

**January 9, 2018
REGULAR MEETING**

The Board of Trustees of School District #4 and Forsyth High School District held a Regular Meeting on January 9, 2018, 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 “ “
Amy Fulton, Trustee “ “
Donald John Cameron, Trustee “ “

Absent:

Clay Redding, 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: Deani Goyette, Susan Quinlan

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: Dinny Bennett requested the Superintendent Evaluation, which is done in executive session, be moved to the end of the meeting. All in Favor.

Consent Agenda

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

- December bills in the amount of \$303,039.05 including warrants #45528 through #45587.
- Minutes for the December 12, 2017 Regular Meeting.
- Warrant lists from 12/01/2017 through 12/31/2017 including the following:
 - Claims 45474-45545 \$ 304,148.17*
 - Payroll 311586-311616 \$ 31,493.84
 - [*Includes direct deposit check 45533 \$ 100,335.71]
- Activity Cash Report

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

Student

BPA Request Travel Out of State

Deanni Goyette, BPA Advisor, presented the Board of Trustees with an update of the happenings of the BPA Chapter. The BPA chapter has four members, Yolanda Antonio, Cassy Schiffer, Chloe Quinlan, and Carolynn Bishop. These students will participate in the State competition in Billings in March 2018. Of these students that qualify, they are requesting to travel to The National Competition being held in Dallas, Texas in May 2018. The students are responsible for the airfare and all other fees and costs will be covered by the BPA and fundraising efforts. Discussion followed regarding the costs of flights and registrations. It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the request to travel to Dallas, Texas in May 2018 for the National Conference. Gerald Killen moved, seconded by Donald John Cameron, to approve the qualified BPA chapter members to travel to Dallas, Texas for the National Conference. All trustees present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

HS Wrestling Team Request to Travel Out of State

Mr. Knoche has cancelled this request for travel. An alternate wrestling meet was located in state for the same date.

Personnel

New Business

Hire Academic Assistance Para-Professional

After reviewing applications and conducting interviews, Mrs. Weight recommended Daryl Fulton for the Academic Assistance Para-Professional. It is recommended that the Board of Trustees hire Daryl Fulton for the Academic Assistance Para-Professional for the remainder of the 2017-2018 school year pending receipt of the background check. Discussion followed regarding the time frame of the background check. Gerald Killen moved, seconded by Jeanette Krueger, to hire Daryl Fulton for the Academic Assistance Para-Professional, pending acceptable background checks for the remainder of the 2017-2018 school year. One Trustee abstained, all other trustees present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

Hire Track Coaches

To fill the current openings in the High School Track Coaching Staff and the Junior High Track Coaching Staff, Craig Knoche recommends Ty Baumeister for High School Assistant Track Coach and Lynda Montgomery for Junior High Assistant Track Coach for the 2017-2018 season. Gerald Killen moved, seconded by Amy Fulton, to hire Ty Baumeister for High School Assistant Track Coach and Lynda Montgomery for Junior High Assistant Track Coach for the 2017-2018 season. All trustees present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

Hire Temporary Employee

Due to the computer file losses from last year, it is necessary to recreate the district inventory files. It was recommended that the Board of Trustees hire Taylor Grogan as a temporary employee to assist Steffani Grogan, Technology Coordinator, and the district staff in creating new inventory files. Discussion followed in regard to nepotism. Donald John Cameron moved, seconded by Amy Fulton, to hire Taylor Grogan as a temporary

employee to assist in creating new inventory files. All trustees present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

District

Old Business

Group Day Care Center - Update

Mr. Bennett provided an update to the Board of Trustees on the progress of a possible day care center. Rosebud Healthcare Center will be advertising for a person to act as a manager/director for the center. Discussion followed on the non-profit status and Board of Directors. Mr. Bennett and Steve Pulver, Maintenance Supervisor, are working on the costs of the updates that need to be made to the building for the day care center. A few of the updates would include, installing an egress window, updating the heat to a computerized system, and installing a sidewalk for the entrance. The next meeting is scheduled for February 2, 2018. Updates will be presented as they become available. Provided for information purposes only.

