

October 10, 2017
REGULAR MEETING

The Board of Trustees of School District #4 and Forsyth High School District held a Regular Meeting on October 10, 2017, 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		
Gerald Killen, Vice Chairman,	“	“
Jeanette Krueger, Trustee	“	“
Clay Redding, Trustee	“	“
Amy Fulton, Trustee	“	“
Donald John Cameron, Trustee	“	“

Also Present:

Dinny Bennett, Superintendent
Stephanie Schnug, District Clerk/Business Manager
Shelly Weight, 7-12 Principal
Dixie Seleg, K-6 Principal
Craig Knoche, Activities Director

Guests: Ryan Tooke, Molly Fay, Marty Cox

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

The Chairman led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Participation: None

Revise/Review Agenda: None

Consent Agenda

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

- October bills in the amount of \$293,335.43 including warrants #45354 through #45414.
- Minutes for the September 12, 2017 Regular Meeting.
- Warrant lists from 09/01/2017 through 09/30/2017 including the following:

-Claims	45297-45364	\$ 335,385.50*
-Payroll	311491-311520	\$ 28,687.60
[*Includes direct deposit check 45357		\$ 96,987.87]
- Activity Cash Report
- Correspondence
 - a. Kathy Birkle Resignation – Elementary Teacher
 - b. Tara Derenburger Resignation – English Teacher
 - c. Mark Wannier Resignation – Elementary Teacher

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

Student

None

Personnel

New Business

Hire Substitute

It is necessary to hire substitutes for certified and non-certified positions. Miss Kenzie Stahl has completed all necessary paperwork and requirements for a substitute position. Mr. Bennett recommended that the Board of Trustees hire Miss Kenzie Stahl for a substitute for the 2017-2018 school year. Donald John Cameron moved, seconded by Amy Fulton, to hire Kenzie Stahl for a substitute for the 2017-2018 school year. All trustees present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

Hire Community Education Director

Dinny Bennett discussed the need to hire the Community Education Director. He recommended that Susan Treible be hired as the Community Education Director for the 2017-2018 school year. Clay Redding moved, seconded by Amy Fulton, to hire Mrs. Treible as recommended. All trustees present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

Hire Custodian

After reviewing applications and conducting interviews for the vacant elementary school custodian position, Dixie Seleg recommended Aaron Dresbach as the Elementary Custodian. It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve to hire Aaron Dresbach as the Elementary Custodian for the 2017-2018 school year. Gerald Killen moved, seconded by Jeanette Krueger, to hire Aaron Dresbach as the Elementary Custodian for the 2017-2018 school year. All trustees present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

Group Day Care Center - Update

Mr. Ryan Tooke provided an update to the Board of Trustees on the progress of a possible day care center. Mr. Tooke met with the state inspection department and took them on a tour of the proposed day care center location. There has been good interest from Forsyth businesses and community members. Mr. Tooke is working on getting committees together and start working on a budget. The anticipated open date is Summer 2018. Updates will be presented as they become available. Provided for information purposes only.

Policy Review Update- Final Reading

The Policy 8205, Meal Charge, was presented to the Board of Trustees for the first reading at the regular September Board Meeting. The policy is being presented for second and final reading after making the suggested changes from the Board of Trustees. Dinny Bennett recommended the Board of Trustees approve Policy 8205 on the second and final reading. Clay Redding moved, seconded by Gerald Killen, to approve Policy 8205 on the second and final reading. All trustees present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

District

New Business

Policy Review/Update – First Reading

Policy 3224, Student Dress, was presented to the Board of Trustees for review for the first reading. Dinny Bennett updated the policy to have language according to MTSBA recommendations. Discussion followed in regards to Native American Heritage tribal regalia at public events sponsored by the school district. Mr. Bennett recommended the Board of Trustees to approve the changes to Policy 3224 on first and final reading. Clay Redding moved, seconded by Amy Fulton, to approve Policy 3224 on the first and final reading. All trustees present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

Policy Review/Update – First Reading

Policy 3416, Administering Medicines to Students, was presented to the Board of Trustees for review for the first reading. Multiple language updates were made to the current policy on file according to MTSBA recommendations. Discussion followed regarding changes to the policy. Dinny Bennett recommended the Board of Trustees approve Policy 3416 on the first reading. Amy Fulton moved, seconded by Clay Redding, to approve Policy 3416 on the first reading. All trustees present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

HS Wrestling/Girls Basketball CO-OP with Rosebud

Rosebud High School has expressed interest in a cooperative agreement with Forsyth High School in Wrestling. To maintain equality, they are suggesting a cooperative agreement in Girls Basketball as well. Discussion followed between Board of Trustees, Administrators, and guests in regards to the CO-OP with Rosebud. Dinny Bennett provided this for informational purposes. Additional information will be relayed at the November Regular Meeting after further conversation with Mr. Dave Shreeve, Rosebud Schools Superintendent.

