

HOT SPRINGS SCHOOLS 14J  
Regular School Board Meeting  
March 8, 2010  
Hot Springs High School Library – 7:30 p.m.

**Call to Order:** 7:30 p.m.

**Roll:** Terry Prongua, Sheila Matt, Julie White, Kim Baker, Dirk Roosma, Carol Heath, Frank Salmi, Sean Estill, Larry Markuson and Carmen Jackson

**Absent:** none

**Visitors:** Kait Carr, Devon White, Dan and Renee Oberlander, Robin Miller, Tammy McAllister, Amy Gray, Chuck, Cody and Jennifer Hoff, Linda Ambo, Mary Hunter, Lori Heidegger, Tracy Salmi, Paula and Gena Morigeau, Scott Wigton, Buzz and Mary Ann Foster, Chris Clairmont, Carrie Guenzelor, Lisa Mueller, Alisha Pablo, Mary Ann Nyberg, Kris Paro, Judy Norgaard, Vicki Nytes

**Senior Trip:** Senior class representative, Devon White, distributed the itinerary for the 2010 Senior Trip. The chaperones will be Chris Hess and Alisha Pablo. Chuck Hoff will drive the bus. They will leave June 1<sup>st</sup> and return on June 4<sup>th</sup>.  
Move to accept the senior trip as presented.  
Matt/Salmi (P)

**Elementary Parking Lot:**

The PTO would like to redesign the elementary parking lot due to some safety issues. They are currently working on an official plan and the costs of the project. They would like board approval to continue the planning process.  
Move to approve the PTO's parking lot reconstruction planning.  
Baker/White (P)

**4 Day Week:**

Positive factors expressed by the staff were an extra day at home, extra prep time and extra uninterrupted class time. Mary Ann Nyberg disbursed some of the thoughts the teachers had on the 4 day week.  
One parent spoke to the importance of allowing parents to be parents and the extra family time is an advantage. Student absences are decreasing due to doctor's appointments as well as athletic and other activities.  
Parents who were not in favor of 4 day week spoke to the information on how students are handling the week, and where they are at in achievement in relation to last year. They feel that concrete evidence and goals set by the District as to what they want to achieve with the 4 day week is important, and is not being addressed.  
Mr. Estill presented the results of the 4 day week survey. The survey was taken by 173 staff, parents, students, and community members. Of the 173 survey takers, 88% reported a positive experience with the 4 day week.

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Move to continue the 4 day week and the District will explore the possibilities of offering a special program on Friday.

White/Baker (P)

**Minutes:** Move to approve the minutes of the February 8, 2010 regular board meeting.  
Baker/Salmi (P)

**Correspondence:**  
None

**Warrants:**

- Elementary Warrants
  - Claims #32899 - 32932 \$32,213.18  
#32847 - 32870
  - Payroll #32783 - 32896 \$85,183.49  
Baker/White (P)
- High School Warrants
  - Claims #32899 - 32932 \$32,213.18  
#32847 - 32870
  - Payroll #32783 - 32896 \$59,007.53  
Heath/Roosma (P)

**Extracurricular Fund Review:**

Move to approve the December Activity checks #12985 - #13028 (\$11,732.39).  
White/Salmi (P)

**Principal's Report:**

1. Enrollment – 112 Students
  - a. Missoula Children's' Theatre was here March 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> conducting the play Robinson Crusoe. Performances of the play were on Friday the 5<sup>th</sup>.
  - b. HSEPTO is planning a Spring Family Fun Night on April 15<sup>th</sup>.
  - c. MontCAS Testing will be conducted March 8<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>. Grades 3<sup>rd</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> will be taking the tests.
  - d. The 4<sup>th</sup> Grade continued their study of fish by dissecting fish on March 4<sup>th</sup>.
  - e. The annual School Spelling Bee was on March 4<sup>th</sup>. Jack Dolson was the winner of the School Bee and will be competing at the County Spelling Bee in Thompson Falls on March 12<sup>th</sup>. Students who also qualified were Lane Foster, Nate Gray and Courtney Subatch. The County Bee will be held at the Sanders County Courthouse at 1:00 p.m.
  - f. Math/Science/Technology Night is scheduled for March 24<sup>th</sup> 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
  - g. Elementary Reading Carnival is scheduled for March 31<sup>st</sup> – 2:45 p.m. to 3: 45 p.m. Old Gym.

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**Superintendent's Report:**

1. Enrollment

a. 7 <sup>th</sup> Grade	19	
b. 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade	16	
c. Junior High Total	35	Down 1 from last month
d. 9 <sup>th</sup> Grade	14	
e. 10 <sup>th</sup> Grade	14	
f. 11 <sup>th</sup> Grade	15	
g. 12 <sup>th</sup> Grade	21	
h. High School Total	64	Up three from last month
i. 7-12 Total	99	Up 2 from last month

2. Missoula Children's Theater performed Robinson Crusoe last week.
3. 4-H Demonstrations were held here at the school yesterday, March 7<sup>th</sup>.
4. Montana CRT's started today. Grades 3-8 & 10 will be taking the tests.
5. High School Track practice begins Monday, March 15<sup>th</sup>.
6. FCCLA leaves for state competition in Billings on March 18<sup>th</sup>.
7. Junior High Track starts on Monday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>.
8. We have a book fair on March 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>.
9. Prom is scheduled for March 27<sup>th</sup>.
10. School elections are on April 6<sup>th</sup>.
11. The teachers will start short presentations to the board in April. Mrs. Johnson will be here next month. She will also have the FCCLA doing their annual board appreciation dinner, so remember to be here at 6:30 next month.
12. I have had a request to speak about AP courses.

