

**SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD RETREAT SEPTEMBER 15, 2011 6:40-9:07 pm ROOM J204 JUNIOR HIGH**

The Special School Board Retreat was called to order by Chair Stella Van Loh. Trustees Dianne Burke, Allen Lake, Carla Doxey, Michele Bashor, Bill Hodges, Supt. Randy Cline, Principals Jon Fimmel, Dr. Rory Weishaar, Judy McKay, and Cindy Worrall, Assistant Principal/Activities Director Nate Fry, Technology Director Mark McMurray, and District Clerk Cindy McMurray were also present. Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The purpose of the meeting was to listen to the Administration beginning of year reports and review/discuss the 2011-2012 District Goals.

Dr. Rory Weishaar noted that the year started really well, the best year in a long time. Felt that this was due in part to the new student orientation day. The transition was good and positive. Assistant Principal/Activities Director Nate Fry noted that there has been a smooth transition with the new secretaries. It has been very positive to have a trainer for the contact sports.

Principal Jon Fimmel noted that the Junior High also had an orientation for the 7<sup>th</sup> graders but it was before summer started. There was also a parent orientation the night before the first day of school. They had a huge turnout during open house. The new Special Education teacher Stacey Hargesheimer is working out really well. The part time teachers, Brian Fogarty and Keith Kuroski, who are coming over from the High School are working well.

Principal Judy McKay noted that logistically the start of school has been a smooth. There was a lot of professional development prior to the start of school. Teachers are working on the K-8 Common Core Standards which will evolve over the next 3 years. The new counselor has started with a positive impact in regards to the Colts Corral. It has been extremely warm in the buildings.

Principal Cindy Worrall noted that it was a good start especially considering all of the new students in grades 1-4. The changes in both staffing and movement of previous staff have been working well. She also noted that the heat in the Elementary was unworkable for the students. Discussion occurred in regards to what could be done to correct this problem. Due to the age of the building the electrical system has been maxed out. This is discussed every year when there is a warm fall.

Supt. Randy Cline went over three potential items to review in coming up with District Goals. Prior year goals, Focus group concerns and issues, and alignment to Montana Schools Correlates. Discussion concerning these references and how they might affect setting the 2011-2012 standards occurred. Many of last year's Goals were either reworded or combined as well as the addition of many concerns expressed by the public from the Focus groups. Supt. Randy Cline will type up the agreed upon tentative goals to be approved at the regular September board meeting.

Public comment-none.

Adjourned.

Approved October 25, 2011

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Stella Van Loh  
Chair, Board of Trustees

/s/ Cindy L. McMurray  
District Clerk