New Business

MHSA Proposals and Votes

The Superintendent recommended that the Board of Trustees direct Mr. Knoche, Activities Director, to vote on the proposals at the 2018 MHSA Annual meeting that will be held on January 15, 2018 in Bozeman. The two proposals were discussed by the Trustees. Gerald Killen moved, seconded by Amy Fulton, to approve Mr. Knoche to be the voting delegate at the meeting. All trustees present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

MTSBA- Call for Resolutions

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

Activate Calendar Committee

The Superintendent requested that the Calendar Committee be activated to begin working on the calendar for the 2018-2019 school year. The committee will meet to develop potential calendars and bring the recommendation to the Board of Trustees for the March Meeting. Jeanette Krueger 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.

Administrative Team Reports

K-6 Principal

Dixie Seleg presented the K – 6 Principal's report. The Elementary Christmas Program was on December 14, it was a great program and a large audience turnout. The 6th grade Band Concert was on December 20, a huge Congratulations to Beth Hall for the outstanding work you put into all the kids. The leadership teams have had meetings and are talking about the progress. Mrs. Seleg has been busy with grade level meetings and IEP meetings and evaluations. The 3rd grade class has received two more new students for a total of 26 students in the class.

7– 12 Principal

Shelly Weight presented the 7 – 12 Principal’s report. The second semester parent surveys will be available January 10. The students have also been given a survey and they are being completed now. Mrs. Weight is busy completing and attending IEP meetings, 504 meetings and conferences. The students earned an award day on the last day before Christmas break. The Junior High and High School Band and Choir concert was held on December 18, 2017. First semester finals are on January 11th-12th. The high school students will have an early out on the 12th and the junior high students will participate in their Geography Bee. On January 15, Pat Goldhahn will be coming to present on Safe Driving/Distracted Driving. Our FCCLA chapter received a grant from the Montana Department of Transportation for the presentation and other activities. January 22nd, PIR Professional Development will be a training on Google for Education.

Activities Director

Craig Knoche presented the Activity Director’s report. Winter activities are in full swing. Speech and Drama will be attending the Divisional Competition on January 20th in Shepherd. Mr. Knoche will be attending the South Central Activity Directors meeting on January 10th and the MHSA meeting on January 14-15. The High School Wrestling team will travel to Baker for their Divisional Meet. The High School District Basketball Tournament will be February 14-17 in Colstrip.

District Clerk/Business Manager

Stephanie Schnug presented the Business Manager’s report. Mrs. Schnug attended the MASBO New Clerks meeting in Helena on January 8th, it was a very informative meeting. The Trustee positions open for this election term are Gerald Killen and Donald John Cameron. The Call for Elections will take place at the Regular February Board Meeting. There are five Teacher positions that are open for the 2018-2019 school year. They have been opened in-house and posted on the OPI website.

Superintendent

Dinny Bennett presented the Superintendent’s report. Mr. Bennett has attended his SEMASS monthly meeting. There will be no Big Country Coop meeting this month. Dave Shreeve has resigned as the Big County Coop Director. The Middle School Committee will meet regarding the Middle School Roof. The third grade class has had some growth since the beginning of the year, there will need to be discussion on how to handle the increase with having only one teacher in that grade.

Executive Session

The Chairman moved the meeting into Executive Session at 8:03 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 8:30 p.m.

Superintendent’s Contract

The Chairman recommended that the Superintendent’s contract be extended by one year (to make it a three-year contract) at the end of the current year. The end of the new contract would be June 30, 2021. Gerald Killen moved, seconded by Jeanette Krueger, 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 6, 2018~~, rescheduled to Tuesday February 13, 2018. 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 8:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie Schnug
District Clerk/Business Manager

Layton Salsbery
Chairman of the Board