The Advanced Placement Program enables students to pursue college-level studies while still in high school. There are 37 courses and exams in 22 subject areas are offered statewide. Each course is developed by a committee composed of college faculty and AP teachers, and covers the breadth of information, skills, and assignments found in the corresponding college course.

AP courses are taught by highly qualified high school teachers who use the AP course descriptions to guide them. The course description for each discipline outlines the course content, describes the curricular goals of the subject, and provides sample examination questions. While the Course Descriptions are a significant source of information about the course content on which the AP Exams will be based, AP teachers have the flexibility to determine how this content is presented.

The AP Examinations are administered each year in May and represent the culmination of college-level work in a given discipline in a secondary school setting. Rigorously developed by committees of college and AP high school faculty, the AP Exams test students' ability to perform at a college level.

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Most colleges and universities in the United States and Canada, as well as colleges and universities in 40 other countries, have a policy granting incoming students credit, placement, or both, for qualifying AP Exam grades.

13. Possible upcoming travel

- a. April 7 – Kalispell – MASS monthly meeting
- b. April 15 – Thompson Falls – SPED Coop Board meeting – monthly
- c. April 20 – Kalispell – Northwest Montana Educational Cooperative – monthly
- d. April 25 & 26 – Missoula – Teacher Fair
- e. April 29 & 30 – Bozeman – Teacher Fair

Move to approve the months Superintendent’s travel.

Matt/White (P)

14. The board agreed to allow Amy to have Drama practice during 8<sup>th</sup> period. Trustee Prongua expressed his concerns with allowing an extra-curricular event to practice during the school day.

**AD Report:**

1. High School Girls Basketball

- District 14-C Champions
- 4 All Conference Selections
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Team – MacKenzie Wood and Randi Arnold.
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Team – Devon White, Meghan Massingale.
- 2 All State Selections.
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Team All State – MacKenzie Wood
  - Honorable Mention All State – Randi Arnold.
- 14-C Girls Coach of the Year – Scott Wigton

2. High School Boys Basketball –

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place in District 14-C.
- 2 All Conference Selections.
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Team – Reiley Winebrenner
  - Honorable Mention – Cody Hoff

3. The Co-op Agreement with Plains for Wrestling and Football is up for renewal. Move to approve the renewal of the Football and Wrestling Co-op Agreement with Plains for the school years 2011, 2012, and 2013.

White/Roosma (P)

4. The annual Tom Farrier Memorial Basketball Tournament is scheduled for March 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>.

5. The first day of High School Track is March 15<sup>th</sup>.

6. The first Day of Junior High Track is March 22<sup>nd</sup>.

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**Softball Co-op Drivers**

Move to approve Shelia Massingale, Paula Morigeau, Buzz and Mary Ann Foster as approved drivers to transport students to and from Plains for practice and games.  
Baker/Salmi (P)

**MTSBA Annual Dues:**

The 2010 – 2011 MTSBA dues are \$2630. Move to approve the MTSBA Annual dues for the 2011 school year.  
Baker/White (P)

**Board Policy 1<sup>st</sup> Reading**

4330P – Rules and Regulations for Building Use – Baker/Salmi (P)  
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**Personnel Issues:**

- Resignation – Laura Clairmont resigned her position as Title I teacher and JH English Teacher. Move to accept Laura Clairmont’s resignation.  
Matt/Heath (P)
- Teacher Contracts – Move to hire the following teaching staff for the 2011 school year.
  1. Scott Brown – Industrial Arts & Drivers Ed White/Matt (P)
  2. Caley Clark – JH Math & Guidance Counselor Roosma/Baker (P)
  3. Chris Clairmont – PE & History Baker/Roosma (P)
  4. Renee Oberlander – Title I Teacher White/Salmi (P)
  5. Bonnie Franklin – Special Education Matt/Salmi (P)
  6. Candy Franklin – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Baker/Roosma (P)
  7. Dustin Herbert – Business Education Salmi/Baker (P)
  8. Chris Hess – PE & English White/Roosma (P)
  9. Heidi Holmquist – K-12 Music Baker/Roosma (P)
  10. Donna Johnson – Art & FCS Baker/Salmi (P)
  11. Alisa Mueller – 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Baker/Salmi (P)
  12. Mary Ann Nyberg – Kindergarten White/Baker (P)
  13. Alisha Pablo – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Baker/Salmi (P)
  14. Kris Paro – 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Salmi/Baker (P)
  15. Debra Pier – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Roosma/Baker (P)
  16. Robin Miller – K-12 Librarian & History Roosma/Baker (P)
  17. Victoria Nytes – French & History Baker/Matt (P)
  18. Bonita White – Science Baker/Salmi (P)
  19. Felicia Wickum – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Baker/Roosma (P)

**Break 9:14 p.m.**

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**Computer Service Providers**

The Board discussed the various IT bids and requested that Mr. Markuson invite Computer Tech, Pyron Technologies and First Call to the April board meeting to discuss their proposals.

