

**December 9, 2014
REGULAR MEETING**

The Board of Trustees of School District #4 and Forsyth High School District held a Regular Meeting on December 9, 2014, 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
Jerry Hagadone, Trustee “ “
Gerald Killen, Trustee “ “
Dennis Kopitzke, Vice-Chair “ “
Ginger Roll, Trustee “ “
Donald John Cameron, Trustee “ “

Absent: None

Also Present:

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

Guests: Steffani Grogan, Dennis Johnson

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

The agenda was approved as submitted.

Consent Agenda

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

- December bills in the amount of \$90,145.69 including warrants #42947 through #42986.
- Minutes for the November 11, 2014 regular meeting.
- Warrant lists from 11/01/14 through 11/30/14 including the following:
 - Claims 42857 – 42931 \$282,937.15*
 - Payroll 310103 – 310172 \$ 66,231.01
 - [*Includes direct deposit check 42921 \$ 88,030.09]
- Activity Cash Report

Thank you cards from the Hysham Schools and Gene & Anita Kurtz

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

Personnel

New Business

Hire Coaches & Sponsor

The Superintendent reported on vacant coaching and sponsorship positions. He recommended the following individuals be hired subject to the results of fingerprint and background checks:

Spring Play Sponsor	Whitney Young
Head MS Boys' Basketball Coach	Rian Pinkerton
Asst. MS Boys' Basketball Coach	Chris Wester

Ginger Roll moved, seconded by Jerry Hagadone, to hire the individuals as recommended. All trustees present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

Appoint Volunteer Coaches

The Superintendent discussed the request that individuals be appointed as volunteer coaches in various sports. He recommended that the following individuals be appointed subject to the completion of required paperwork and fingerprint and background checks:

MS Boys' Basketball	Brady Ruff
HS Boys' Basketball	Dennis Johnson
HS Girls' Basketball	Stephanie Dana
HS Wrestling	Kyle Fulton
	Steve Nile
	Steve Pulver

Dennis Kopitzke moved, seconded by Donald John Cameron, to appoint the volunteers as requested. All trustees present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

District

Old Business

Superintendent's Evaluation

The Chairman reminded the Trustees that the Superintendent's evaluation is due.

Quality Schools Grant

The Superintendent reported that the grant submitted by the district for improvements to the high school heating system is 31st on the list of possible Quality Schools Grants. He reported on the process followed in applying for the grant. It is hoped that the 2015 Legislature will appropriate enough funds to permit Forsyth to receive the grant.

New Business

Attendance Agreement – Non Forsyth Student

The Business Manager presented the attendance agreement for Taryn Yagar, a 4th grade student from Rosebud who wishes to attend the Forsyth Schools. Gerald Killen moved, seconded by Jerry Hagadone, to approve the attendance agreement as presented. All trustees present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

Winter Enrollment

The Business Manager presented the results of the winter enrollment count. As of December 1, there were 201 students in grades K – 6, 53 students in grades 7 & 8 and 109 students in grades 9 – 12.

MTSBA School Law and Technology Symposium

Dinny Bennett, Dixie Seleg, Steffani Grogan and Ginger Roll attended the sixth annual MTSBA School Law and Technology Symposium. They each gave a report on the meeting and their individual impressions as to the importance of the information received to the Forsyth Schools.

Website Demonstration

Steffani Grogan demonstrated the redesigned website. She demonstrated several features which are new to the site and showed the trustees how to maneuver within the site. The site will now be maintained by several individuals, each responsible for a specific area for updates. The site can be accessed through www.forsythpublicschools.org or www.forsythpublicschools.com.

457 Deferred Compensation Plan

The Business Manager presented information regarding a 457 Deferred Compensation Plan that is sponsored by the Montana Public Employees Retirement Administration. There is no cost to the District and the plan is available to all employees. Dennis Kopitzke moved, seconded by Jerry Hagadone, to adopt the 457 Plan as presented. 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 the status of several staff committees and related activities that are ongoing during the month. Various student activities including the Christmas band and choir concerts will be held this month.

7 – 12 Principal

Shelly Weight presented the 7 – 12 Principal's report. She also reported on the status of several staff committees and their activities. Students Ruby Kallenbach and Todd Lackman were chosen to be honored by KTVQ. Several student activities will take place over the next several days including the Christmas band and choir concerts and basketball games and the Matador wrestling meet.

District Clerk/Business Manager

Robert Martelle reported that the annual TEAMS data collection had been submitted. The Big Country Coop Board meeting is December 10.

Superintendent

Dinny Bennett reported on professional development plans for the PIR day in January and the ground rules meeting held as part of the negotiations process.

Next Meeting

The next regular meeting will be held Tuesday, January 6, 2015. 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 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert J. Martelle
District Clerk/Business Manager

Layton Salsbery
Chairman of the Board

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