

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

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – June 13, 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 6:42 p.m. for the purpose of considering business to come before the Board.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Gary Anderson, Cindy Barnes, Mickale Carter and Patrick Lundie

OFFICIALS PRESENT: Superintendent Sheri Modderman and District Clerk Peggy Martin

STAFF PRESENT: LeeAnn Degele and Laurie Lapan

PUBLIC PRESENT: Brenda Powellson-Vick, Jerry Vick, Mike Younger and Rachel Younger

PUBLIC COMMENT: Rachel Younger read a letter to the Board expressing interest in continuing employment at Deer Park School for the 2023-2024 school year. Questions on hiring decisions and discussion on the budget for the 2023-2024 school year followed. Rachel then presented her application packet to Superintendent Modderman.

LeeAnn Degele then read a letter to the Board regarding the April 11, 2023 minutes and website agenda. The letter was signed by LeeAnn Degele-DPEA President, Kathy DeMarco and Laurie Lapan. The letter is attached to the June 13, 2023 minutes.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- A Conclusion Governance Letter from Denning, Downey & Associates, P.C.'s was presented for informational purposes.

CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The following minutes were presented for consideration:

- May 9, 2023 – Reorganization Meeting
- May 9, 2023 – Regular Meeting

It was noted that in the May 9, 2023 regular meeting minutes the claims should have been listed as the May Claims – not April Claims.

- June 1, 2023 – Special Meeting

Gary Anderson made a motion to approve the meeting 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:

- June Claims

Gary Anderson made a motion to approve paying the June claims. Patrick Lundie seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion passed.

Information Items

- June Statement of Expenditure (with Payroll – no Claims)
- May Payroll Report
- June Payroll Report

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Action Items – Consideration of:

- Out-of-District Enrollment

Superintendent Modderman made the recommendation to approve the out-of-district enrollment request that was submitted for a 6th grade student. After discussion, Mickale Carter made the motion to approve the request. Gary Anderson seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion passed.

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- Special Education Co-op Agreement 2022-2023
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- Curriculum Coordinator Options

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Information/Discussion Items:

- OPI Variance to Standards Application - Librarian

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BOARD CHAIRWOMAN'S REPORT:

Action Items – Consideration of:

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- Second Reading – Revised Policy
 - 3417 – accept as presented

Mickale Carter made the motion to approve policy 1700 as the third and final reading, with the noted changes, and to approve policy 3417 as the second and final reading. Gary Anderson seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion passed.

Information/Discussion Items:

- Collective Bargaining Update

All issues have been tentatively settled with the exception of salary. There will be a meeting of the negotiations committees on June 22, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.

- End-of-Year Spending Priorities

There were no new projects added to what has been discussed in previous meetings.

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FACILITIES UPDATE

Actions Items - Consideration of:

- Electrical Work - Reader Board

There was no new information to add at this time.

Information/Discussion Items:

- Lawn Mowing
- Sprinkler Maintenance

Trustee Gary Anderson let the board know that bids are still being pursued with regard to the lawn mowing and sprinkler maintenance.

NEXT MEETING:

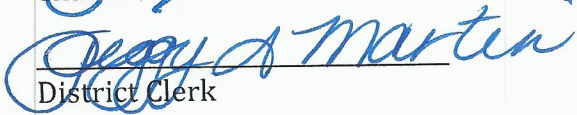
There will be a special meeting on June 27, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

There will be a regular meeting on July 11, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

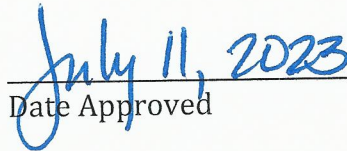
ADJOURNMENT: Gary Anderson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m. Mickale Carter seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion passed.



Chairwoman



District Clerk



Date Approved

June 12th, 2023

Attn: Cindy Barnes,
Deer Park SD Board Chair

Please read during public comment for the June 13th, 2023 school board meeting. Thank you.

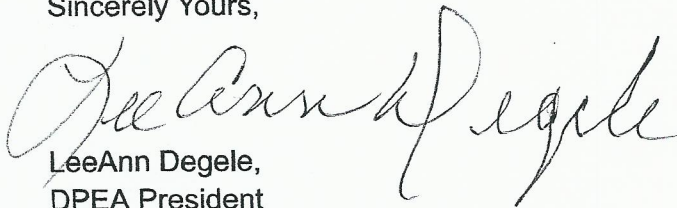
Dear Board and Administration -

It has come to my attention that an omission appears to exist in the April 2023 regular board meeting minutes. This meeting was attended by DPEA members Kathy De Marco and Laurie Lapan. Kathy and Laurie recall during the Superintendent's Report regarding classified staff contracts for 2023 -2024, Cindy Barnes explained that Tana Anderson, Samantha Marcus, and Rachel Younger's contracts would not be voted on, due to Tana and Sam's relation to a board member and Rachel's relation to a potential board member (addressing Mike Younger, who was present at the April meeting). The vote for their 2023-2024 contracts would require a meeting with public notice and all board members present. The April minutes do not reflect this clarification.

In addition, as of June 9th 2023, when visiting the Deer Park website and clicking on the link for the April 11th, 2023 regular board meeting agenda, the correct document is not posted. The link instead takes the reader to the May 9th reorganization board meeting agenda.

I am hopeful the board will be able to address these concerns.

Sincerely Yours,



LeeAnn Degele,
DPEA President

Laurie Lapan



Kathy De Marco

