

**October 7, 2014  
REGULAR MEETING**

The Board of Trustees of School District #4 and Forsyth High School District held a Regular Meeting on October 7, 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  
Gerald Killen, Trustee “ “  
Ginger Roll, Trustee “ “  
Donald John Cameron, Trustee “

Absent:

Jerry Hagadone, Trustee “ “  
Dennis Kopitzke, Vice-Chair “ “

Also Present:

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

Guests: Jan Banks, Scott Lackman, Michaela French, Brandon Schnug, Todd Lackman, Erica Bidwell, Heather Johnstone, Cindy Wright, Sarina Menosky, Don Mork, Kelsey Bird, Stephanie Schnug, Ken Schnug

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

The Chairman led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Public Participation:**

Heather Johnstone reported that she had applied for grants from the Community Foundation of Northern Rosebud County and the Edna Olson Foundation. These grants will be used to make improvements to the pole vault area of the track and purchase new equipment.

**Revise/Review Agenda**

The agenda was approved as submitted.

**Consent Agenda**

Gerald Killen moved, seconded by Ginger Roll, to approve the consent agenda consisting of the following:

- October bills in the amount of \$76,962.05 including warrants #42796 through #42845.
- Minutes for the September 9, 2014 regular meeting.
- Warrant lists from 09/01/14 through 09/30/14 including the following:
  - Claims 42709 – 42783 \$323,216.50\*
  - Payroll 310016 – 310057 \$ 47,891.60
  - [\*Includes direct deposit check 42777 \$ 89,789.39]

-Activity Cash Report

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

**Introduction of New Staff**

The Superintendent asked the K – 6 Principal to introduce the new staff members present. Dixie Seleg introduced new teachers in the K – 6 building as follows: Kelsie Bird, Serena Michalsky and Cindy Wright. Two staff members that were unable to attend were Kayla Stevens and Stephanie Quigley.

**Students**

**FFA Presentation Regarding Travel**

Jan Banks, the FFA Advisor introduced Todd Lackman, Brandon Schnug and Michaela French who reported on various activities that the FFA will attend during the year. The group reported on the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students who are members of FFA and the contributions that they make to the organization. The students are in favor of 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade members of that group being permitted to attend functions involving overnight travel. The Superintendent presented the 7 – 12 Principal's letter expressing her views on the issue. Several individuals contributed to the discussion.

The Chairman suggested that a special meeting be held on Tuesday, November 4 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the issue further. It was the consensus of the Trustees that the meeting be held.

**Personnel**

**New Business**

**Reassign Speech & Drama Coach**

The Superintendent reported that there are only seven participants in Speech & Drama. No head coach has been hired. He recommended that Marlys Lee, the Assistant Coach, be reassigned to the position of Head Coach and that the Assistant Coach Position be left unfilled. Ginger Roll moved, seconded by Donald John Cameron to reassign Marlys Lee as recommended. All trustees present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

**Hire MS Head Wrestling Coach**

The Superintendent recommended that Ben Reilly be hired as the Head Middle School Wrestling Coach for the 2014 – 2015 season. Gerald Killen moved, seconded by Ginger Roll, to hire Ben Reilly as recommended. All trustees present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

**District**

**New Business**

**Intent to Begin Negotiations**

The Superintendent reported that the current year is the final year of a two year negotiated agreement with the Forsyth Education Association. He recommended that he be directed to communicate with the FEA regarding the Board's intention to enter into negotiations for future school years. He was so directed.

**Administrative Team Reports**

**K – 6 Principal**

Dixie Seleg presented the K – 6 Principal’s report. She reported on the Dibels testing that is used to gauge student progress, RIT and the Reading and Math curricula. Activities that have occurred over the past month include Native American Days, Fire Prevention Week and Red Ribbon Week. Upcoming events are a Mock Election and Parent-Teacher Conferences.

**7 – 12 Principal**

Shelly Weight was unable to attend.

**District Clerk/Business Manager**

Robert Martelle reported on the following: MCEL is on October 15 – 17, the annual audit will begin October 22 and work will soon begin on TEAMS as required by OPI.

**Superintendent**

Dinny Bennett reported that during the 7 – 12 Principal’s absence several staff members have stepped up to help ensure that things run smoothly. Among those are Chris Hess, Craig Knoche, Dixie Seleg and Terri Brown.

**Next Meeting**

The next regular meeting will be held Tuesday, November 11, 2014. 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 8:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Robert J. Martelle  
District Clerk/Business Manager

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Layton Salsbery  
Chairman of the Board