Music Stipend Payment

In the absence of a second music teacher for the district; Beth Hall has assumed the duties for the K-12 Vocal Music Teacher. There is an Extra-Duty Stipend available for this position. Dinny Bennett recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the K-12 Vocal Music Stipend to Beth Hall for the 2017-2018 school year in addition to the Instrumental Music and Pep-Band stipends she currently receives. Donald John Cameron moved, seconded by Jeanette Krueger, to approve the K-12 Vocal Music Stipend to Beth Hall for the 2017-2018 school year as recommended. All trustees present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

Cancel Bus Route

Due to the decrease in students that ride Route #1 bus (Smith Cr. & Armells Cr.) to and from school and the absence of a Route Bus Driver, it is necessary to cancel this bus route from the transportation schedule. Marty Cox, Transportation Director, addressed the Board of Trustees and explained the bus route is currently not being used by any students and it is most cost effective to cancel the route. The students that reside on the bus route use alternate transportation to and from school. Individual Transportation Contracts were offered to the student's households. Discussion followed regarding if the route could be

reestablished if needed at a later date. Mr. Cox recommended that the Board of Trustees agree to cancel the Route #1 bus and request that the County Transportation Committee approve the cancellation. Gerald Killen moved, seconded by Amy Fulton, to cancel the Route #1 bus and request that the County Transportation Committee approve the cancellation. All trustees present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

Fall Enrollment

The Business Manager presented the results of the Fall Enrollment Count that was held Monday, October 2, 2017. The enrollment was as follows:

K – 6	167
7 – 8	59
9 – 12	107
Total	333

State Funding Cut

Dinny Bennett presented to the Board of Trustees information regarding a possible 10% state funding cut. The impact of this possible funding cut is not settled. This was provided for informational purposes. Mr. Bennett will provide additional information as it becomes available.

Community Education Class Permission

Mrs. Treible is asking permission for a knife sharpening class to be allowed to be taught by Erik Fritz through the Community Education program. This class needs to be approved by the Board of Trustees as the knives that will be on campus for the class exceed the length allowed in the Weapons Policy. Dinny Bennett recommended that the Board of Trustees grant permission for the knife sharpening class to be taught by Erik Fritz. Donald John Cameron moved, seconded by Amy Fulton, to grant permission for the knife sharpening class to be taught by Erik Fritz. All trustees present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

Waiver of Teacher Resignation Fee

During the month of September, two teachers submitted their letters of resignation. As per the teacher’s Master Contract, “any certified employee submitting a resignation after August 1st of the ensuing school year shall forfeit a fee of \$2,000. In specific instances of catastrophic circumstances, this may be waived by Board approval.”

Dinny Bennett recommends that the Board of Trustees waive the contract fee for late resignation due to the teachers’ circumstances. Discussion followed on how the Elementary and High School are accommodating the open positions. Jeanette Krueger moved, seconded by Amy Fulton, to waive the contract fee for late resignation due to the teachers’ circumstances. 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 Leadership Teams have set goals for this year. Donuts for Dads was on September 19th, Mrs. Bonomo and Mrs. Bird helped serve. Mrs. Seleg attended the Special Ed and 504 Law conference with Mrs. Weight on October 2-4, learning that attendance is an issue and information on finding the children that need help. October 4th was Walk to School Day, thank you to the PTSA for providing the kids with a healthy breakfast. On October 6th the Native American Celebration Committee escorted the entire elementary school students to Colstrip to attend the Native American Celebration. The students and staff agree it was a wonderful show and experience. Mrs. Seleg will be meeting with her teachers to discuss their goals. The elementary is looking forward to National Take Your Parent to Lunch Week, and National Fire Prevention Week activities

7– 12 Principal

Shelly Weight presented the 7 – 12 Principal’s report. FCCLA will be hosting their district meeting on October 24th. Mrs. Weight and the teachers are monitoring the at risk students and getting them the additional help they need. Homecoming week was a success. Thank you to the community for your participation and support. Smarter Balance test scores were distributed and discussed with The Board of Trustees.

Activities Director

Craig Knoche presented the Activity Director’s report. October’s Pack the Place in Pink recipient was James Dutton. Mr. Knoche will be attending the South Central AD meeting. Junior High is finishing the last week of Volleyball and Football. High School Football has two games left and has clinched the Divisional East title. We will have home field advantage in post season games. We will host the District Volleyball Tournament on October 25-26. Divisional Volleyball Tournament will be in Red Lodge. Junior High Girls’ Basketball and Junior High Wrestling will start on October 23rd. The fall music concert will be on November 6. (*Fall Music Concert scheduled date changed to November 7 after report given*) Looking forward to winter sports and District 10 Music Festival.

District Clerk/Business Manager

Stephanie Schnug presented the Business Manager’s report. Bob Martelle has spent a great deal of time in the administration office training on the budget input into the software system and the Fall Student Count. Thank you so much Bob! Mrs. Schnug attended the Nutrition Administration Meeting in Miles City on September 20, getting ready for our program review. Will be attending the MCEL convention in Billings on October 19-20. Looking forward to attending some great workshops.

Superintendent

Dinny Bennett presented the Superintendent’s report. E-grants applications have been completed for Title I, II, and IV. Title IV is for Safe Schools, these funds are planned to be used for the new bus stop arm modifications and the installation of the new multi-purpose room security doors. Mr. Bennett will be attending MCEL on October 19-20th and

the Law Seminar with Jeff Weldon on October 18. Looking forward to the ADA Compliance on Websites conference.

Next Meeting

The next regular meeting will be held Tuesday, November 7, 2017. 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 8:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie Schnug
District Clerk/Business Manager

Layton Salsbery
Chairman of the Board