

Regular Meeting

January 10, 2011

### **Miller School Board Minutes**

(Unapproved)

The regular meeting of the Board of Education, Miller School District #29-4 was held on Monday, January 10, 2011, in the Junior/Senior High School Library. The meeting was called to order at 7:08 p.m. by David Fremark, President of the Board. Other members in attendance were Kurt Pfeifle, Connie Schroeder, Kevin Watts, and Tim Zacher. Absent were Paul Duxbury and Ed Werdel. Also in attendance were Mike Ruth, Superintendent, Anthony Siebrecht, Jr./Sr. High School Principal, Tammy Caffee, Elementary Principal and Lisa Werdel, Business Manager.

Motion by Pfeifle, second by Zacher to approve the agenda as amended. All voting aye.

Motion by Zacher, second by Watts to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of December 13, 2010. All voting aye.

Motion by Pfeifle, second by Schroeder to approve the Cash Transactions Report for December 2010 as presented (include report). All voting aye.

Motion by Watts, second by Pfeifle to approve the claims presented and have warrants drawn for same (list bills). All voting aye.

There was no report given by Mr. Anthony Siebrecht, Jr./Sr. High School Principal.

Tammy Caffee, Elementary Principal, stated that Jacob Heezen, Annie Fulton and Eric Hasart placed 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> respectively in the local geography contest. She also informed the board that a Title I desk top review will be held on Thursday, January 13<sup>th</sup> and Benchmark testing will begin on Wednesday, January 12<sup>th</sup>.

Mike Ruth, Superintendent, stated that this is School Board Recognition Week with board members being recognized Thursday night at the basketball game with Sully Buttes. Mr. Ruth also informed the board that the sale of the 2 million in Qualified School Construction Bonds was closed on December 29<sup>th</sup>.

Discussion was held on the following: The upcoming Legislative Session and the proposed cuts in education, and the school funding lawsuit having it's final arguments in front of the Supreme Court on Tuesday, January 11<sup>th</sup>.

Motion by Watts, second by Zacher to rescind open enrollment applications FY2010-11-10, FY2010-11-11, and FY2010-11-12. All voting aye.

Motion by Pfeifle, second by Watts to approve open enrollment applications FY2010-11-13 and FY2010-11-14. All voting aye.

Motion by Zacher, second by Pfeifle to retain Rodney Freeman, Jr., for the 2011-2012 negotiation process. All voting aye.

Motion by Pfeifle, second by Zacher to approve the request of the MEA to be recognized as the official bargaining unit for the Miller School District certified staff for the purpose of the 2010-2011 negotiations. All voting aye.

Motion by Pfeifle, second by Zacher to set the annual school board election date for Tuesday, June 21, 2011. All voting aye.

Motion by Zacher, second by Pfeifle to enter into Executive Session for the express purpose of personnel issues at 7:51 p.m. All voting aye.

President Fremark declared return to regular session at 8:06 p.m.

HKG Architects presented updated drawings of the proposed elementary building, with updated costs and timeline. The Board reviewed and discussed these drawings stating the project needed to come in closer to the 5 million dollar mark. The projected timeline is a proposed starting on May 31, 2011 with a project completion of August 1, 2012.

The Board set February 4, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the theater for a public meeting to discuss the project with interested and concerned citizens of the district.

The next regular school board meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 21, 2011, at 7:00 p.m. in the junior/senior high school library.

Motion by Watts, second by Pfeifle to adjourn at 8:55 p.m. All voting aye.

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David Fremark, President

Board of Education

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Lisa Werdel,

Business Manager