

July 7, 2015
REGULAR MEETING

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

Absent:

Donald John Cameron, 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

Jerry Hagadone moved, seconded by Dennis Kopitzke, to approve the consent agenda consisting of the following:

- End of June & July bills in the amount of \$257,500.00 including warrants #43412 through #43481.
- Minutes for the June 9, 2015 regular meeting.
- Warrant lists from 06/01/15 through 06/30/15 including the following:
 - Claims 43343 – 43476 \$309,168.37*
 - Payroll 310500 – 310544 \$ 28,838.93
 - [*Includes direct deposit check 43414 \$ 30,784.08]
- Activity Cash Report

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

Personnel

New Business

Hire Math Teacher

The Superintendent discussed the vacant math teaching position and recommended that Wendy Killebrew be hired to fill it subject to the results of fingerprint and background checks. He further recommended that Ms. Killebrew be credited with 10 years of prior experience. Ginger Roll moved, seconded by Gerald Killen, to hire Wendy Killebrew as recommended. All trustees present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

Resignation – Menosky

The Superintendent presented the resignation of Sarina Menosky, a kindergarten teacher, and recommended that it be accepted. Dennis Kopitzke moved, seconded by Jerry Hagadone, to accept the resignation as presented. All trustees present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

Resignation – Cole – MS Head Football Coach

The Superintendent presented the resignation of Cass Cole from his position as head Middle School Football Coach and recommended that it be accepted. Jerry Hagadone moved, seconded by Gerald Killen, to accept the resignation as presented. All trustees present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

Hire Head MS Football Coach

The Superintendent recommended that Shane Cole be hired as the Head MS Football coach. Jerry Hagadone moved, seconded by Ginger Roll, to hire Shane Cole as recommended. All trustees present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

Personnel Issue

The Superintendent reported that a grievance had been filed and it was not known whether it would be appealed to the Board. Notice of appeal was not received, therefore, this item does not need to be addressed.

MQEC Dues

The Superintendent reported that this item had been “tabled” at the June meeting pending receipt of a corrected dues statement. It took several calls to the Montana Quality Education Coalition office to get the revised dues statement in the correct amount. The correct amount for dues for the 2015 – 2016 year is \$1,250. Mr. Bennett recommended that the dues be paid. Jerry Hagadone moved, seconded by Dennis Kopitzke to pay the dues to the MQEC as recommended. All trustees present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

K – 6 Student – Parent Handbook – Final Reading

Dixie Seleg reported that all changes discussed at the June meeting had been made and that the handbook is ready for adoption. Dennis Kopitzke moved, seconded by Ginger Roll, to adopt the K – 6 Student–Parent Handbook for the 2015 – 2016 school year on final reading. All trustees present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

7 – 12 Student – Parent Handbook

Shelly Weight reported that all changes discussed at the June meeting had been made and that the handbook is ready for adoption. Gerald Killen moved, seconded by Ginger Roll, to adopt the 7 – 12 Student–Parent Handbook for the 2015 – 2016 school year on final reading. All trustees present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

K – 12 Staff/Coaches Handbook

Dixie Seleg and Shelly Weight reported that all changes discussed at the June meeting had been made and that the handbook is ready for adoption. Dennis Kopitzke moved, seconded by Jerry Hagadone, to adopt the K – 12 Staff/Coaches Handbook for the 2015 – 2016 school year on final reading. All trustees present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

Activities Handbook

Shelly Weight reported that all changes discussed at the June meeting had been made and that the handbook is ready for adoption. Jerry Hagadone moved, seconded by Gerald Killen, to adopt the Activities Handbook for the 2015 – 2016 school year on final reading. All trustees present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

Big Country Educational Cooperative – IDEA Shortfall

The Business Manager discussed the shortfall at the BCEC and the causes. There was no effect on the Forsyth Schools as the amount spent by the District had been reimbursed even though there was more money allocated, it was not needed this year.

Transportation Committee Membership

The Business Manager discussed the need to change the makeup of the District’s County Transportation Committee membership in order to comply with the MCA. It was determined that Dennis Kopitzke would service as the Trustee representative on that committee.

Obsolete Equipment – Computers

The Business Manager reported that there are several old desktop computers that are no long of use to the district. He requested that a public hearing be scheduled at the next regular meeting to seek input regarding the disposition of the computers. The hearing was scheduled for the August 11 meeting.

Administrative Team Reports

K – 6 Principal

Dixie Seleg presented the K – 6 Principal’s report. She had nothing of note to report.

7 – 12 Principal

Shelly Weight presented the 7 – 12 Principal’s report. She reported on staff training regarding MBI and the Mentoring program.

District Clerk/Business Manager

Robert Martelle reported that MDU had contacted him regarding their request for a 21% rate increase for electricity. It should not become effective (if approved by the Public Service Commission) until the fourth quarter of the fiscal year.

Superintendent

Dinny Bennett reported on the efforts to fill the vacant staff positions. He had been told that Cass Cole will be moving to Laurel, but his resignation has not been received. Deb Cole is planning on remaining through volleyball season.

Next Meeting

The next regular meeting will be held Tuesday, August 11, 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 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert J. Martelle
District Clerk/Business Manager

Layton Salsbery
Chairman of the Board

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