

**August 11, 2015
REGULAR MEETING**

The Board of Trustees of School District #4 and Forsyth High School District held a Regular Meeting on August 11, 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 “ “
Gerald Killen, Trustee “ “
Ginger Roll, Trustee “ “
Donald John Cameron “ “

Absent:

Jerry Hagadone, Trustee “ “

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, Ryan Gatch

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 Gerald Killen, to approve the consent agenda consisting of the following:

- August bills in the amount of \$134,519.05 including warrants #43508 through 43578.
- Minutes for the July 7, 2015 regular meeting.
- Warrant lists from 07/01/15 through 07/31/15 including the following:
 - Claims 43477 – 43507 \$ 94,400.41*
 - Payroll 310545– 310564 \$ 20,942.20
 - [*Includes direct deposit check 43505 \$ 17,285.15]
- Activity Cash Report
- Thank You Card from the Kanta family

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

Personnel

New Business

Hire Kindergarten Teacher

The Superintendent discussed the vacant Kindergarten teaching position. There were two applicants for the position. He recommended that Debra Lewandowski be hired to fill it subject to the results of fingerprint and background checks. Gerald Killen moved, seconded by Dennis Kopitzke, to hire Debra Lewandowski as recommended. All trustees present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

Resignation – C. Cole

The Superintendent presented the resignation of Cass Cole, an English and Special Education teacher, and recommended that it be accepted. Ginger Roll moved, seconded by Donald John Cameron, to accept the resignation as presented. Upon further discussion, the subject of the late resignation penalty clause in the Master Contract was addressed. The Superintendent reported that a letter had been sent to Mr. Cole, but no response had been received. Upon call for a vote, all trustees present voted against the motion except Ginger Roll who “abstained”. Motion failed.

C. Cole - Second Motion

Dennis Kopitzke moved, seconded by Donald John Cameron, to direct the Superintendent to send a letter to Mr. Cole indicating that the Board will accept his resignation upon receipt of the late resignation penalty. The Superintendent will also attempt to contact Mr. Cole. All trustees present voted in favor of the motion except Ginger Roll who “abstained”. Motion carried.

Hire Coaches

Ryan Gatch, the Activities Director, discussed the vacant coaching positions and made the following recommendations for hire subject to the results of fingerprint and background checks:

Asst. HS Volleyball	Rob Johnstone
Head MS Volleyball	Heaven Zuehlsdorff
Asst. MS Football	Jesse Nile

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

Hire 7 – 12 English Teacher

The Superintendent discussed the vacant English position. He recommended that Tara Derenburger be hired as the 7 – 12 English teacher subject to the results of fingerprint and background checks. Gerald Killen moved, seconded by Dennis Kopitzke, to hire Tara Derenburger as recommended. All trustees present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

Obsolete Equipment – Hearing on Disposal

The Chairman opened the hearing on the disposal of several old computers. There were questions regarding the type and how they are equipped. There being no further comments, the hearing was closed.

Sale of Obsolete Computers

The Business Manager recommended that the obsolete computers be sold to the public on a first come – first served basis. He further recommended that the price for the computers be \$25.00 each. Any computers not sold within a two week period will be sent to the recycling center. Donald John Cameron moved seconded by Gerald Killen to accept the administrative recommendation as presented. All trustees present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

100 Years of Accreditation

The Superintendent reported that Forsyth High School has been continuously accredited by the Northwest Association for 100 years. The High School will be honored at the organization's annual meeting.

Non-Certified Pay Matrix

The Superintendent and Business Manager discussed the proposed changes to the Non-Certified Pay Matrix. They requested approval of the changes to become effective with the August 2015 payroll. Dennis Kopitzke moved, seconded by Ginger Roll, to approve the changes to the pay matrix. All trustees present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

Policy #3125 – First Reading

The Superintendent presented proposed policy #3125 – McKinney-Vento Homeless Act Policy for first reading. He discussed the need for the policy and recommended that it be passed on first reading. Dennis Kopitzke moved, seconded by Gerald Killen, to approve Policy #3125 on first reading. All trustees present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried. The second reading will be at the September 15th meeting.

Football Cooperative Agreement with Rosebud

The Superintendent discussed the request from Rosebud to enter into a cooperative agreement for football. Further discussion included liability, scheduling and others. Mr. Bennett recommended that the cooperative agreement be approved. Donald John Cameron moved, seconded by Dennis Kopitzke, to approve the cooperative agreement as recommended. All trustees present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

Budget Hearing

The Business Manager reported that the information needed to proceed with the budget hearing was not yet complete. He requested a continuance of the hearing. It was the consensus of the Board that the hearing be continued until Tuesday August 25th at 8:00 p.m.

Administrative Team Reports

K – 6 Principal

Dixie Seleg presented the K – 6 Principal's report. She reported that six students had left the district and three new students have enrolled. There will be an open house on August 25th from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

7 – 12 Principal

Shelly Weight presented the 7 – 12 Principal’s report. She reported that she is working on the schedule. Another aide is needed to work with an incoming high needs student. There is one new student and two have left.

District Clerk/Business Manager

Robert Martelle reported he has spent considerable time working on the Trustees’ Financial Summary and the Budget. He reported on providing information for the Civil Rights report which was prepared by the principals. Work has been done on closing the grants for 2014 – 2015. The ABLE grant has been submitted.

Activities Director

Ryan Gatch reported on the fall activity meeting that was held for students and parents. Fall sports practices start Friday.

Superintendent

Dinny Bennett reported that it was a quick summer. With tonight’s hiring, the teaching staff is full. On August 24th all teaching staff will attend training from OPI that will involve the Common Core writing component. He reminded the trustees about MCEL which will be held in Billing in October. This year, the district has hired seven new teachers.

Next Meeting

The next regular meeting will be held Tuesday, September 15, 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 8:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert J. Martelle
District Clerk/Business Manager

Layton Salsbery
Chairman of the Board