

LAME DEER SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 6
ELEMENTARY/HIGH SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES
COMBINED REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY JUNE 13, 2011

The School Board of Trustees of School District No. 6 met in the district board room on Monday, June 13, 2011.

- CALL TO The meeting was called to order at 5:20 p.m. by Chair June Beartusk.
- PRESENT: June Beartusk, Suzette Cain, Rosanne Headswift, Waymon Mitchell, Vincent White Crane, Kim Knobloch and George Scalpcane
- ABSENT: Winslow White Crane – excused.
- OTHERS Bryan Kott, Lana Robinson, Frank No Runner, Sherry Foote, Frank No Runner, Morton Other Bull, Carmen Scalpcane, Judy Ross, John Bole, Maryann Demaray, Juanita Weaselbear, Ken Sattler, Maryann Farris-Sattler, Delores Shoulderblade, Vangie Hajisk, Angie Bell, Paul Waterland, Aundre Bell, Paul Burckhard, Joletta Spang, Geneva Glenmore, Ronette Seminole, Melissa Zachariasen, Dale Campbell,
- DELEG. Board Chair recognized Paul Waterland who stated he wanted to encourage the board and speak on an autistic student’s improvement during the school year. Board Chair reminded Paul that he was not allowed to mention any student names or staff names. Paul apologized and continued. He felt the transportation department was not doing their job, they need to encourage the school, the teachers and the administration. His goal is to improve communication with the transportation department and the teachers so we could have a better school. He stated there is 86 million acres of school board land by Ashland. There is a silver mine going in right now bringing in 221 million first year which is a lot of money and it’s all on school board land. Were always talking about money and not talking about a product. General motors is making a lot of money shipping more cars to China than they are selling in America. That’s progress and that’s what he’s saying we can do the same thing with our children by getting our eyes off of the money and put it on the product. The key is we got to keep our eyes on that product and give the teachers an opportunity to teach the kids. Take that all children left behind send it back for George and Laura Bush to do the testing and let us be free to teach our children education. We graduated a kid from high school last year with a diploma and he was professionally tested and could not pass 6th grade. There is something wrong with that, we’ve got to re-evaluate the whole school system. He is not being critical just saying we got to do something to bring this up. State of Montana could just send money back to Washington and say keep your money Washington were going to pay for our own education. He’s not talking about tribal school but Public School.

CONSENT AGENDA After a brief discussion regarding the elementary staff. V White Crane moved and Suzette Cain seconded to pull Donna West's name from the consent agenda. All voted in favor with the exception of Beartusk who opposed.

Knobloch moved and Cain seconded to approve the consent agenda as stated with the change of pulling Donna West's name out. All voted in favor.

BUSINESS MANAGER Board Chair recognized Carmen Scalpcane regarding the 2011-12 budget. She wanted the board aware of her concerns regarding the budgets for 2011-12. Carmen stated that she is not making recommendations to the board but will tell the board what their finances look like and they will make the final decision. She spoke on how we receive our funds yearly from the state and federal levels which are based on student attendance. The transportation funds are reimbursed based on the number of miles each student lives but we only have enough of these funds to cover the bus drivers and the rest of the expenses are supplemented by Impact Aid. Lunch fund is covered by the State which is by how many students eat lunch however this amount only covers the cooks and the food is taken out of Impact Aid. The retirement is funded by the County tax payers this includes paying the employees social security, Medicare, teachers retirement and public employees retirement. Each year the district request the funds that cover these expenses however this year the county will not be able to pay all of the retirement expenses because of protested taxes. Carmen has been employed here for 30 plus years and has never experienced the County not being able to pay us for the retirement. She is waiting on the County Superintendent of Schools regarding the exact amount owed to us for this and if they are not able to provide these funds, Impact Aid will also cover these amounts. Carmen also explained where the federal funds are set and how they are spent. Most of these said funds have regulations and can only be spent on what the regulation's state. Impact Aid funds are received based on the number of students who live on trust land. She provided a copy of the 2011-12 budget and stated the amounts of the short fall. She also spoke on the reserves and why it is so important for a school to keep a reserve which should be used for cash flow and emergency purposes only. Some prices have increased this year like the electricity and fuel. Our enrollment has gone down from last year so that will effect the Impact Aid funds we receive and Title I funds will decrease. She advise the board to look at the budget before they consider hiring anybody. She stated the board will have to make a decision to stop spending and remember the money in the district is for the education of the students enrolled.

COAL BD. Bryan Kott addressed the board with Gary Hopkins suggestion on going after the Coal Board grant to help remodeling the AR Gym restrooms and locker rooms. Discussion on why our current Federal Programs Director couldn't pursue this grant rather than paying someone else. The board declined to make a decision on this they would prefer to have our current

Federal Programs Director pursue this Coal Board grant. No Action taken on this issue.

