

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

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES – January 23, 2024

A special meeting of the Board of Trustees, Deer Park School District #2 was called to order by Chairwoman Cindy Barnes at the school at 6:32pm. for the purpose of considering business to come before the Board.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairwoman Cindy Barnes, Gary Anderson, Mickale Carter, Jeremy Grady

OFFICIALS PRESENT: Superintendent Sherri Modderman, District Clerk Gina Smith

STAFF PRESENT: None noted.

OTHERS: None notes.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Gary has been approached by a prior student looking for an opportunity to contribute volunteer hours at the school in order to earn his Eagle Badge. He would like to work on the playground if possible. The board would like Sheri Modderman to determine where his skills and time could be best used.

CORRESPONDENCE: None noted.

CONSIDERATION OF OUT OF DISTRICT 4TH GRADER:

Sheri Modderman advises that at the beginning of the year, they were expecting about 25 students in the 4th grade but the class is now down to 21. Gary Anderson made a motion to accept the out-of-district student. Mickale Carter seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion passed.

CONSIDERATION OF OPENING TITLE/PE POSITION:

The current PE/Title I teacher is retiring at the end of the school year and the position will need to be filled. Mickale Carter made a motion to open a teaching position. Jeremy Grady seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion passed.

CONSIDERATION OF SUPERINTENDENT'S ANNUAL REVIEW AND CONTRACT:

The meeting was moved to a closed session at 7:06pm.

Closed session ended at 7:30pm.

Gary Anderson made a motion to offer a 3-year contract to the Superintendent that includes a \$12,000 salary increase for the first year to bring the Superintendent's salary to \$84,000 per year. The contract should have a provision to increase the insurance stipend if the board approves. The second- and third-year's salary will be evaluated individually for their increase. Jeremy Grady seconded the motion.

Mickale Carter made a motion to amend the salary to \$85,000 for the first year the rest of the terms remain the same. Jeremy Grady seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion passed.

CONSIDERATION OF CLERK'S ANNUAL REVIEW FORM AND JOB DESCRIPTION:

The board reviewed several documents that could represent the duties of the clerk and made suggestions to consolidate the applicable duties and evaluation questions. The document will be moved to a second reading.

NEXT MEETING: Regular Meeting – February 13, 2024

ADJOURNMENT:

Chairwomen Barney made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:09p.m. Mickale Carter seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion passed.



Chairwoman

FEB. 13, 2023

Date Approved



District Clerk