

BOARD MINUTES

April 9, 2014

A regular Board Meeting of the Trustees of Shepherd School District #37 was held Wednesday, April 9, 2014 in the Board Room of the Administration Building. Chairman Kirk Brumfield called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

Pledge of allegiance was recited.

Members present: Kirk Brumfield, Russ Curry, Julie Hinkle, Jamie Mertz, and Carl Parker.

Members excused: Linda Goggins and Carl Openshaw.

Superintendent Dan Jamieson, Business Manager/Clerk Janice Ripley, and Elementary Principal John Farley were present for the entire meeting. HS Principal KJ Poepping and JH Principal/AD Rich Hash were excused.

CONSENT AGENDA

An Elementary motion was made by Julie Hinkle, seconded by Jamie Mertz to approve the Elementary business claims and accounts to include March claims 124478 - 124548.

A High School/Joint motion was made by Russ Curry, seconded by Carl Parker to approve the High School business claims and accounts to include March claims 124478 - 124548, and approval of the March minutes.

Both motions passed unanimously.

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

None

COMMUNICATIONS

A PEP Grant in the amount of \$351,802.00 has been awarded to Shepherd School. Mr. John Barta advised the Board that he had been notified of the grant award this week. This grant is awarded through the Department of Ed and (it is reported but not confirmed) that Shepherd is only the second school in Montana to ever receive this grant. The purpose of the project is to promote lifelong physical activity, healthy eating, and fitness. This will include PE curriculum, professional development, equipment purchases, assessment and grading technology, and out-of-school physical activity opportunities. The grant is to run for three years.

The Board applauded Mr. Barta's efforts in obtaining this grant for Shepherd School's students.

INFORMATIONAL

- 1) Building use requests:
As listed in the agenda
- 2) Water
- 3) Missing Children Report
- 4) Nurse's Report

No action.

OLD BUSINESS

Board Policies

It was recommended to approve policies 1105, 1110, 1111, 1113, 1120, 1635, 2158, 2171 for final reading.

A High School/Joint motion was made by Russ Curry, seconded by Jamie Mertz to approve the listed policies for final reading.

Motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Human Resources

Resignation:

Roy Leuenberger – Maintenance
Laura Meyer – High School Special Education Teacher
Traci Whitaker – Elementary Teacher
Whitney Thomas – Elementary Teacher
Janae Welch – Elementary Teacher

New Hire:

Jeff Armstrong - AD
Thomas Sieler - Maintenance
Substitutes as listed

A High School/Joint motion was made by Jamie Mertz, seconded by Julie Hinkle to accept the resignations and hire the AD, Maintenance person, and substitutes as listed.

Motion passed unanimously.

Out-of-District Students

It was recommended to approve the out of district students for the 2014-2015 school year.

An Elementary motion was made by Jamie Mertz, seconded by Russ Curry to approve the out of district students for the 2014-2015 school year as listed.

A High School/Joint motion was made by Russ Curry, seconded by Julie Hinkle to approve the out of district students for the 2014-2015 school year as listed.

Both motions passed unanimously.

Out of State Field Trips

The 5th grade class would again like to go to the museum in Cody. This annual trip coincides with their curriculum. It is a one day trip.

An Elementary motion was made by Julie Hinkle, seconded by Jamie Mertz to approve the out of state field trip as presented.

Motion passed unanimously.

Teacher Re-hire

It was recommended to re-hire the listed teachers and to not re-hire the teachers as listed.

An Elementary motion was made by Jamie Mertz, seconded by Russ Curry to re-hire the teachers as listed.

An Elementary motion was made by Julie Hinkle, seconded by Jamie Mertz to not re-hire the teachers as listed.

A High School/Joint motion was made by Russ Curry, seconded by Julie Hinkle to re-hire the teachers as listed.

A High School/Joint motion was made by Russ Curry, seconded by Carl Parker to not re-hire the teachers as listed.

All motions passed unanimously.

Policies

It was proposed in policies 2168 and 2410 to increase the graduation credits from 23 to 25.5, and require one more social studies credit and one more vocational credit. The proposed change would be in effect for the incoming Freshman class. Many opinions were stated, and questions were asked regarding these changes.

A High School/Joint motion was made by Julie Hinkle, seconded by Russ Curry to approve policies 2168 and 2410 for first reading with the following changes, increase the necessary graduation credits to 24 and require one more social studies credit.

The motion passed with the following votes: Carl Parker, Julie Hinkle, Kirk Brumfield, and Russ Curry voting yes; Jamie Mertz voting no.

Handbooks

It was recommended to approve the changes to the administrator, substitute, classified, teacher, and advisor handbooks for 2014-2015.

A High School/Joint motion was made by Russ Curry, seconded by Carl Parker to approve the changes to the listed handbooks for 2014-2015.

Motion passed unanimously.

Inter-district Co-operative

It was recommended to approve continuing the inter-district co-operative between the Shepherd High School District and the Elementary District for the 2014-2015 school year.

A High School/Joint motion was made by Julie Hinkle, seconded by Russ Curry to approve the inter-district co-operative between the Shepherd High School District and the Shepherd Elementary District for the 2014-2015 school year.

Motion passed unanimously.

Calendar 2014-2015

It was recommended to approve the school calendar for the 2014-2015 school year.

A High School/Joint motion was made by Carl Parker, seconded by Julie Hinkle to approve the school calendar for the 2014-2015 school year.

Motion passed unanimously.

High School Curriculum Guide 2014-2015

The High School Curriculum Guide for the 2014-2015 school year was reviewed and noted that it included the wrong credit requirements.

A High School/Joint motion was made by Russ Curry, seconded by Jamie Mertz to approve the High School Curriculum Guide with the credit correction for the 2014-2015 school year.

Motion passed unanimously.

Lunch Program Pricing for 2014-2015

It was recommended to increase the lunch prices for the 2014-2015 school year by \$0.25 for Elementary, Junior High, and High School. This would increase the prices for grades K – 6 to \$2.75 and grades 7 – 12 to \$3.00.

An Elementary motion was made by Russ Curry, seconded by Jamie Mertz to approve the \$0.25 increase of an Elementary lunch to \$2.75 for the 2014-2015 school year.

A High School/Joint motion was made by Russ Curry, seconded by Julie Hinkle to approve the \$0.25 increase of a High School/Junior High lunch to \$3.00 for the 2014-2015 school year.

Both motions passed unanimously.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

The safety committee met recently and will have a new safety plan to bring to the Board at the May meeting.

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

A Board member requested that the “my voice survey” results be shared with the Board.

OPEN SESSION TOPICS FOR NEXT MEETING

EXECUTIVE SESSION TOPICS FOR NEXT MEETING

ADJOURNMENT

Time of adjournment: 7:56pm