

**January 12, 2016
REGULAR MEETING**

The Board of Trustees of School District #4 and Forsyth High School District held a Regular Meeting on January 12, 2016, 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 “ “
Donald John Cameron “

Absent:

Jerry Hagadone, Trustee “ “
Ginger Roll, Trustee “ “

Also Present:

Dinny Bennett, Superintendent
Robert J. Martelle, District Clerk/Business Manager
Dixie Seleg, K – 6 Principal
Shelly Weight, 7 – 12 Principal
Ryan Gatch, Activities Director

Guests: None

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 Chairman requested that Item VI.1.a., Superintendent Evaluation and Contract, be moved to the end of the agenda. There being no objection, the agenda was revised.

Consent Agenda

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

- January bills in the amount of \$119,910.07 including warrants #43868 through 43933.
- Minutes for the December 8, 2015 regular meeting.
- Warrant lists from 12/01/15 through 12/31/15 including the following:
 - Claims 43806 – 43867 \$ 309,177.34*
 - Payroll 310702– 310733 \$ 35,985.25
 - [*Includes direct deposit check 43862 \$ 97,855.55]
- Thank You Card from the Community Foundation of Northern Rosebud County

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

Personnel

New Business

Appoint Volunteer Coaches

The Activities Director discussed the request to appoint volunteer coaches to assist with Middle School Boys' Basketball. He recommended that Clark Pinkerton and Brady Ruff be appointed to the positions. Gerald Killen moved, seconded by Dennis Kopitzke, to appoint Clark Pinkerton and Brady Ruff as recommended. All trustees present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

District

New Business

Policy Review – First Reading

The Superintendent presented the following policies for first reading:

Policy 2312 – Copyright – There were extensive changes

Policy 2312P – Copyright Compliance – There were extensive changes

Policy 2422 – Retention Policy 7th & 8th Grade – There were extensive changes

The changes were discussed. The Superintendent reported that these policies have been in place for 12 – 14 years without changes. The Superintendent recommended that they be adopted on first reading with the second reading to be at the February meeting.

Dennis Kopitzke moved, seconded by Donald John Cameron, to approve the policies on first reading as presented. All trustees present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

Policy Book Updates

The Superintendent presented policies that had previously been addressed through the adoption of the handbooks. He recommended that the policies be adopted on first and final reading as they have been previously subjected to multiple readings.

Policy 2375 - Advancement Requirements (9 – 12)

Policy 2410 – High School Graduation Requirements

Policy 2410P – High School Graduation Requirements

Dennis Kopitzke moved, seconded by Gerald Killen, to adopt the policies on first and final reading as presented. All trustees present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

Activate Calendar Committee

The Superintendent requested that the Calendar Committee be activated to begin working on the calendar for the 2016 – 2017 school year. Ginger Roll serves as the trustee on the committee. Mr. Bennett recommended that Shelly Weight and Dixie Seleg also serve. There being no objection, the Chairman stated that the individuals were duly appointed.

MTSBA Call for Resolutions

The Business Manager reported that the Montana School Boards' Association had notified all districts that that organization was seeking resolutions for consideration during its Delegate Assembly. The Trustees will consider this and address it at the February meeting.

MHSA Proposals

Ryan Gatch, the Activities Director, presented and discussed the proposals that will be presented at the 2016 annual meeting of the Montana High School Association. The board discussed the proposals. Donald John Cameron moved, seconded by Gerald Killen that the A.D. votes in accordance with the discussion that was held subject to the results of discussions that may be held in the caucuses. 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. The Knights of Columbus and First State Bank donated coats for any student who needs one. Enrollment is at 196. Dibbles testing will be started soon. Mrs. Seleg discussed the results of the Smarter Balanced test which is required by the state. Overall 53% of the students were proficient in ELA and math. The PIR day scheduled for January 25 will focus on selecting math texts that align with the curriculum. Mrs. Seleg will be attending the Elementary Principals' conference at the end of January. The "invite parents to lunch" program is being reinstated.

7 – 12 Principal

Shelly Weight presented the 7 – 12 Principal's report. Mrs. Weight discussed at-risk student statistics. A behavior committee is working to develop a discipline chart. The January 25 PIR day will include math teachers working with the elementary group. The rest of the staff will be trained in first aid and CPR. Work will be done on collaborative instruction. With the receipt of a Masonic grant, the Textile Class will sew new curtains for the back part of the stage. Observations are ongoing. An intruder drill was recently held. Mrs. Weight discussed the results of the standardized test also.

Activities Director

Ryan Gatch presented the Activity Director's report. He discussed the status of the various activities. The 45th Matador wrestling tournament which is hosted by Forsyth was a success. Basketball is in full swing. The Speech and Drama team will hold an open house on January 18th.

District Clerk/Business Manager

Robert Martelle reported that the annual trustee and mill levy elections would be presented to the trustees for action in February. A new computer will be obtained for the key fob system as the current one is not working. A quote will be obtained for upgrading the camera systems. No response has been received from the auditors regarding the district's request to cancel the audit contract.

Superintendent

Dinny Bennett reported on meetings that he had attended. The MQEC focus was SB 410 (tax credits for donations to schools). SEMASS will be January 13. He discussed the

annual OSHA report. The Quality Schools Grant cycle is reopening. The District will resubmit the application for the updates to the HS heating system.

Executive Session

The Chairman moved the meeting into Executive Session at 8:32 p.m. to discuss the Superintendent’s evaluation after determining that the right of individual privacy exceeded that of the public’s right to know.

The meeting returned to regular session at 8:45 p.m.

Superintendent’s Contract

The Chairman recommended that the Superintendent’s contract be extended by two years at the end of the current year. The end of the new contract would be June 30, 2019. Dennis Kopitzke moved, seconded by Donald John Cameron, to extend the contract as recommended. All trustees present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

Next Meeting

The next regular meeting will be held Tuesday, February 9, 2016. 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 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert J. Martelle
District Clerk/Business Manager

Layton Salsbery
Chairman of the Board