

September 9, 2014
REGULAR MEETING

The Board of Trustees of School District #4 and Forsyth High School District held a Regular Meeting on September 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 “ “
Donald John Cameron, Trustee (7:10 p.m.) “

Absent:

Ginger Roll, Trustee “ “

Also Present:

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

Guests: Beth Hall, Hannah Patterson, Aerial Martens, Andrew Lincoln

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 Dennis Kopitzke, to approve the consent agenda consisting of the following:

- September bills in the amount of \$112,171.10 including warrants #42709 through #42774.
- Minutes for the August 12, 2014 regular meeting and the August 22, 2014 budget hearing.
- Warrant lists from 08/01/14 through 08/31/14 including the following:
 - Claims 42623 – 42708 \$222,122.50*
 - Payroll 309995 – 310015 \$ 20,230.85
 - [*Includes direct deposit check 42705 \$ 25,203.72]
- Activity Cash Report

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

Students

Band Request to Travel Out of State

Beth Hall and members of the high school band requested permission to travel to Honolulu, Hawaii during the summer of 2016. The group would like permission now to enable them to spread the fundraising over a two year period. Hannah Patterson, Aerial Martens and Andrew Lincoln reported on their experience during the recent trip to Orlando, FL. They also showed a short video of the group playing to the Disney cartoon movie, Aladdin.

Donald John Cameron arrived at 7:10 p.m.

Dennis Kopitzke moved, seconded by Jerry Hagadone, to approve the travel and fundraising as requested. All trustees present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

Personnel

Old Business

Hire Counselor

The Superintendent reported that Cheryl Schwarzkoph has agreed to accept the position as K – 12 counselor on a part-time (.6 FTE) basis. He recommended that she be hired and that the district continue to advertise for a permanent counselor. Gerald Killen moved, seconded by Donald John Cameron, to approve the hiring of Cheryl Schwarzkoph as discussed. All trustees present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

New Business

Resignation – Head MS Boys’ Basketball Coach

The Superintendent presented the resignation of Dennis Johnson, the head middle school boys’ basketball coach. Dennis Kopitzke moved, seconded by Jerry Hagadone, to accept the resignation with thanks for his service to the students of the Forsyth Schools. All trustees present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

District

New Business

MCEL

The Superintendent presented information regarding the Montana Conference of Educational Leadership which will be held in Billings October 15 - 17. He requested that any trustees who are interested please notify Mandy Bonomo or Robert Martelle as the deadline for registration is near.

Attendance Agreements – Non-Forsyth Students

The Business Manager presented the following attendance agreements for approval by the Trustees:

Agreements Received to Date:

Student Name	Grade	District of Residence
Fairchild, Gracie	1	Miles City
Fairchild, Joshua	1	Miles City
Fairchild, Kylie	8	Miles City
Kelsey, Chessa	9	Rosebud
Kelsey, Kenna	K	Rosebud

Lackman, Joe	6	Hysham
Lackman, Todd	12	Hysham
Pinkerton, Casey	7	Rosebud
Reilly, Camron	7	Rosebud
Rickett, Kylana	11	Rosebud
Robinette, Jasmine	1	Rosebud
Zepeda, Tristen	3	Rosebud

Agreements Pending Receipt:

Student Name	Grade	District of Residence
Hert, Allison	12	Colstrip
Hollowell, Hunter	10	Hysham
Jackson, Andrew	4	Rosebud
Jackson, Dylan	9	Rosebud
Keefer, Raelyn	11	Rosebud
Keefer, Roxanne	7	Rosebud
Larsen, Shellbie	1	Rosebud
Long, Michael	1	Hysham
Mork, Alan	12	Hysham
Mork, McKenzie	8	Hysham
Potts, Abraham	8	Rosebud
Potts, Nola	K	Rosebud
Rogers, Tristan	11	Hysham
Schiffer, Andrew	1	Rosebud
Schiffer, Cassandra	6	Rosebud
Schiffer, Joseph	3	Rosebud
Vance, Haley	7	Rosebud
Vance, Laney	9	Rosebud
Woods, Joseph	10	Rosebud
Woods, Tobias	8	Rosebud

Jerry Hagadone moved, seconded by Donald John Cameron, to approve the attendance agreements pending receipt of the agreements from the parents. All trustees present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

Attendance Agreements – Forsyth Students

The Business Manager presented the following attendance agreements for approval by the Trustees. Approval of these agreements will permit Melstone to claim the students as eligible students for transportation purposes.

Student Name	Parent	Grade
Griswold, Joe	Stroh, Karen	9
Hofer, Jenny	Hofer, Paul & Rachel	12
Hofer, Travis	Hofer, Paul & Rachel	12

Jerry Hagadone moved, seconded by Gerald Killen, to approve the attendance agreements as submitted. All trustees present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

Transportation Contract

The Business Manager presented a transportation contract for approval by the trustees.

Student Name	Parent	Grade
Hannah Patterson	Lisa Patterson	12

Dennis Kopitzke moved, seconded by Jerry Hagadone, to approve the transportation contract as submitted. All trustees present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

Trustee Tour of the District Buildings

The Superintendent discussed the requirement that trustees tour the district buildings annually. It was agreed that the trustees would meet at 6:00 p.m. prior to the next meeting and tours would be given.

Administrative Team Reports

K – 6 Principal

Dixie Seleg presented the K – 6 Principal’s report. Enrollment is currently 198 students. There are 23 new students this year. The new teachers are settling in. Teachers are attending training relating to Special Education and MBI. September 27 is Native American Heritage Day. Various activities are planned.

7 – 12 Principal

Shelly Weight was unable to attend.

District Clerk/Business Manager

Robert Martelle reported that work was wrapped up on the Trustees Financial Summaries and Budgets.

Superintendent

Dinny Bennett reported many of the items he has addressed are housekeeping issues. The Consolidate E-Grant was submitted and approved. Work is being done to address the accreditation concerns. There were a few touch-up items to do on the Quality Schools Grant. He discussed the Superintendents’ Fall Conference and the Mentoring Program.

Next Meeting

The next regular meeting will be held Tuesday, October 7, 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 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert J. Martelle
District Clerk/Business Manager

Layton Salsbery
Chairman of the Board