PERSONNL Bryan Kott spoke to the board regarding rehiring of the 9 month classified staff. He suggested they take a good look at the budget before hiring these employees.

Mitchell moved and Knobloch seconded to lay off the following employees: Jolson Bearcomesout, June Littlebird, Thelma Beaverheart, Maryann Demaray, Ronnette Seminole, Kim Whiteman, Cindy Bowen, Geneva Glenmore, Billie Pemble, Mary Shoulderblade, Donovan Limberhand, Emma Harris, Sharon Limberhand, Cleone High Walking, Delores Bement, Gilbert Solis, Tanya Camacho, Keith Elkshoulder, Joletta Spang, Melvin Woodenthigh, Esther Brady, Rayette King, Kim Rogers, June Spang, Tim Whistling Elk, Max Guavera, Courtney Limberhand, Tarae Whistling Elk, Koan Kommas, Ethelene Stump, Eunice Davis, Mildred Red Cherries, Johnny Talawyma, Alice Bigknife, John Glenmore, Fran LaFrance, Georgia Runsabove, Arvelos Whitewolf, Paul Waterland, Juanita Weaselbear, Anya Fisher and Vernon Other Bull. All voted in favor.

HIRE Discussion on hiring the high school Football Coach.

Scalpcane moved and Beartusk seconded to hire Mike Morgan for Head Football Coach. All voted in favor.

Knobloch moved and Cain seconded to hire Frank No Runner for the Head HS Girls Basketball Coach. All voted in favor with the exception of Headswift who opposed.

Cain moved and Mitchell seconded to hire Pattee Bement for the Head JH Girls basketball coach. All voted in favor.

SIG REPORT John Bole addressed the board regarding this month's SIG report. He stated that Nancy Coleman will no longer be employed with SIG and BJ Granberry will also no longer be working with SIG. John has taken Nancy Coleman's place and Mandy Smoker Broadus will be taken BJ Granberry's place until the positions are filled.

AD REPORT Knobloch moved and Mitchell seconded to compensate Aundre Bell and Frank No Runner for fulfilling the Athletic Director duties in the amount of \$4,098.98 for each. All voted in favor.

Aundre Bell informed the board regarding the activity schedules which were almost completed. There are a lot of cleaning and inventory of uniforms for all sports. Also they needed to figure out which of the new Athletic Director's the district plans on sending to MHSA Coaching clinics and also enroll the coaches for a CPR training. Kott stated Anita

Small will be able to teach this class for all of the coaches and whoever else that needs it.

ELEM.PRIN. Sherry Foote was available to address the board with her monthly report. She spoke on all of the activities held during the month of May in the elementary building. She stated that behavioral referrals for the month of May had gone down from last month.

Cain asked why and how the behavioral referrals had gone down.

Sherry stated that there were a lot of extra activities scheduled during the last month of the school year. She stated it was a lot more hands on physical activities which was fun for the students and helped keep the referrals down.

Mitchell asked if it was due to parent involvement.

Sherry stated that has to do with parent involvement and accountability. Putting the behavior back on the students by making them accountable for their actions and following through by being consistent.

Cain asked Sherry in the behaviors how much of it is bullying.

Sherry stated that it is a high number of about 50-60% is bullying.

Mitchell asked how they were combating bullying.

Sherry stated by following the policies and procedures. Brining the parents in keeping them informed by what their child has done. Having more parent involvement and letting them know we will not tolerate this type of behavior.

Cain asked if there was some type of prevention in place.

Sherry stated that they could do better in that area. She attended a Discovery training last week at the school and feels that it will help combat this issue.

Mitchell asked if there was cyber bullying.

Sherry stated that is not an issue due to any cell service in this area.

Kott stated that this start away from school and then carries over. It isn't the cyber type but more like the neighboring type. He also stated that MBI and Discovery Programs will help combat this problem.

HS PRINC. Frank No Runner addressed the board regarding his report as High School Principal. He stated that they have the building laid out for next school year, they plan on having a parent room in the front office making it more welcoming for the parents. He informed the board that they had good news regarding the big improvement the students made in reading. He explained the test scores from the previous years and scores have gone up so they are making improvement. Math is where we still have to climb last year we had 36% proficient in math and this year we only have 14% proficient. This might be to starting the new curriculum in math or maybe just the test scores itself.

Knobloch asked if we knew where we were losing them.

Kott stated that he thought we were losing them in transition from 6th to 7th and then from 8th to 9th they drop down. They are working on the transition for 6th to 7th to narrow it down to help with the drop off. It is tough to narrow it down this year.

