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# Sheridan Community Schools

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Mary Roberson, Superintendent

## MINUTES

Regular Meeting of the Sheridan Community Schools  
Board of School Trustees  
May 10, 2021

The Sheridan Community Schools Board of School Trustees met for a Regular Board Meeting on Monday, May 10, 2021 at 6:30 PM in the Sheridan High School Media Center with board members Todd Roberts, Steve Dollahan, Nancy Boone, John Hunt, and Dan Fleming present, along with Superintendent Mary Roberson. Also attending were Curriculum Director Lynn Werckenthien, Kim Hollingsworth, Board Attorney Alex Pinegar, High School Principal Rick Davis, Middle School Principal Kent Davis, Technology Director Lea Jessup, Assistant Principal Valerie Roberts, Abby Williams and students Phoenix Neff and Joey Strandberg.

**Quorum Determination** – President Roberts confirmed that a quorum was established.

**Call to Order/Pledge** – President Roberts called the meeting to order at 6:30 and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Sheridan Showcase** – Abby Williams and students Phoenix Neff and Joey Strandberg shared information about a new humanities course being offered as an elective at Sheridan High School that focuses on mindfulness.

**Consent Agenda** - A motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented was made by Steve Dollahan and seconded by John Hunt. The motion carried 5-0.

- Minutes of the 4/19/2021 Regular and Executive Sessions, Work Session of 4/29/2021, and Community Meeting on 5/7/2021
- Approval to pay Accounts Payable Ledger for April

**Personnel** – A motion to approve the following personnel items presented by Superintendent Roberson was made by Nancy Boone, seconded by Steve Dollahan. The motion carried 5-0.

- Approved stipends for MS English curriculum planning
- Approved resignation of Jessica Murphy as elementary teacher
- Approved resignation of Adam Durr as assistant varsity basketball coach
- Approved stipends for AP grading
- Approved resignation of Amanda Epperson as elementary teacher
- Approved retirement of Kathy Erb as elementary secretary

**6-12 Language Arts Adoption** - Curriculum Director Lynn Werckenthien shared the process for Language Arts Textbook Adoption and made the recommendation for approval of Actively Learn for 6-12 Language Arts and Bedford, Freeman, and Worth's American Literature and Rhetoric for AP Language and Composition. Dan Fleming made the motion to approve, which was seconded by John Hunt and carried 5-0.

**Approval of Textbook Fees for 2021-2022** - Steve Dollahan moved to approve the Textbook Fees for 2021-2022 as presented by Kim Hollingsworth. Nancy Boone seconded the motion that carried 5-0.

**Lancer + Beebe Contract** – John Hunt made the motion to approve the contract with Lancer + Beebe for architectural services. Steve Dollahan seconded the motion that carried 5-0.

**Riverview Agreement** – Steve Dollahan made the motion to approve the agreement with Riverview Health for athletic trainer services. Nancy Boone seconded the motion that carried 5-0.

**Elementary Handbook Revisions** – Steve Dollahan moved to approve the changes in the elementary handbook for the 2021-2022 school year. All changes were minor in nature. Dan Fleming seconded the motion that carried 5-0.

### **Information/Reports, Mary Roberson**

- Roberson shared a promotional brochure that the leadership team has developed.
- Roberson shared the latest Dashboard, which remains fairly positive.
- Roberson shared budget information about ESSER and an opportunity through Student Learning Recovery Grant Program.
- Roberson shared an update on a potential building project, including a report from the community meeting and financial information on bonding amounts and their effect on the tax rate. She asked if the Board was comfortable moving forward at the June board meeting with holding the necessary public hearings required by law to move forward with a bond.

**Bond/Building Project** – Nancy Boone made the motion to move forward with the necessary public hearings required by law to move forward to bond for a building project. Steve Dollahan seconded the motion that carried 5-0.

### **Board Member Comments**

Dan Fleming shared his excitement about the success of the community meeting.

John Hunt thanked the staff for development of the marketing brochure.

Steve Dollahan thanked the middle school staff for middle school dance. He joked that he was disappointed that Mr. Kent Davis did not dance! Mr. Dollahan commented that he appreciated SEL work, and also thanked Director Werckenthien's work on book adoption.

Nancy Boone commented that she enjoyed the presentation by Abby Williams and her students. She thanked Lynn Werckenthien and Kim Hollingsworth for their work on book adoption and rental fees. She thanked Mary and Todd for leading the community meeting.

Todd Roberts thanked staff members involved with making the prom and middle school dance possible for students. He thanked staff members who took the time to meet with Lancer + Beebe for facility focus groups. He thanked Kim Hollingsworth, Lynn Werckenthien, as well as Abby Williams and her students for their presentation. He added thanks to the community and the staff for their patience through the building project, emphasizing the board's intent to take advantage of low interest rates to look out for the needs of the taxpayers.

**Next Board Meetings**

Monday, June 14, 2021 – Regular June Meeting, 6:30 PM

**Adjournment** - A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 PM was made by Dan Fleming and seconded by Steve Dollahan. The motion carried 5-0.

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Nancy Boone, Board Secretary