**School Election Resolution**

Move to approve the Election Resolution as follows.  
Matt/White (P)

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees for School District No. 14-J, Sanders County, State of Montana, will hold the Annual Regular School Election on Tuesday, the 4<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2010, which date is not less than forty (40) days after the passage of this resolution.

The polls will be open from 12:00 noon until 8:00 p.m.

The purpose of the election is to elect one (1) trustee for a three-year term in the Hot Springs/Lonepine area and one (1) trustee for a three-year term in the Camas Prairie area, or as otherwise designated. Approval of additional levies to operate and maintain the Hot Springs schools for the 2010-2011 school year may also be requested. If it is later determined that any portion of the election is not required, the Board of Trustees authorizes Carmen Jackson, election administrator, to cancel that portion of the election in accordance with 13-1-304 and 20-3-313, MCA.

Three electors of this district who are qualified to vote at such election are hereby appointed to act as judges at the election at each voting place as follows:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Voting Place</b>
<u>Traci Salmi</u>	<u>100 Far West Rd</u>	<u>Hot Springs New Gymnasium Lobby</u>
<u>Geraldine DeTienne</u>	<u>PO Box 175</u>	<u>Hot Springs New Gymnasium Lobby</u>
<u>Jeannine Woods</u>	<u>PO Box 134</u>	<u>Hot Springs New Gymnasium Lobby</u>

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the clerk of this school district is hereby directed to notify the above named election judges of their appointment and to notify the county election administrator of the date of holding said election, and request him/her to close registration and to prepare and furnish election materials as required by law. If any of these judges should not be able to serve, the election administrator will choose a replacement from certified judges.

No further proceedings were conducted relating to the election.

**Board Policies – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading**

- 4120 – Public Relations Matt/Baker
- 4301 – Visitors to Schools Baker/Salmi
- 4310 – Public Complaints and Suggestions Matt/Heath
- 4316 – Accommodating Individuals with Disabilities Baker/Matt

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- 4330 – Community Use of School Facilities Baker/White
- 4600 – Notice to Parents Required by No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (“NCLB”) Matt/White

**Superintendent Contract Negotiation –**

- The Board offered Mr. Markuson a 7 day vacation pay out, at the February Board meeting.
- Mr. Markuson made a counter offer of 14 days of vacation to be paid at the end of the 2011 school year.
- The Board offered a 10 day pay out, to be paid at the end of the 2011 school year. Mr. Markuson agreed to the offer.
- Move to approve the pay out of 10 days of vacation in excess of the allowable carry over at the end of June, 2011.  
Baker/Matt (P)

**April Agenda**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading – 4330P
- Board Policy 5000 series
- Computer Service Providers
- School Calendar – 4 day week
- PTO Update

**Adjourn 10:20 p.m.**

Chairman Terry J. Prongua

Clerk Carmen M. Jackson

**4330P Rules and Regulations for Building Use**

1. Applications requesting use of the school facility must be presented to the building administrator at least ten (10) days in advance of the time desired and must be signed by a qualified representative of the organization desiring to use the building.
2. The school premises shall not be available before 5:00 p.m. on school days, except under special conditions.
3. Rental fees are as follows:  

(Example)	Gym	\$100 + custodian
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Fees may be waived for private nonprofit groups that do not charge admission fees.
4. The use of the school premises will be denied when, in the opinion of the Superintendent or the Board, such use may be construed to be solely for commercial purposes, there is a probability of damage or injury to school property, or the activity is deemed to be improper to hold in school buildings.
5. In case of loss or damage to school property, the organization and/or individual signing the request shall be fully responsible and liable.
6. The District reserves the right to require a certificate of insurance from the renting agency.
7. No furniture or apparatus shall be moved or displaced without permission.
8. No access to other rooms in the building shall be permitted unless designated by agreement.
9. There shall be no smoking within the school buildings. There shall be no narcotics, drugs, stimulants, or alcohol used or sold in or about school buildings and premises, nor shall profane language, quarreling, fighting, or illegal gambling be permitted. Violations of this rule by any organization during occupancy shall be sufficient cause for denying further use of school premises to the organization.
10. Wax, or other preparations ordinarily used on dance floors, is not to be used on gymnasium floors.
11. The Superintendent may require a school employee to be present during use of the building by the non-school organization. In such case, the requesting organization will pay for the employee expense (i.e., custodians, overtime).
12. When the school official finds it necessary that police or other security personnel be retained for crowd control, such requirement may be added as a condition of the Facilities Use Agreement.

Procedure History:

Promulgated on: September 1999  
Reviewed on: February 8, 2010  
Revised on: