

**SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 6  
COMBINED ELEMENTARY/HIGH SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 18, 2012**

The School Board of Trustees of School District No. 6 met in the district board room on Wednesday, January 18, 2012.

**CALL TO** The meeting was called to order at pm by Chairperson June Beartusk at 5:31 pm. which is only for the High School due to lack of board members available.

**PRESENT:** June Beartusk, Suzette Cain (via phone), Kim Knobloch, Merrilee Red Robe, George Scalpcane and Winslow White Crane (via phone).

**ABSENT:** Rosanne Headswift excused, Waymon Mitchell excused and Vincent White Crane excused.

**OTHERS** Bryan Kott, Lana Robinson, Jim Loy, John Bole, Corliss Waterland, Druscilla Dye, Melissa Zachariesen, Aundre Bell, Jim Loy, Byron Woods, Rayette King,

**DELEG.** None.

**CONSENT** Kott suggested to wait on this item until all board members were available to vote on it. It was decided to save until the next board meeting on January 24, 2012 at 12:00 pm.

**HIRE CLASS.** Discussion on whether or not we are able to rehire staff that were laid off  
**HIRE SUBS** and withdrew their retirement. Knobloch thought we couldn't rehire anyone who withdrew their retirement until six (6) months after they received their lump sum retirement. It was decided to make this motion pending all of these staff members did not withdraw their retirement or they were past the six (6) month limit for rehire.

Scalpcane moved and Knobloch seconded to hire Special Ed. Aides Maryann Mason and Billie Pemble, Shaynell Headswift, Johnny Talawyma Sr., Donna West, Shawn Old Mouse as Teacher Sub(s); Danielle Shotgun as Teacher/Custodian Sub; Douglas Spotted Eagle as Bus Driver Sub and Gail Longjaw as HS Cafeteria Volunteer (pending the staff laid off did not withdraw their retirements). All voted in favor.

**HIRE HS COACHES** Jim Loy stated he will need to hire the golf coach and football coaches for next school year. It was decided that he will conduct interviews before he brings them to the board for hire.

**HIRE EL/JH** Tabled until special board meeting on January 24, 2012.

**ELE.PRINC.** Tabled until special board meeting on January 24, 2012.

**JH PRINC. Tabled until special board meeting on January 24, 2012.**

**HS PRINC.** Frank No Runner was available to present his report to the board. Frank spoke on attendance (excessive absences), Senator Tester visit, SOPPAS Evaluator, Window in the front office removed, Semester Master Schedule, MontCAS Scheduling Meeting, SIG meeting, RTI Meeting, MAP Testing, OPI Assessment Conference, Kindle Fire Book Study, Carnegie Mathematics Consultant, Wrap-Around Training and Projects scheduled. He needed the board approval for four (4) requests but Board Chair stated this will be decided next board meeting.

**AD REPORT** Jim Loy was available to present his report to the board. He spoke on Senator John Tester's visit and how well the Student's participated in this event. He stated the student's were very professional during Senator Tester's visit, they were attentive, alert and they presented formal and informal questions. They helped cleaned and did a good job making the school presentable for the Senator.

He also spoke on the problems that arose when we played Colstrip on 1/7/12 and Eligibility Issues.

Discussion on Eligibility problems, guidelines, etc.....

Loy spoke further on basketball uniforms; Activity Sponsors ordering without purchase orders; and streamlining of activity accounts and sponsors.

Loy spoke again on how well the student council members were involved when Senator Tester visited the school, they asked questions and presented themselves very well. They cleaned to prepare for this visit and helped where ever needed from washing window.

Knobloch suggested we start a teacher band.

Cain stated there needs to be accountability for everyone at the school and documentation for everything not being done.

Kott stated it is one area the staff is working on write now because it has been lax in the past. He stated we have a good base going now so that it can only get better.

Red Robe asked why this janitor hasn't been brought up to the board when he's not doing his job.

Kott stated he and the administrators have been working on it. This subject will be coming up to the board shortly.

**JH AD** Tabled until January 24, 2012.

**SPED.DIR.** Tabled until January 24, 2012. Kott stated that they are being audited the 24 through the 26<sup>th</sup>. The special education department is pretty caught up and ready for this audit. They've made a lot of progress.

Robin also wanted the board know that there are some students that they don't have enough credits to graduate. She will be making recommendations to the board on who cannot graduate this school year.

Red Robe asked if parents have been informed of this. Kott stated she has let the parents know from day one and they do know.

Knobloch asked if they were self-contained students or in a regular classroom. Kott stated they are pull outs and have been given the opportunity to catch up but when the students don't follow through we cannot graduate them.

