

**April 7, 2015
REGULAR MEETING**

The Board of Trustees of School District #4 and Forsyth High School District held a Regular Meeting on April 7, 2015, 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
Dennis Kopitzke, Vice-Chair “ “
Jerry Hagadone, Trustee (7:05 p.m.) “ “
Gerald Killen, Trustee “ “
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: Erica Bidwell, Deani Goyette

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 presented.

Consent Agenda

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

- April bills in the amount of \$97,681.21 including warrants #43191 through #43244.
- Minutes for the March 10, 2015 regular meeting and the March 18, 2015 special meeting.
- Warrant lists from 03/01/15 through 03/31/15 including the following:
 - Claims 43122 – 43178 \$235,397.18*
 - Payroll 310313 – 310361 \$ 43,557.32
 - [*Includes direct deposit check 43173 \$ 88,476.07]
- Activity Cash Report

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

Personnel

New Business

Resignation – C. Hess

The Superintendent presented the resignation of Chris Hess, the 7 – 12 PE teacher, Activities Director, Head Football coach and Summer Weight Room supervisor. He recommended that it be accepted effective the end of the 2014 – 2015 school year. Dennis Kopitzke moved, seconded by Gerald Killen, to accept the resignation as presented. All trustees present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

Resignation – R. Schwagler

The Superintendent presented the resignation of Rocky Schwagler, the Head HS Boys' Basketball coach and recommended that it be accepted. Gerald Killen moved, seconded by Ginger Roll, to accept the resignation as presented. All trustees present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

Jerry Hagadone arrived at 7:05 p.m.

Clerk/Business Manager Evaluation

The Chairman reminded the trustees to return their evaluations of the Clerk/Business Manager to him by May 1.

District

Old Business

Election Update

The Business Manager discussed the status of the trustee and mill levy elections. To date, there has only been one petition received per vacant position. If no applications for Write-in Candidates are received by April 9, the trustee elections will be cancelled and the candidates will be elected by acclamation. There is pending legislation that will affect the High School General Fund mill levy election but the effect is not yet known.

Sports Survey

The Superintendent discussed the sports survey. He reported the potential cost of implementing a cooperative softball program vs keeping tennis or adding a cooperative cross country program. The softball program would be costly. The question was asked about cooping tennis with Miles City. He will check it out. The discussion will continue at the May meeting.

Multi-District Agreement Transfer

The Business Manager discussed the annual transfer from the High School Building Reserve Fund to the Multi-District Agreement Fund. He requested approval of the transfer in the amount of \$250,000. Donald John Cameron moved, seconded by Dennis Kopitzke, to approve the transfer as discussed. All trustees present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

Colstrip Transportation Agreement

The Superintendent presented the annual request from the Colstrip Schools to enter into the Forsyth School District to transport students. He recommended that the request be denied. Dennis Kopitzke moved, seconded by Jerry Hagadone, to deny the request as recommended. All trustees present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

Lawnmower Purchase

The Superintendent presented the request to purchase a new Toro lawnmower from Forsyth Feed. A price quote was included in the request. The purchase will be from the Interlocal Agreement Fund. Mr. Bennett recommended that the purchase be approved. Dennis Kopitzke moved, seconded by Jerry Hagadone, to approve the purchase of the lawnmower as discussed. 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. Among the items that she discussed were: an assembly featuring an Astronaut, 4th grade CRT testing, Smarter Balanced Testing issues, the HS Connections groups who visit the elementary school, Student Voice, Parent Voice, Kindergarten Screening, and bullying. There were 19 students at the kindergarten screening. Mrs. Seleg spoke at the Forsyth Lions Club.

7 – 12 Principal

Shelly Weight presented the 7 – 12 Principal's report. Among the items that she discussed were: a Native American presentation featuring the Crow FFA, the results of the state girls' basketball tournament where the Forsyth Team took 3rd place, new scheduling options for 7th & 8th grade students, Connections groups, and her attendance at a MT new teacher mentoring program.

District Clerk/Business Manager

Robert Martelle reported on the following items: The MASBO district meeting which featured speakers on the Affordable Care Act, MT Teachers' Retirement reporting, Homeless Students and a Legislative update. On April 28, several area clerks will get together for further training on the ACA. Notice has been received from Blue Cross/Blue Shield that the medical insurance rates will increase by 8.66% next year. There have been no notifications regarding the other components of the insurance package (Vision, Dental, Life and Cobra). There will be meetings for the staff on April 9 regarding the 457 plan.

Superintendent

Dinny Bennett reported on current legislation. There are five teacher openings at this time. He has completed the Title I monitoring report. He attended the MTSBA Budget Symposium. The year is going well.

Next Meeting

The next regular meeting will be held Tuesday, May 12, 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 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert J. Martelle
District Clerk/Business Manager

Layton Salsbery
Chairman of the Board

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