The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Florence-Carlton School District #15-6 was called to order by Chair, Vickie Cornish, at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 08, 2011, in the District Conference Room. Present at the meeting were Trustees Mike Greger, Pat Appleby, Dorothy Rhodes, and Mel Finlay; Superintendent John McGee; Principals Audrey Backus, Chrissy Hulla, and Dan Grabowska; District Clerk Julie Mason. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vickie Cornish.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:
The Board reviewed the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on January 11th and the Board reviewed the warrants for the month of February.

Mr. Finlay moved to accept the January 11th minutes as written. Mr. Greger seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Finlay moved to accept the February warrants as written. Mrs. Rhodes seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

MEETINGS:
1. March 8th - 7:00 pm - Regular Board Meeting / District Conference Room

PUBLIC COMMENT:
Mr. Bill Hester spoke on behalf of a group he called Montana Excellence In Education, which was comprised of nine local members. He stated their goal was to have the best possible education for students. Mr. Hester requested that the Board hold a special meeting in the next 2-3 weeks, on a Saturday, so staff, students, and community members could attend. He stated that he did not want it to be held in the regular board meeting format, but a "town meeting" format where all could hold a conversation regarding education. He requested a sound system, the ability to show pictures, and a facility that could possibly hold a thousand if necessary. Mr. Hester stated that he would like this process expedited and that would include standardized testing in the Florence-Carlton School (these test scores would be compared to others in the U.S. and internationally) of two grade levels, completed this school year. He commented that if the testing was not done this year, all would be lost. He stated that the twelfth graders would be tested and the district could pick the other grade to be tested.

CORRESPONDENCE:
None

NON-RESIDENT STUDENT APPLICATION:
A. Out of District Attendance Application/Review
The meeting was closed at 7:15 p.m.
The meeting was opened at 7:46 p.m.

Mrs. Rhodes moved to revoke W.R.’s privilege of attending school as an out of district student in the Florence-Carlton School District. Mr. Finlay seconded and the motion carried 4-1. (Mrs. Appleby opposed)

BOY SCOUT PRESENTATION:
A. Eagle Scout Presentation
Nathan Ruana, a local Boy Scout with Troop 115, presented his Eagle Scout project to the Board. He explained to the Board that he would like to put up some signage over the current rock entryway to the outdoor classroom and that it would be a memorial for Byron Weber. He also asked if the plasma cutter and other shop supplies could be used to help with this project. He provided a diagram of what he would like to do. It was stated that Mr. Jones could be contacted to see what help he could provide and the Outdoor Classroom Committee also was suggested as a source of help.
Mrs. Rhodes moved to grant permission to Nathan Ruana to complete his Eagle Scout project on school property as presented. Mr. Greger seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

PERSONNEL:

A. Certified Staff

Mr. McGee informed the Board that John Parker submitted his letter of resignation effective the end of the 2010-2011 school year.

Mrs. Appleby moved to accept John Parker’s resignation effective at the completion of this school year. Mr. Finlay seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

B. Extracurricular

1. Hire High School Football Coach

Mr. Finlay moved to hire Terry Maki as the head football coach for the 2011 season. Mrs. Appleby seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

2. Hire Assistant High School Football Coaches

Mr. Finlay moved to hire Garrett Venters, Matt Larson, and Sam Richter for the 2011 season. Mrs. Rhodes seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

3. Hire Head High School Track Coach

Mr. Finlay moved to hire Mariah Patterson as the head high school track coach for the 2011 season. Mrs. Rhodes seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

4. Hire Assistant High School Track Coaches

Mr. Finlay moved to hire Matt Larson as an assistant track coach for the 2011 season. Mrs. Appleby seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Finlay moved to hire Tyler Gilder and Bryan Neuman as assistant track coaches for the 2011 season. Mrs. Appleby seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

5. Hire Head High School Volleyball Coach

Mr. Finlay moved to hire Jeff Mahler as the head high school volleyball coach for the 2011 season. Mr. Greger seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

6. Hire Assistant High School Volleyball Coaches

Mr. Finlay moved to hire Maloni DiBrito and Jessie Santy as assistant volleyball coaches for the 2011 season. Mr. Greger seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

7. High School Cheer Advisor

Mr. McGee informed the Board that Paige Pavalone had turned in a letter of resignation effective immediately on January 7, 2011. Her assistant, Kim Henson-Stewart, had stepped up to fill in for her through the end of this school year.

