Gerald Killen, to adopt the changes to admission prices on first reading. All trustees present voted in favor of the motion except Jeanette Krueger who “abstained”. Motion carried.

The second reading will be at the November meeting.

SE/NE Lobbyist Group

The Superintendent reported that some school districts within the region have hired a lobbyist in previous legislative sessions. They have offered to have the lobbyist available to other schools on a cost-shared basis. There were various questions. Mr. Bennett will discuss the issue at the Superintendents’ meeting.

Coach’s Compensation

The Activities Director discussed that Kayla Fulton had filled in for two weeks as the Assistant HS Volleyball Coach pending hiring of the current coach. He recommended that Ms. Fulton be compensated for her time at the pro-rated amount of \$400.

Doug Roberts moved, seconded by Gerald Killen, to compensate Ms. Fulton as recommended. 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. She reported on a Google Fest training that she and Steffani Grogan had attended. There were several ideas for future PIR and professional development programs. A workshop was held for substitutes. The Open House which was held the evening prior to the first day of school was well attended. Enrollment is 184. Mrs. Seleg is working on the September 30 PIR day which will involve math training.

7 – 12 Principal

Shelly Weight presented the 7 – 12 Principal’s report. The schedule was finalized on August 12. Each student was individually advised in the scheduling process. Mrs. Weight attended a Special Education conference. She reported on the various committees and their meeting schedules. Enrollment is 62 in grades 7 & 8 and 117 in grades 9 – 12.

Activities Director

Craig Knoche presented the Activity Director’s report. He gave an update on the number of participants in volleyball and football. The middle school football team will attend a four team jamboree in Glendive. He is working on the open coach/sponsor positions.

District Clerk/Business Manager

Robert Martelle reported that contracts are up to date. A list of materials was received from the auditors and items were emailed to them. To date, 52 Free & Reduced Lunch applications covering 108 students have been processed. Michele Ayers has been working very hard on the new lunch software and her efforts are appreciated.

Superintendent

Dinny Bennett reported the equipment storage sheds were delivered. There is potential that Rosebud will request a wrestling coop. Meetings that he has or will attend include the Southern B meeting, the MTSBA Legal Primer and the Fall Superintendents' Conference.

Bonfire

Shelly Weight asked whether the Board of Trustees would consider permitting a bonfire in celebration of Homecoming. The consensus of the Board was that they were not in favor of a bonfire.

Next Meeting

The next regular meeting will be held Tuesday, October 11, 2016. 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 8:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert J. Martelle
District Clerk/Business Manager

Layton Salsbery
Chairman of the Board