

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

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – January 10, 2023

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 6:32 p.m. for the purpose of considering business to come before the Board.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Gary Anderson, Cindy Barnes, Mickale Carter and Annelies Pedersen

OFFICIALS PRESENT: Superintendent Sheri Modderman and Clerk Peggy Martin

STAFF PRESENT: Paul Bruce and Laurie Lapan

PUBLIC PRESENT: None noted

PUBLIC COMMENT: None noted.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Daily Interlake – Article on Flathead County School Enrollment

MEETING MINUTES:

The following minutes were presented for review:

- December 13, 2022 – Regular Meeting

It was noted that the motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Gary Anderson – not Mickale Carter. Annelies Pedersen made a motion to approve the minutes with the noted correction. 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 paying the January claims. Annelies Pedersen seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion passed.

- Approval of Donation – First Interstate Bank

As the district has received a donation in the amount of \$360.00 – due to the volunteer efforts of Susan Williams – Gary Anderson made a motion to accept the donation. Mickale Carter seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion passed. As Susan volunteers her time during art class, it was decided to use the money for the purchase of art supplies.

**Information Items**

- December Statement of Expenditure
- December Payroll Report

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

**Action Items – Consideration of:**

- Out-of-District Enrollment Request

An out-of-district enrollment request has been received for a 7<sup>th</sup> grade student. Superintendent Modderman made the recommendation to accept the request. Annelies Pedersen made a motion to accept the enrollment. Gary Anderson seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion passed.

- Professional Development Plan

A professional development plan for the current year was presented for review. Trustee Mickale Carter – as a member of the professional development team – answered questions and spoke with regard to the committee meetings. The plan will be on the agenda for approval during the February board meeting.

**Information/Discussion Items:**

- Out-of-District Enrollment Plan for 2023-2024

Superintendent Modderman presented ideas regarding the out-of-district enrollment process for the upcoming year. Discussed were dates for putting registrations out, due date for returning registrations and enrollment caps.

- School Day Starting and Ending Times for 2023-2024

The next item discussed was potentially changing the starting and ending times for the school day for the 2023-2024 school year, and what that could look like if implemented.

**BOARD CHAIRWOMAN'S REPORT:**

**Action Items – Consideration of:**

- Safe Return to School and Continuity of Services Plan

After review of the plan, Annelies Pedersen made the motion to approve the plan with changes –consisting primarily of date changes. Gary Anderson seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion passed.

At this time - 8:30 p.m. - the meeting moved to closed session for the purpose of the Superintendent Evaluation. Staff members Paul Bruce and Laurie Lapan left at this time.

At 9:36 p.m. the meeting was re-opened.

- Superintendent Employment Contract

The current contract for Superintendent Modderman runs through the 2023-2024 school year. After discussion, Gary Anderson made the motion to leave the contract as is. Mickale Carter seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion passed.

**Information/Discussion Items:**

**FACILITIES UPDATE**

**Information/Discussion Item:**

- **Hillside Steps**

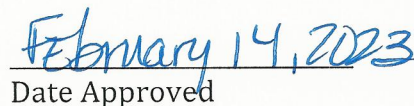
No information at this time as there have been no bids received.

**NEXT MEETING:**

The next regular meeting will be on February 14, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Mickale Carter made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:42 p.m. Gary Anderson seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion passed.

  
Chairwoman

  
Date Approved

  
District Clerk