

HOT SPRINGS SCHOOLS 14J
Regular School Board Meeting
April 12, 2010

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: Jeremy Taylor, Sheila Massingale, Donna Johnson, Victoria Nytes, Renee Floyd, Dustin Herbert, Dave Pyron, Conner Smith

Computer Service Providers:

1. Computer Tech – Jeremy Taylor gave a brief presentation on his IT Bid. He discussed his philosophy on small schools, budget constraints and computer management.
2. Pyron Technologies – Dave Pyron gave a brief presentation on his IT Bid.
3. First Call – Connor Smith discussed the services that First Call has been supplying the District and the relationship that has been developed over the years. He made a point to discuss the option of offering the District a fixed rate per month to avoid the surprise service calls.

Move to continue with First Call as the District's IT Provider and explore the possibility of negotiation of a flat rate service plan.

Matt/White (P)

AP Program –

Ms Nytes gave a brief presentation on the AP course that she provides to students for AP World History and AP US History. She also discussed the progress in her French classes.

Donna Johnson discussed her day and class schedule.

The Board took a break at 9:21 p.m.

School Lunch Programs

1. Summer Food Program – Sheila Massingale disbursed information about the Summer Food Service Program. This program pays a reimbursement rate of \$1.8475 per breakfast and \$3.195 per lunch served to area children age 18 and under. Community members over the age of 18 can eat at the facility for a price to be set by the board. The cooking duties would be shared between Sheila and the Assistant Cook, Mary Jo Carr, over the summer. Sheila believes the program would pay for itself and stated that Mary Jo and she would be willing to work for a lower hourly rate if the program was approved.

The District is required to advertise that the program is being offering in local papers, and a survey would be sent home to students to gather information on possible use.

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If the Board chooses to proceed with the program the application to operate must be submitted by May 1, 2010.

Move to proceed with the Summer Food Program for the 2010 summer.

Matt/White Failed – 4 opposed Heath, Salmi, Baker, and Prongua
Abstain - Roosma

2. Superintendent Markuson disbursed information regarding the average cost per meal and reimbursement rates for the lunch and breakfast programs. Currently the District charges \$1.25 for breakfast, \$1.50 for lunch for k-6 students, and \$1.75 for 7-12 students. Adults pay \$2.25 for lunch and \$1.25 for breakfast. Superintendent Markuson recommended raising school lunch prices to be \$2.50 for students and \$3.00 for adults. Breakfast prices for everyone would be \$2.00.

Move to increase lunch rates to \$2.50 for students and \$3.00 for adults and to increase breakfast prices to \$2.00.

Matt/Salmi (P)

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

Correspondence:
None

Warrants:

- Elementary Warrants
 - Claims #32934 - 32950 \$54,880.02
 - Claims #32972 - 33020
 - Payroll #32954 - 32971 \$93,226.23
- High School Warrants
 - Claims #32934 - 32950 \$31,175.07
 - Claims #32972 - 33020
 - Payroll #32954 - 32971 \$50,358.70

White/Salmi (P)
Matt/White (P)

Extracurricular Fund Review:

Move to approve the March Activity checks #13029 - 13039 (\$3,433.34).

Matt/Heath (P)

Principal's Report:

- April enrollment for the elementary is 114 students.
- Missoula Children's Theater presented Robinson Crusoe on March 5th. The students auditioned on March 1st and practiced all week to prepare for the performance.

- HSEPTO will be hosting a Spring Family Fun Night on Thursday, April 15, 2010 from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. The theme is “Read to Me”, different groups will be reading to the children and there will be a book swap.
- The Elementary Reading Carnival was April 30th from 2:45 – 3:45 p.m. in the Old Gym. The different event booths were organized and ran by the Student Council.
- Kindergarten Round Up will be held on April 21, 2010, from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Superintendent’s Report:

1. Enrollment

a. 7 th Grade	19	
b. 8 th Grade	16	
c. Junior High Total		35 Same as last month
d. 9 th Grade	15	
e. 10 th Grade	14	
f. 11 th Grade	15	
g. 12 th Grade	21	
h. High School Total		65 Up one from last month
i. 7-12 Total		99 Up one from last month

