SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 6
COMBINED ELEMENTARY/HIGH SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, MARCH 13, 2012

The School Board of Trustees of School District No. 6 met in the district board room on Tuesday, March 13, 2012.

CALL TO The meeting was called to order at pm by Chairperson June Beartusk at 5:22 pm.

PRESENT: June Beartusk, Suzette Cain, Rosanne Headswift, Kim Knobloch, Merrilee Red Robe, and Winslow White Crane.

ABSENT: Vincent White Crane unexcused, George Scalpcane excused and Waymon Mitchell excused.

OTHERS Bryan Kott, Lana Robinson, Jim Loy, Cianna Braided Hair, Paul Burckhard, Melissa Zachariesen, Corliss Waterland, Shalane Tobler, Marcia McMakin, Teddy McMakin, Aundre Bell, Kylee Knobloch, John Bole, Joletta Spang, Angie Bell,

DELEG. Marcia McMakin a concerned parent addressed the board regarding an incident that occurred at the high school with her son. She stated that her son was brought home and told that he was suspended. She asked for what and the person who brought her son home told her to speak with the high school principal. The high school principal stated her son was suspended due to assaulting a teacher. When she looked at the video it showed where her son and another boy were playing around with a ball in class. When the teacher came into the room he started playing with the students trying to kick the ball also. It got physical to where the teacher shoved her son that is where her son grabbed the teacher around the neck and putting him in a headlock. This is why they were suspended and as a parent she told her son that it was inappropriate behavior in the classroom for the students and also for the teacher to. Marcia's son was scared because he was threatened and told he could be sent to JDC for 72 hours. Because of this she is considering sending her son to school someplace else and he has been enrolled here since third grade. Marcia stated her son has been enrolled this school since he was in second grade and due to this type of behavior she is planning on enrolling him elsewhere.

Board Chair stated that the board could not take action on her concern today but Bryan Kott, district superintendent will look into this, inform the board on the outcome and make the appropriate decisions.

Board Chair recognized Teddy McMakin a concerned grandparent. She thought this type of behavior should not be allowed in the school with a teacher. Some type of disciplinary action should be taken for the teacher

behaving this way with the students so this type of incident will not happen again.

Board Chair thanked Teddy for addressing her concerns and informed her that Mr. Kott will follow up and welcomed Teddy to give Bryan a call.

CONSENT W White Crane moved and Cain seconded to approve the consent agenda which include January 24 & 30, February 14, 2012 minutes, Payroll, District and Activity Warrants, Federal Programs Report and Sig Report as listed. All voted in favor.

Board Chair invited everyone to attend the scheduled Title I Annual Parent Meeting on March 15, 2012.

HIRE CLAS. HIRE SUBS W. White Crane moved and Cain seconded to hire Leah Bixby as a teacher, sub, Dave Spang as teacher & bus monitor sub, Enoch Yellow Hawk as bus monitor, teacher & custodian sub and Jehan Walksalong as a teacher sub. Pattee Bement and Joni Knowshisgun were hired pending Bryan's investigation on whether these two can be hired or not due to working here previously. All voted in favor.

HIRE HS COACHES Headswift moved and Red Robe seconded to hire Pattee Bement for HS Golf Coach for 2011-12 school year.

Kevin Lone Bear will be hired at the next board meeting when we have all board members present.

HIRE EL/JH COACHES Cain moved and Beartusk seconded to approve George Scalpcane for the JH Boys Basketball Coach for the 2012-13 season. All voted in favor.

Bryan stated Byron Woods was out of town on the 8th grade field trip but included his report.

SPED.DIR. Robin Nansel included her report but had a prior engagement to attend and was not available, Bryan stated she said if the board had any questions please contact her tomorrow.

ELE.PRINC. Board Chair recognized Sherry Foote, Elementary Principal for her report. Sherry spoke on current enrollment, accidents, behavior report, Soppas Summative Evaluations, Professional Development on Bullying Workshop, Webinar on "Reading Street", Indian Education Conference, Nook Tablet Book Study, enrollment on count day, Adoption of Reading Program, Journey's 2011 from Houghton Mifflin Harcourt was the highest vote for the K-6 staff.

Bryan spoke on the new Reading Program for the K-6 staff.

Sherry spoke on the four programs four the Math and Journey's was chosen also by the K-6 Staff.

Bryan stated it would have to be approved by the curriculum committee due to it being a high cost.

Sherry spoke on MBI, "Rock Stars" were 4th grade, Star Buck Coins are earned to promote positive behavior and encourage making better choices, Positive Promotions Assembly for k-6 was a success, Perfect attendance, honor roll awards, Principal award and Perfect star classroom was 4th grade for the month of February.

