

MINUTES

Jefferson High School Dist. 1  
Regular Meeting

October 20, 2009  
Jefferson High School

Board members present:

**Alan Erickson**  
**Pat Lewis**

**Diane Lorenzen**  
**Lynne Bryant**

**Kathy Jackson**

**Sabrina Steketee**

Administrators present:

Jim Whealon, Superintendent/Principal  
Lorie Carey, Clerk/Business Manager

Visitors: Luke Senechal, Rex Sonsteng, Jessie Collins, Paul Mead,

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CALL BOARD TO ORDER Mr. Erickson called the meeting to order at 7:30. The pledge was said.

MINUTES *Ms. Lorenzen moved to accept the minutes of the previous meeting. Ms. Steketee seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by the 6 present.*

CLAIMS *After clarification of claim 11762, Ms. Lorenzen moved to approve the claims and accounts. Ms. Steketee seconded the motion which passed unanimously.*

PUBLIC COMMENT No public comment

COMMUNICATIONS AND COMMENTS **Letters.** A letter from **Dave Thompson**, former employee was received. His request for a “buy-out” of his insurance was discussed. Ms. Lorenzen stated that she didn’t feel the board should negotiate with a former employee about a previous insurance plan. Ms. Jackson felt that it might be a way to save money. The clerk will research the item and report to the board at the next meeting.

A letter from **Steve Shapiro to Montana Internet** was received. This item was being addressed by Montana Internet.

A letter from **Paul Mead** was received. A discussion about foreign exchange students receiving a diploma upon graduation was discussed. Policy 3145P restricts this practice presently. The board referred it to Mr. Whealon for research.

**Student Report.** Luke Senechal gave a student report. He presented a graph of the responses to homecoming. The parade had a few floats but not as many as previous years. Attendance was also down. The decorating of the floats was less chaotic and the overall performance of students that day was positive. Overall the attitude about homecoming this year was positive. The students were not pleased with the dance. They were not allowed to “grind” and left the dance by 10:30 p.m. A discussion about appropriate dance etiquette followed. Mr. Senechal stated that most students “don’t know how to dance.” The board acknowledged that the students wanted to have fun and at the same time acknowledged the need for the board to allow activities that were considered appropriate. The board asked the student council to come back with some suggestions.

ELEMENTARY OUTREACH REPORT Item I.2. was moved to this point in the meeting. Ms. Piccolo presented the board with a brochure outlining the activities planned for the students at JHS to interact with the students at the area elementary schools. She has changed the name to “Service Learning” which focuses on the education of JHS students while reaching out to younger students as well. The board was pleased with her choice.

COMMENDATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS Ms. Jackson wished to commend Ms. Piccolo for her efforts with Service Learning.

COMMITTEE REPORTS **Negotiations/Personnel.** Committee hasn’t met since the last meeting.  
**Policy/Handbook.** Committee hasn’t met since the last meeting.  
**Budget/Investment/Insurance.** Committee hasn’t met since the last meeting.  
**Building/ Grounds /Transportation.** Ms. Lewis submitted a spreadsheet detailing the projects needing attention or those already completed. Mr. Whealon reviewed the energy audit done by Black Box. The suggestion was to purchase a solar preheater for ~\$10,000. He also suggested that the board consider purchasing natural gas from a coop. The chemical disposal is on hold pending the return call from a disposal company. The washing machine downstairs needs to be replaced.  
**Curriculum/Technology/Public Relations.** The Homecoming barbeque was a success with a nice turnout.

CLERK REPORT                    **Business Manager/Clerk Report.** Submitted in written form.

SUPERINTENDENT'S  
REPORT                         **Superintendent's Report.** Submitted in written form.  
  
                                     **AD Report.** AD report was presented in written form.  
                                     **Service Learning Report.** Given above.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS       **None.** Ms. Lorenzen had to leave at this point.

NEW BUSINESS                 **Individual Transportation Contract.** Ms. Jackson moved to approve the contract for Klepzig. Ms. Bryant seconded the motion which passed unanimously by the 5 present.  
  
                                     **Policies.** Ms. Jackson moved to accept the policies on first reading with the policy 5254 to state "not pay". Ms. Steketee seconded the motion which passed unanimously by the 5 present.  
  
                                     **Personnel. Substitute applications.** None. **Coaching Positions.** No update available.

FOLLOW-UP/TOPICS FOR  
FUTURE BOARD  
MEETINGS                      Prickly Pear Coop Interlocal Agreement  
   Retiree Insurance  
   Posters  
   Math Update  
   Goals and Planning

ADJOURNMENT                 Meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

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