2. 2010 – 2011 Calendar – This process was started in February, so we made up 3 separate five day calendars and 3 separate four day calendars. As a direct result of the Boards decision to continue with a four day week, we had the teachers vote on a four day calendar. The vote was close with the four day early start receiving 11 votes, the four day Memorial Graduation receiving 8 votes and the four day early start with tourney days off receiving 4 votes.
3. We tried to schedule a video conference in Kalispell for the Race to the Top plan. However, the Office of Public Instruction has indicated that they could not add another RTTT meeting to their agenda at this time. The superintendent’s office did say that there would be a link posted on the OPI website about 30 minutes prior to each of the group meetings so that we could link in for viewing only or the other option is to go to the nearest scheduled meeting.
4. Workers Compensation Insurance – Western States will wait one more year before they try to launch their program Workers Compensation Program. If the Board would like to pursue the possibility of working with Western States for workers comp insurance I recommend renewing with WCRRP for only one year.
5. Health Insurance – We are currently waiting for other offers for health insurance. MUST assessed the District a 30% increase. If the District leaves MUST an assessment of \$480 per participant to leave the pool will be charged. For us that means a \$12,960.00 check as we have 27 people in the program. In talking to other superintendents and school law attorneys, I do not believe that we can leave the pool without paying this assessment.
6. Curriculum Coop – The current membership dues are \$4350.00 for the Elementary and \$780.00 for the High School.
7. Montana Digital Academy – The Montana Digital Academy will enable the District to offer our students with, as well as provide our teachers with new opportunities. The

District needs to agree to an Inter Local Agreement to allow our teachers to teach the online classes. We would also need to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Hot Springs Union.

Move to an inter-local agreement with the Montana Virtual Academy.

Baker/White (P)

8. We have posted the extra-curricular positions and should be hiring those next month.
9. FCCLA went to state competition in Billings on March 18th.
10. Prom was held on March 27th.
11. Possible upcoming travel
 - a. May 5 – Kalispell – MASS monthly meeting
 - b. May 11 – Thompson Falls – SPED Coop Board meeting – monthly
 - c. May 18 – Kalispell – Northwest Montana Educational Cooperative – monthly
 - d. June 14 – Kalispell – MASS monthly meeting
 - e. June 17 & 18 – Helena – Montana Educators Summer Institute

Move to approve the travel for May and June.

Matt/Salmi (P)

2010 – 2011 Budget Review

Table the Budget Review until Monday, April 26th, at 7:30 p.m.

Early Retirement Incentives

- Move to offer 2 early retirement incentives for \$35,000 funded from the Impact Aid. Disbursement terms and payout to be negotiated between the Administration and the Retiree.

Salmi/Roosma (P)

Personnel Issues:

- Resignation- Chris Hess submitted his resignation of his teaching, athletic director, and assistant boys basketball positions.

Move to accept Chris Hess's resignation.

Matt/Baker

Worker Compensation Renewal

- Move to renew the Workman's Compensation policy with WCRRP for the 2011 school year, for a term of 1 year.

Baker/Matt (P)

Curriculum Co-op Renewal

- The 2011 Northwest Montana Curriculum Co-op renewal for the 2011 school year is \$4350 for the elementary and \$780 for the high school.
- The elementary district utilizes the co-op extensively; the co-op helps the district meet the curriculum standard set by the State. In Mr. Estill's opinion, the benefits of belonging to the Co-op outweigh the cost.

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- Move to renew the NW MT Curriculum Co-op for the school years 2010 – 2011 and 2011 – 2012.
Baker/White (P)

District Application Changes

- Updated application packets were disbursed to the board, the packets had been grouped by Administration, Certified, Classified, Extracurricular and Substitute.
Move to approve the updated applications as presented.
Frank/White (P)

Board Policy 1st Reading – Table until July meeting.

Board Policy 2nd Reading

- 4330P Rules and Regulations for Building Use
Move to approve the 2nd reading of policy 4330P Rules and Regulations for Building Use.
Roosma/Baker (P)

2010 – 2011 School Calendar

- 3 different calendars were presented to the board to approve for the 2010 – 2011 school year.
 - 4 Day Early –
 - 1st day Teachers – August 16, 2010
 - 1st day Student – August 18, 2010
 - Christmas Break – December 22, 2010 – January 2, 2011
 - Graduation – May 15, 2010
 - Student Last Day – May 25, 2010
 - Teacher Last Day – May 26, 2010
 - 4 day Early, Tourney
 - Same as above except;
 - Break for Basketball District Tourney – February 17, 2011
 - Break for Basketball Divisional Tourney – February 23 – 24, 2011
 - 4 day Memorial –
 - 1st day Teachers – August 23, 2010
 - 1st day Student – August 25, 2010
 - Christmas Break – December 22, 2010 – January 2, 2011
 - Graduation – May 29 2010
 - Student Last Day – June 2, 2010
 - Teacher Last Day – June 3, 2010

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- Move to accept the 4 Day Memorial School Calendar for the 2010 – 2011 school year.
Salmi/Baker (P) Opposed – Heath, Matt

May Agenda

Adjourn 11:46 p.m.

Chairman Terry J. Prongua

Clerk Carmen M. Jackson