Board chair extended her congratulations to the students and staff for a great month. She also shared on book studies the elementary are having that the sig team also are studying them.

Cain moved and Headswift seconded to adopt the Journey's Reading Curriculum. All voted in favor.

Sherry spoke on the reading curriculum stating it is important the staff excited to try something new. She believes that by having their (the staff) input it will work.

Kott stated the reason they are trying to push it early so after CRT testing they can start training so teachers will not have to come in the summer to be trained.

Sherry also stated in the professional development they wrote the piece right into the SIG Tier III Grant.

POSSIBLE 6th GR.MVE

Kott stated with the new construction we may eventually have to move the 6th grade to the junior high.

Knobloch stated the complaint she's been getting from the community is to move the junior high back down to the elementary.

Kott stated he has heard that complaint but we may not have a choice if space is not available at the elementary. He's just throwing it out there now.

JH PRINC.

Board Chair recognized Aundre Bell, who spoke on attendance in the JH which is still dropping, Calendar, Discipline Data, NAFIS Conference in DC, Professional Development and Olweus Bullying Training in New Jersey.

Board chair asked what he thought about the Impact Aid Training he attended in DC.

Bell stated the conference itself was very beneficial but he felt meeting with the Senators was a waste of time. The thing that he realized the most was if they cut the 3.7 million dollars we are severely in trouble. Everyone will feel the crunch, the reason they want to cut it is because they said it only affects 200 schools.

Kott stated one thing he learned is they spend a lot of time with the staff and they do a lot of the work. They also had a presentation for Linda Brannon which has done a lot for this district and is willing to help with the building grant which will be a big asset to our district. He thought it was one of the best Nafis Conference he's attended.

He spoke on the Senators that helped to receive 20% more of our funding.

HS AD RPT. Jim Loy was available to speak on his report. He spoke on the student council and the events they have planned. He stated he had a member of the student council available to hear some of the things the board wants to set up for a meeting.

CBH introduced herself as the secretary for the student council. She stated they are planning a SIG Youth retreat with Frazer & Pryor School's which will be held for three days in May. This include motivational speakers, game skills championships, art displays, video commercial competitions which will include a little bit of everything.

Knobloch asked if this was for Student Council students only or will other students be able to attend.

CBH stated it will be based on attendance, grades and behavior.

Kott stated it is a incentive field trip.

Jim Loy stated they are working with Donnie Wetzel on this and they will have motivational speaker's. He stated the students who will be able to attend this retreat will be weighed 50/50. 50% side will be grades, attendance. The other 50% the students will be asked to submit an essay on why they want to go to, what they can give to this meeting and what they can take from this meeting. The students with lower grades will be willing to write an essay to attend this retreat.

As for athletics the equipment will be inventoried and locked up at the administration office so we can hold the coaches and assistant coaches responsible for returning everything.

Jim spoke on the sports schedules for next year 2012-13, volleyball will be a junior varsity schedule, probably will be changes on football and basketball.

He spoke on restructuring the activities by athletics and clubs. Some staff like doing athletics and others like clubs so he thought this would be a good way of restructuring. He suggested forming a media club since we have the equipment. There are some clubs that we can look at paring down or changing sponsors due to no activity and again these are just his suggestions.

Cain asked any progress on a student attending our school board meetings.

Jim stated he invited the student council to attend and CBH was the only one who attended which is a start.

Cain informed CBH the reason she wanted a student on the board is to have a student voice included in the decisions being made.

Jim spoke on the visitors that were from different countries, they all visited his classroom which was very interesting for the students.

ELEC. No action was taken on appointing election judges.

YTH, WKS. Cain moved and Headswift seconded to approve Youth Works request to use the showers and gym for the summer of 2012. All voted in favor.

2nd READ. ADMN.PRO. Knobloch moved and Cain seconded to approve the second reading of the Administrative Procedures Manual Amendment. All voted in favor.

2nd SEASON REQUEST After discussion, Knobloch moved and Cain seconded to approve of Second Season's request to transport students on Wednesday's but Sunday's should be up to her program. All voted in favor.

NC BOTAN. Discussion on this item will be tabled until next board meeting.

S.FEEDING Kott stated there is an issue on this so he would like to wait and table this item. He would like to create some ideas for the students to get a meal that are in need.

Discussion on Summer Feeding...

Knobloch moved and Cain seconded to table this until Bryan completes further research. All voted in favor.

GALUSHA AUDIT RPT. Discussion on the audit for the 2010-11 school year. Lana stressed to the board this audit was a good audit without findings which will helps when we apply for grants or if we are to apply for a loan it does help.

Knobloch asked what CPA we use to assist the finances.