Mr. Finlay moved to accept Paige Pavalone’s resignation. Mrs. Rhodes seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Finlay moved to hire Kim Henson-Stewart to fill the position of Cheer Advisor for the remainder of the 2011 school year. Mr. Greger seconded and the motion carried 5-0.
REPORTS:

A. Student Council – Cassie McCann reported on the following:
   1. Honors Lunch will be held on March 2nd at the Florence Community Church. Café Firenze will be
catering the luncheon for approximately sixty students.

B. Elementary Principal – Chrissy Hulla reported on the following:
   1. The Bullying workshop that the parent association held was very good.
   2. Fourth graders have been doing NAEP testing. These scores will be compared to others in the U.S.
and internationally.
   3. There will be a workshop held for the Special Education and Playground staff on how to handle
challenging students.
   4. There was training for the RTI team last week and the MBI team will be going to training next week.

C. High School Principal/Activities Director – Dan Grabowska reported the following:
   Activities Director:
   1. The wrestlers took first place in the Divisional tournament and there are nine of our wrestlers going to
the State Tournament in Hamilton this weekend.
   2. The boys and girls basketball teams will play in the District tournaments in Hamilton starting February
17th. The Divisional tournament will take place in Pablo the following week.
   3. Mr. Grabowska went over the schedule of games for the week and when Senior nights would be held.

   High School:
   1. The dance committee is setting new rules for the dances this year and on the 21st there will be a practice
dance held.
   2. RTI training being held, would like to implement this program next year.
   3. Working on course offerings for next school year. Would like to offer more classes so students will stay
in our school. Keri Briney and Matt Larson did a presentation on the computer/business classes they
would like to offer next year. They showed a web page on the class offerings, making it more interesting
for the students, to get them excited about the classes and what they would learn in the programs offered.
   4. Described art projects displayed in the conference room.

D. Middle School Principal – Audrey Backus reported on the following:
   1. The Geography Bee winner was Braxton McCullough
   2. RTI representative, Margaret McShane, came to help with the RTI Action Plan.
   3. Had some staff members go to a promethean board training. It was stated that it takes approximately
three years to completely learn the full range of boards.
   4. There will be more MBI training next week.
   5. Spelling Bee to be held on February 16th.
   6. Finished with NAEP testing, RISK survey and the TAGLIT survey.

E. Superintendent - John McGee reported on the following:
   1. Thanked Mr. Hurt and Mr. Heeter for presenting their information. Mrs. Appleby and Mrs. Cornish
volunteered to meet with the group and further discuss their ideas.
   2. Ravalli County asked the school to contribute $20,000 per school year for our full time School Resource
Officer. It was stated that Corvallis is currently paying $20,000 and Florence is currently paying $12,000.
The option of keeping our SRO part time for the $12,000 was also discussed.
   3. Mr. McGee informed the Board that the when the new boiler goes down, the old boiler should be acting
as a back-up and the old boiler is not doing that as it should. The District has just spent approximately
six thousand dollars trying to fix the problem and so far it is working. The cost of a new switch is approximately
two thousand dollars.
   4. There was an ambulance called to the school for a student who had passed out. This student ended
up being ok.
   5. There was an audit done on the Food Service Program and it was reported that the District has a great
program. They were impressed on how well things were done in a very small space. It was also stated
that on the paperwork side, Free & Reduced Applications and Claims for Meal Reimbursements were all in
order.
6. Mr. McGee informed the Board that in regards to the Title IX complaint, the coaches had been called in and in sworn affidavits answered questions from the attorney. All coaches stated that they had been treated fairly and questioned why these issues had been brought up as none of them had any complaints. Mr. McGee spoke about the boys and girls basketball teams travel schedules if they go to the Divisional Tournament in Pablo.

