

**Deer Park School District #2
2105 Middle Road
Columbia Falls, MT 59912
REGULAR MEETING**

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – January 9, 2024

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, Deer Park School District #2 was called to order by Chairwoman Cindy Barnes at the school at 6:30pm for the purpose of considering business to come before the Board.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairwoman Cindy Barnes, Mickale Carter, Jeremy Grady and Patrick Lundie

OFFICIALS PRESENT: Superintendent Sheri Modderman, District Clerk Gina Smith

STAFF PRESENT: Laurie LaPan

OTHERS: Justin Young

PUBLIC COMMENT: None noted.

CORRESPONDENCE: None noted.

CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The following minutes were presented for consideration:

- December 12, 2023 – Regular Meeting
Patrick Lundie made a motion to approve the minutes. Mickale Carter seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion passed.

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF REPORTS:

DISTRICT CLERK'S REPORT:

Action Items – Consideration of:

- January Claims

Mickale Carter made a motion to approve and pay the January Claims. Patrick Lundie seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion passed.

- Solid Iron, LLC donation for lunches
- Three Rivers Bank donation
- First Interstate donation

Mickale Carter made a motion to accept all three donations with the instructions that Sheri will have discretion on how to handle the money designated for school lunches and that the Three Rivers and First Interstate donations should be designated towards primary grade art. Jeremy Grady seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion passed.

Information/Discussion Items

- December Statement of Expenditure
- December Payroll Report

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Information/Discussion Items

- Early Literacy Program –This is a new program being developed by OPI. Participation is an option for Deer Park as a possible replacement for summer tutoring in the future. However, there are concerns about the cost/benefit analysis and summer attendance issues.
- Strategic Planning Process – The team has been meeting and developing the program.

BOARD CHAIRWOMAN’S REPORT:

Action Items – Consideration of:

- Second reading revised policy
 - 1420 School Board Meeting Procedure
- First readings revised policies
 - 1240 Duties of Individual Trustees
 - 1520 Board/Staff Communications
 - 2000 Goals
 - 2500 Limited English Proficiency Program
 - 3141 Discretionary Nonresident Student Attendance Policy; *Add “2nd Friday in May” to page 2, line 19 date. Remove optional language on page 2, lines 21-22. Correct type on page 2, line 32. Fix formatting on page 3.*
 - 3600P Student Records
 - 3600F1 Student Records
 - 3600F2 Student Directory Information Notification
 - 5121 Applicability of Personnel Policies; *correct legal reference names and add in correct MCA.*
- First reading new
 - 3141F Student Attendance Agreement (FP-14.1)

Mickale Carter made a motion to approve all policies as first and final with the proposed changes except for policies 1240, 1520, 2000 and 3141 which will move to second reading. The accepted changes are indicated above, as well as accepting all bold, underlined wording and removal of all wording that is strikethrough. Furthermore, policy 1420 is approved with the second and final reading. Jeremy Grady seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion passed.

- Open Special Education position for hire
Mickale Carter made a motion to open the special education position for hire for the 2024-2025 school year. Jeremy Grady seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion passed.

Information/Discussion Items

- New health insurance pool for the state – The board will need to gather more information and discuss with the union regarding the options moving forward.

FACILITIES UPDATE:

Action Items

- Electrical Work – Reader Board

- Principle and Booster Club representative have decided which bid to use and will schedule services with the vendor.
- Keyless Entry Door Locks
 - Gary and Sheri plan to attend Flathead Electric board meeting to apply for Round Up for Safety.
- Computer System WiFi upgrade and electrical supply
 - Sheri will discuss the prior board approval with the Technology coordinator to discuss next steps.

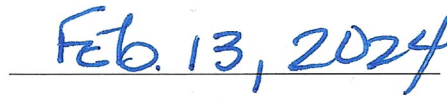
NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING: January 23, 2024

ADJOURNMENT:

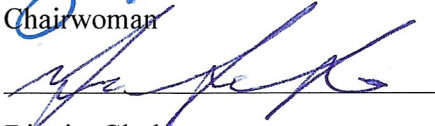
Patrick Lundie made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:34p.m. Mickale Carter seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion passed.



Chairwoman



Date Approved



District Clerk