Lana stated it was Joseph Eve and Company who come and assist with the yearly trustees report.

Knobloch stated we should have a good audit because they are expensive.

HS PRINC. Board Chair recognized Frank No Runner who was available to present his report to the board. No Runner passed out his report to the board. He stated they were planning a Family Bingo Night – CRT Information Meeting with parents which they would have prizes. He spoke on attendance; Behavior Reports; High School Projects; Professional Development Calendar; Principal Schedules; Achievement Data to Support Instructional Decision Making; He stated he needed a couple actions from the board to take Gear Up Students out of state for a college visit. He also is asking for the students regarding approving a soda machine at the high school. They are working on an ISS (in-school suspension) room working with the discovery program.

Cain asked if the high school has started an In-school suspension classroom. No Runner stated it kind of is ISS but also the Discovery room. When students have four referrals they are sent to that room. There is a trained instructor in that classroom to work with the students who will give them a problem solving sheet where they have to own their behavior and come up with four solutions to solve the problem if it happened again. The principal will sign this sheet once it is completed then the student takes it to the teacher, the teacher will sign it. Once everyone has signed the sheet then the student will go back to the classroom.

Scalpcane left at 6:30 pm.

IEC No one was available to speak on IEC.

DUES Knobloch moved and Cain seconded to approve MTSBA dues for the 2012-13 school year in the amount of $5821. All voted in favor.

DUES Cain moved and Headswift seconded to approve MREA dues for the 2012-13 school year in the amount of $2175. All voted in favor.

GYM USE **Little Cheyenne Head start rescheduled their use of the AR Gym to March 30, 31 & April 1, 2012. Cain moved and Headswift seconded to approve of this request. All voted in favor.**

HSGYM USE Frank No Runner requested to use the HS Gym on March 16 -18, 2012 for a HS Girls Basketball parent fundraiser. Knobloch moved and W White Craned seconded to approve of this request. All voted in favor.

APPROVE O/D ENRL. **Cain moved and Headswift seconded to approve two out of district student enrollments (T.J & V.J) for the remainder of the school year. All voted in favor.**

BOARD RPT. Discussion on the MTSBA Finance Training in Miles City on March 21, 2012. Headswift moved and Red Robe seconded to approve of June Beartusk and Winslow White Crane to attend this workshop. All voted in favor with the exception of Knobloch who opposed.

BOARD RPT. It was decided to hold a board session on Monday, April 2, 2012 from 4:00 to 7:00 pm to discuss the trainings all have attended.

BOARD RPT. MIEA will be in Bozeman on April 12-14, 2012 which Rosanne Headswift asked to attend. Bryan stated he may be able to receive SIG funding to help with the costs. White Crane moved and Cain seconded to approve Rosanne to attend MIEA. All voted in favor.

SUPT. RPT. Bryan presented a bullying prevention workshop he and Aundre Bell were accepted to attend he stated it is one of the highest ranking bullying workshop available.

Discussion on the cost of this trip and how beneficial it will be for the district. They will be able to train our staff and local agencies.

Knobloch asked for a cost difference in if we sent Bryan and Aundre as to brining the Olweus Trainers here to split costs.

Knobloch also thought Sherry Foote should be the person to attend.

Bryan stated for whatever reason Sherry was not accepted to this training.

Discussion on the cost……

Cain moved and W White Crane seconded to approve of Bryan and Aundre Bell to attend this bullying prevention workshop in New Jersey. All voted in favor with the exception of Knobloch and Red Robe who opposed. Motion carried.

Red Robe stated she would like something in writing to see how this program will be implemented on training conducted.

Bryan agreed

SUPT. RPT. Bryan discussed the progress of the elementary construction.

SUPT. RPT. Bryan spoke on how beneficial his NAFIS trip was in DC. One of the things that came up with Impact Aid funding is the high school budgets. Congress has allocated a freeze which has been decreasing every year. Next year we may only get 50 to 55% to start. If were lucky we may get 70% which we are losing money due to this freeze.

SUPT. RPT. Bryan reassigned the curriculum aspect of Jill Henzie's job to the building Principal's so Jill will have time and energy for the Federal Programs Projects.

SUPT. RPT. Bryan addressed the board regarding the state budget amendment needed due to increased enrollment at the elementary. We are eligible for $144,000.

Headswift moved and Cain seconded to approve of this budget amendment. All voted in favor.

SUPT. RPT Bryan spoke on scheduling committee meetings for the housing, budgets, policy and other committees to help more inform everyone.

AJOURN Cain moved and Red Robe seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 pm. All voted in favor. Meeting adjourned.

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June Beartusk, Chairperson

Lana Robinson, District Clerk

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