

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

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – March 14, 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 6:39 p.m. for the purpose of considering business to come before the Board.

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

OFFICIALS PRESENT: Superintendent Sheri Modderman and Clerk Peggy Martin

STAFF PRESENT: Laurie Lapan and Danielle Rovig

PUBLIC PRESENT: Jake Messick and Michael Younger

PUBLIC COMMENT: None noted.

CORRESPONDENCE: None noted.

MEETING MINUTES:

The following minutes were presented for review:

- February 14, 2023 – Regular Meeting
- February 17, 2023 – Special Meeting

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:

- March Claims

Gary Anderson made a motion to approve paying the March claims. Annelies Pedersen seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion passed.

Information Items

- February Statement of Expenditure
- February Payroll Report
- OPI Preliminary Budget Data – Pre-Session Including HB15 Inflationary Increase

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Action Items – Consideration of:

- Substitute Teacher Approval – Delaney Modderman

Annelies Pedersen made a motion to approve Delaney Modderman as a substitute teacher. Mickale Carter seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion passed.

- Internet Service Bid

After review of internet service bids from Mountain Max/Montana Digital and Cytranet, Mickale Carter made a motion to approve the bid from Mountain Max/Montana Digital. Jeremy Grady seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion passed.

- Purchase of Lunch Tables

A bid for the purchase of four lunch tables was presented. After review, Gary Anderson made the motion to purchase the four tables. Mickale Carter seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion passed.

- Northwest Montana Curriculum Co-op Membership

After lengthy discussion on the future of the curriculum co-op, Gary Anderson made the motion to not renew membership. Mickale Carter seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion passed.

Information/Discussion Items:

- Math Curriculum

As the district is looking at purchasing new math curriculum, Superintendent Modderman shared that the math curriculum committee researched, ordered samples, and reviewed five curriculums. The staff voted on the five and rated them in order of preference from one (first choice) to five (last choice). Superintendent Modderman will share a summary and links to information with the board on the curriculums and there will be materials in the office for those who wish to view physical copies.

Superintendent Modderman then shared that the Blue Ribbon School application is due on Friday, April 7th. She presented the list of application questions to the board and asked for their input – and has also asked for staff and community input.

BOARD CHAIRWOMAN'S REPORT:

Action Items – Consideration of:

- Non-voted Levy

Mickale Carter made the motion to request the non-voted levy for maintenance purposes. Jeremy Grady seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion passed.

- Request Additional Levies

After discussion, all trustees agreed to not request additional levies at the annual school election in May.

Information/Discussion Items:

- Collective Bargaining Agreement Review

There was a second review of the Collective Bargaining Agreement in preparation for upcoming negotiations. Discussion centered primarily around section 8.4 regarding Plan of Improvement language.

- Set Collective Bargaining Committee

Chairwoman Barnes and Mickale Carter volunteered to be on the bargaining committee for board. Chairwoman Barnes then let the board know that she has received a letter from the Deer Park Education Association wishing to open up negotiations.

- End-of-Year Spending Priorities

The following were spending priorities were discussed:

Drain field to the south of the Quonset building is needing some fill.

Fire alarm system replacement.

Cement work for the hillside steps.

Reseal and repaint lower parking lot.

Create more drop-off/pick-up area in the parking lot and create bus parking for events.

Keyless entry system for the entire campus.

Address library back entry flooding issue.

Address floor damage in the elementary building.

Outside painting of annex building.

FACILITIES UPDATE

Information/Discussion Item:

- Hillside Steps

No information was presented as the district is still waiting on bids for cement work.

NEXT MEETING:

The next regular meeting will be on April 11, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: Annelies Pedersen made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:32 p.m. Jeremy Grady seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion passed.

