

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 6
ELEMENTARY/HIGH SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES
COMBINED SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2010

The School Board of Trustees of School District No. 6 met in the district board room on Monday, December 20, 2010.

CALL TO The meeting was called to order at 5:15 p.m. by Chairperson Bert Other Bull

PRESENT: Bert Other Bull, June Beartusk, Bertha Limberhand and Waymon Mitchell.

ABSENT: Rosanne Headswift, excused.

OTHERS Bryan Kott, Judy Ross, Craig Brandow, and Aundre Bell.

DELEG. None

JEN.BELL After a brief discussion, Mitchell moved and Beartusk seconded to pay back Jennifer Bell for her cash in lieu of benefit payment for 2007. All voted in favor.

TERM.CUST. Discussion on custodian position. No action taken due to a letter of resignation received from Caleb Bigback.

C.BRNDOW Brandow addressed the board regarding his certificate issues and how it has taken a long time which is due to the state's process. He's been run through the mill in the certification process and he can do the job, he would like the chance to do the job.

Beartusk asked Brandow why there wasn't more interaction with OPI within the 60 days deadline.

Brandow there has been no lagging on his part there has been interaction since August and only wrote down when he heard a response from OPI.

Mitchell asked if OPI gave any particular reason on why they did not honor his certification from New Mexico or Arizona.

Brandow answered that Montana has laws stating new principal's have to do the internship knowing that he has already been a principal but they would not count that.

Mitchell stated that he knew of two other individuals from Arizona that had to take two class requirements for certification without having to go through the internship. He asked if this was a new Montana law.

Kott stated that some of Brandow's coursework were so old he needed to take new classes to update his certificate. They reviewed a plan of study from MSU stating the course list that Brandow needed to take for a full certification in Montana which would cost.

Discussion on the cost of the internship. Brandow would be willing to pay for the courses himself.

Mitchell asked if he was wanting us to pay for the tuition and Brandow stated yes. Mitchell stated according to policy the obligation was not fulfilled and we should not go against policy.

Other Bull addressed the reason's for the 60 day law and could not understand why a certificate was not issued for Brandow by now, knowing what the requirements were. She stated that Brandow had been gone a lot during the months he's been employed here which was not good for the Elementary. She asked if he had a Montana Driver's license yet to this date he wasn't able to acquire a Montana Drivers's License due to a mix up in his birth certificate. Brandow stated he was not yet able to obtain a Montana driver's license.

Beartusk asked if Brandow may have attended any other training that are not included in the days he was absent beside the JOM Conference in Billings. Brandow did state he attend other training's that he were not on the list.

Limberhand asked if Brandow resigned would the district be able to utilize him in a different capacity which Mitchell did asked the same question.

Brandow stated he came a long way to be a principal and doesn't know if he can be a counselor.

Other Bull stated that if he resigned they could place him in that capacity until he receives his certificate and he can apply for a principal position in the future.

Kott stated without his certification it would cause problems with handling some of the duties that a certified principal would handle.

Brandow stated he just needed help or approval of the internship and he would take care of courses and whatever else needed to be taken care of. OPI stated they were waiting for the internship application.

Limberhand stated that she would like him to stay around because he's already met a lot of parents and has worked with the community.

Mitchell stated that maybe it would be better for Brandow to resign now and he could step into the Counselor position. Maybe that would give him

Brandow asked once he did that what would be next.

Mitchell, Kott and Other Bull stated that there would be a principal position advertised next year for Brandow to apply. Mitchell stated we've already passed the deadline and we could get in trouble if we waited for Brandow to receive his certification.

Beartusk stated that it's like when we first accepted the SIG program, we as a school had to make changes that were hard but had to be done to move forward and do what is best for the school. By resigning Brandow would have the flexibility to complete what he needs and have the opportunity later on to become a principal here at the school. She recommended then he could work with the board as a team and be flexible for accreditation purposes for the school.

Brandow stated if he could get his back pay and still pursue his internship, he will resign if he be given the opportunity to go back as principal. He feels he is making a big step and using his money for whatever it takes to get a license. It's a big choice for him as well, he is aware of district accreditation and does not want to break the school down so he will resign.

Kott stated that the district would pay him the back pay and consider him as a long term sub until a counselor position is open.

Other Bull asked if he could write a letter of resignation to Bryan Kott and Brandow stated he would the following morning.

Mitchell moved and Beartusk seconded to approve to accept the verbal resignation from Craig Brandow, Elementary Principal with the stipulations. All voted in favor.

GYM USE Mitchell moved and Beartusk seconded to allow the Northern Cheyenne Boys and Girls Club use of the AR Gym on the evening of New Year's Eve 12/31/10 community event. All voted in favor.

ADJ. Mitchell moved and Other Bull seconded to adjourn the meeting. All voted in favor. At 6:05 p.m. the meeting was adjourned.

Bertha Other Bull
Bertha Other Bull, Chairperson

Judy Ross
Judy Ross, District Clerk