**CASH IN OF BENEFIT POLICY** Kott spoke on the Cash in lieu of benefit payment to classified staff. It was suggested that the full-time (8 hour) employees be added.

Knobloch moved and Red Robe seconded to approve the Second reading of the Insurance Benefits for Employees #5331 with changes.

**POLICY TRANS.** Kott apologized because he was not able to get with Joe Brott on this issue. This Policy will be helpful with all of the SIG/RTI workshops held which we receive reimbursements from these programs but they only pay a certain number of mileages. Kott stated he is looking at other school policies and how they conduct this issue.

**IEC** No one was available to speak on IEC.

**GYM USE** No requests were submitted.

**HSGYM USE** No requests were submitted.

Aundre Bell spoke on the AR Gym Use. He stated when the gym is used for activities please make sure it is cleaned well after every use so that our kids will have a decent facility to use.

Red Robe asked if we have a policy on hand to follow.

Kott stated the renters are to clean the gym after each use.

Red Robe stated so there is no compliance check done afterwards.

Kott stated we may look at adding the cost of janitors for each use because it is not always cleaned. Or charge a deposit maybe something to look at.

Scalpcane stated in the past there was a maintenance staff that conducted a walkthrough before and after each use.

Board Chair stated that one night the people using this gym stated that the gym hadn't been cleaned and they never see any janitors at all around. I think they were thinking that our janitors will be responsible for cleaning the gym.

Red Robe stated a contract or policy should be written up each time specifying what the renters need to do after each use.

Lana Robinson stated that Chief Dull Knife College has submitted a deposit for the use of the gym. They never get the deposit back each year due to them renting the gym yearly.

Red Robe suggested we get a policy updated for this so that all renters know their responsibility after each use.

**O/D ENROL. Tabled until 1/24/12 board meeting.**

MAIL BLLT. FYI mail ballots will be conducted this year for all locations which will be two positions in Lane Deer and two positions in Ashland. Everything will be mail ballots so Board Chair asked to let everyone know. It is a cost savings for the school and we have received more ballots in the past which is more effective.

TRAN.HNBK.Kott stated the Transportation Handbook was not completed yet for approval. There is a mix up with the transportation and building Principal's when suspensions occur sometimes the bus drivers still let the students on the bus. So the transportation department will be included in this all so that they know the process. Once the bus referrals are conducted online that way everyone will get it online.

Red Robe asked how getting the busses contracted is going; she stated Kott was looking into this previously.

Kott stated he hasn't heard from Ryder regarding this issue but will look into it. He will start working on this harder since we are coming closer to the end of the school year.

Red Robe asked Kott if the busses were in good working order and maintained thoroughly. Kott stated they are getting better what he is also doing is the daily checks are coming to him so he is aware what is not being done. He can monitor everything and discuss issues with Morton Other Bull.

BOARD RPT. After a brief discussion on the Superintendent's evaluation and SUPT.EVAL. appointment for 2012-13 school year be tabled until the next board meeting.

Red Robe moved and Cain seconded to conduct a special meeting for other business and Superintendent Evaluation/Appointment on January 24, 2012 at 12:00 noon for this issue. All voted in favor.

BOARD RPT. Board Chair informed the board that MTSBA invited her to a School Funding Resolution Meeting in Helena February 5 & 6, 2012. This meeting will seek ways of funding for education.

Knobloch stated that we shouldn't be traveling due to the negotiations still being in session. She didn't think anyone should travel.

Board Chair stated this is our voice for legislation to find school funding for our students here at this school.

Kott spoke on the funding for this school year and on where we will be short with our reserves.

Red Robe moved and Cain seconded to approve of June Beartusk to attend the School Funding Resolution Meeting in Helena on February 5 & 6, 2012. All voted in favor with the exception of Knobloch who opposed.

Board Chair informed the board on a meeting to be held in Miles City, March 15, 2012 which will be conducted by MTSBA called March Symposium on Budgeting, Elections, Effects of the School Board 329, and update on State Wide issues, School Funding Lawsuits, Tax Protests and upcoming Legislative Session.

February 17, 2012 will be a webinar on Bullying Prevention Strategies which will benefit anyone to attend. It will be held 2:30 eastern time.


**SUPT. RPT. Elementary Construction will be discussed on the next board meeting.**

SUPT. RPT. HS & Elem. Sig Update was tabled until next meeting.

SUPT. RPT. Notebook Overview item was tabled until next meeting.

AJOURN Scalpcane moved and Red Robe seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 pm. All voted in favor. Meeting adjourned.

2012-02-17 10:00 AM

  
June Beartusk, Chairperson

  
Lana Robinson, District Clerk