

The Regular September meeting of the Cayuse Prairie School Board of Trustees was called to order at 7:00pm by Chairman, Brad Cronk.

**Roll:** Present: Brad Cronk, Bart Woods, Pam Skonord, Dan Diehl and Roberta Maness. Also present: Rick Nadeau, Heather Mumby, Debbie Kauffman, Janet Szabo, and Barb Adams

**Minutes:** Approved.

**Correspondence:** Mountain Brook Homestead Foundation Minutes. MTSBA quarterly publication

**Additions:** None.

#### ITEMS FOR REPORT

**Administrator's Report:** Open House went well, even with fewer attendees, a lot of good questions were asked and information was shared regarding the proposed gym. Test dates have been set for MAPS, CRT's, DIBELS, and NAEP. The student count, as of today, is 184. Appropriate classroom exercises will be conducted for Constitution Day and American Indian Heritage Day. Volleyball has gotten off to a good start. The new dress code has been put into affect, with only a few reminders needing to be sent home. All in all, this has been the smoothest start to the school year in the last 19 years.

**Bond Election Update:** The interest free loan that the school was granted may not be interest-free. The government has been attaching 0.07% interest onto the recent QSCB loans that have hit the market. Although we don't know for sure what or if any interest will be tacked on to our loan, the amount will still be fairly small and even with 1%, the taxpayers will save over \$800,000 over a 15 year period. The Board asked Rick Nadeau to set up two community meetings, with at least one of them being the end of September.

#### ACTION ITEMS

**September Bills:** Bart Woods moved to accept the September bills. Dan Diehl seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**2009-2010 Administrator Contract:** Roberta Maness moved to accept the contract. Pam Skonord seconded the motion. Motion was passed unanimously.

**2009-2010 Independent Contractors:** The Board asked that the contract be amended with limits being place on the number of days each contractor will be used. The Board also stressed that they would like this to be the last year for these contracts, especially the contract specifying counseling services. The Board asked Heather Mumby to make the changes and bring the new contracts to the next meeting. No action was taken.

#### ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

**Policy Handbook Updates from the Montana School Boards Association:** Policies 1400, 3130, 3300P, 4315P, and 4550 will be put under Action Items for next month. Several policies should be updated and/or eliminated in the manual. It may be a good idea to go through an entire section at a time and get the manual updated.

**New/Additional Goals/Ideas for School Improvements:** The Board asked Rick Nadeau to get ideas and suggestions from staff.

**Website:** The Board asked that John Wehrman be at the next Board meeting and give a presentation on the Cayuse Prairie Website.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None

**ADJOURN**

There being no further discussion, Pam Skonord moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:00pm. Bart Woods seconded the motion. Motion was passed unanimously.

Next regular board meeting will be October 20<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.