Knobloch asked if we get our new elementary can we bring the JH back to the elementary. Scalpcane stated that was a comment that has come up a lot from parents.

Kott stated we need to hire dual certified people where we can hire them at the elementary and high school.

Beartusk stated that she spoke with OPI on the test data in the fall and spring. She thought it would be good to help keep the students busy in the summer where ever in the area to help with fall test scores.

Cain asked regarding the Science scores.

No Runner stated that he really didn't look at the Science scores yet but needed to bring it up also.

Kott stated that the main focus with SIG is with reading and math. He stated science will be the next issue to focus on.

Cain stated that if they focused on science she felt it would help with all of the other subjects.

IEC Board Chair recognized Delores Shoulderblade from the IEC (Indian Education Committee). Delores informed the board of a new IEC member who was Lynwood Tall Bull. His grandchildren do attend Lame Deer School and there was a question regarding whether he would be eligible to sit on the committee without having guardianship of them. The IEC by-laws state that parent and grandparents can be on the IEC but did not say they have to be a legal guardian so he is eligible to sit on the IEC.

Delores also shared on they are having a IEC meeting on June 21 and that might be the last meeting until the fall. She welcomed anyone interested in attending.

Headswift shared that she thought the IEC is doing a good job with the language and the culture.

HOUSING Headswift moved and V White Crane seconded to allow the school to bid out furnaces from the three one bedroom apartments for sale. They do not fit in any other homes on campus. All voted in favor with the exception of Knobloch who opposed.

HOUSING Scalpcane moved and Headswift seconded to approve to bid out three vacant older trailers for surplus at the Burns Trailer court. All voted in favor.

GYM USE No action taken.

O/D STDNT. Headswift moved and V White Crane seconded to approve four students attendance agreements for BC, RS, QBCO and SBCO. All voted in favor.

BS OCCUP. THERAPY Knobloch moved and Scalpcane seconded to approve of the Big Sky Occupation Therapy/Cynthia Radue Contract with the school for the 2011-12 school year. All voted in favor.

ALTA-CARE CONTRACT Headswift moved and Cain seconded to approve the Alta-Care Contract for the 2011-12 school year. All voted in favor.

BOARD RPT Board Chair spoke on the most recent Circle of Schools meeting in Colstrip with Bob Vogel of MTSBA. He spoke on the role of the school board which was great for new board members. Marissa Spang was also available to speak on Promise Neighborhood and Richard Little Bear spoke on behalf of Chief Dull Knife College which was a very valuable workshop to attend. She stated she does have packet to make copies for anyone that would like to take a look at it.

BOARD No action taken.

SUPT.RPT. Bryan Kott address the board regarding an issue with hiring for the Elementary Construction Grant workers.

EXEC.SESS. Dale Campbell was available regarding the case by case hiring procedures of the elementary construction and asked for an executive session. Due to the individuals right to privacy exceeds the public's right to know Board Chair called for an executive session at 6:48 pm.

REOPENED Board Chair reopened the meeting at 7:29 pm. Cain moved and V. White Crane seconded to continue to follow the school policy regarding hiring procedure for the elementary construction. All voted in favor.

BURNS Kott addressed the board regarding the lease renewal for the Burns Trailer Court for the 2011-12 year. Due to the cost of the lease and only having two tenants there he wasn't sure if it was worth leasing.

Board Chair recognized Ken Sattler who stated this issue comes up every year. He does a lot of maintenance himself and knows that the rental cost per unit is low. The well has been an issue since he's been living there but since there are only a few of them staying up there the well has been working fine. If they are asked to vacate they will need time to look for a place to rent in the area. He feels that if the rent is raised that will be fine to cover the cost of the lease for the next year and asked to board to consider leasing this place for another year.

Board Chair recognized Maryann Farris-Sattler she stated she had a student enrolled here at the school and didn't want to move him right now. She is asking the board to lease this trailer park for another year for the welfare of her child.

Board Chair recognized Paul Burckhard who stated that he's been living at the trailer court for six years. He has known his neighbors for along time, the water situation has been fine and there is no crime. There is no stray dogs running around and he can leave his car unlocked without worrying about anyone stealing anything. He is willing to pay more rent for the next year if the board would consider leasing it for another year.


Scalpcane stated that these tenants should have been given warning months before this actually came up.

Beartusk stated that we need to take care of our students.

No action taken.

ADJ. Scalpcane moved and V White Crane seconded to adjourn the meeting. All voted in favor. At 8:07 pm. the meeting was adjourned.


June Beartusk, Vice Chair


Lana Robinson, District Clerk