7. CTA would like to do a facility presentation for the Board. It was discussed that February 22 might be a good time to hold a meeting for that presentation.

8. It was stated that the Board would be having another meeting sometime to finalize the issues regarding the classified unit.

9. The Board was informed that the Calendar Committee would be meeting and there would probably be a calendar presented at the next regular board meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. New Stop Signs Discussion
Mr. McGee reported that he met with David Ohnstad, the Ravalli County Road Supervisor, a Ravalli County Sheriff, and the area site supervisor for the Montana Highway patrol to discuss the intersection of Old Hwy 93 and Long Avenue. Mr. Ohnstad stated that we have some rate of speed issues and traffic congestion issues in this area and offered the assistance of his office to look at further ways to address this intersection. It was stated that they did not believe that enforcement was an issue and that a stop sign probably wouldn’t help the issues and the possibility of a stop sign actually making it worse. Flashing light signs and/or graduated speeds on each side were discussed as possible ways to help. It was also stated that it might be beneficial for us to wait and see how the new crosswalk design will affect some of the districts concerns.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Transportation Contract
Mr. McGee first informed the Board that there had been a mistake on the Transportation Committee. Mrs. Appleby and Mr. Finlay were the new members on this committee, but the members from the previous year had been meeting on this current proposal. So he informed the Board that they could ok this proposal or have the new committee members review the proposal and make a recommendation. Mrs. Appleby said she was perfectly happy to defer the recommendation to the members who met on the proposal. Mr. Mike Krout explained the changes in the contract and routes. He explained that he could consolidate four of the routes into two routes using larger capacity busses. This would also increase the State reimbursement to the District. It was also stated that in comparison with Victor and Bonner schools this falls in line with their contracts.

Mrs. Rhodes moved to accept the proposed transportation contract as presented on first reading. Mrs. Appleby seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

B. Notice of Reduction Of Force
Mr. McGee informed the Board that when school districts are faced with difficult budget year’s school Boards may need to consider reducing the number of staff that is employed in order to balance the budget. He noted that while he not recommending a reduction in force at this time, he advised the Board to notice both unions that the District has a budget issue that may require the Board to implement a reduction in force for staff in the following school year.

Mrs. Rhodes moved to notice both the Classified and Certified Unions of the possible need to implement a RIF for the 2011-2010 school year. Mr. Finlay seconded and the motion passed 5-0.

C. February Enrollment
The total enrollment was 823 compared to 837 in the fall. This is a decrease of 14 students from the fall count.

POLICY:

A. Uniform Grievance Procedure
B. Student Publications
C. Distribution and Posting of Materials
D. Student Dress
E. Sexual Harassment/Intimidation of Students
F. Bullying/Harassment/Intimidation/Hazing
G. Search and Seizure
H. Student Use of Building: Equal Access
I. Corrective Actions and Punishment
J. Student Discipline

Mr. McGee had asked the Board to review each of these policies before the meeting and bring any questions or changes to the table at the meeting. Each of the previous Policies were discussed by the Board and found to be satisfactory.

K. 3145 – Foreign Exchange Students-First Reading
The one policy that needed some updated wording was Policy #3145 – Foreign Exchange Students. It was suggested that at the end of the second paragraph wording be added to update our policy because our district can now accept F-1 visa holders under certain circumstances. The language proposed to be added at the end of the second paragraph was as follows: “unless they have applied for a SEVIS application through the school that is accepted by the Department of Immigration and Naturalization.” It was recommended that this language be approved as a first reading.

Mrs. Rhodes moved that the following language be added to Policy #3145, at the end of the second paragraph: “unless they have applied for a SEVIS application through the school that is accepted by the Department of Immigration and Naturalization.” as a first reading. Mrs. Appleby seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

At 9:46 p.m., the Board Meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST: ________________________________  CHAIR: ________________________________
Julie Mason                           Vickie Cornish
District Clerk                        Chair