The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Florence-Carlton School District #15-6 was called to order by Chairman, Vickie Cornish, at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 11, 2011, in the District Conference Room. Present at the meeting were Trustees Mike Greger, Dorothy Rhodes, Pat Appleby and Mel Finlay; Superintendent John McGee; Principals Dan Grabowska, Audrey Backus, and Chrissy Hulla; 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 December 8th and the Special Meeting held on December 15th and the warrants for the month of January.

Mr. Finlay moved to accept the minutes of December 14th. Mr. Greger seconded and the motion carried 4-0. (Mrs. Rhodes was not present during this vote)

Mr. Greger moved to accept the warrants for the month January as written. Mrs. Rhodes seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:
Mr. Bill Hester asked how long someone has to speak during the "Public Comment" section. It was stated that a reasonable amount of time, approximately five minutes depending on the circumstances.

CORRESPONDENCE:
None

STUDENT ISSUES:
A. Out of District Attendance Application
The meeting was closed at 7:10 p.m.
The meeting was opened at 7:29 p.m.

Mr. Finlay move to accept R.B., with conditions, into the school district. Mrs. Appleby seconded and the motion passed 5-0.

PERSONNEL:
A. Adult Education Coordinator
Mr. McGee informed the Board that in the past the district has hired Christa Burns as the Adult Education Coordinator. Mrs. Burns has done a nice job in this capacity. Mr. McGee stated that she would be resigning from the position as of June 30, 2011. It was also stated that this position needed to be aligned to the school year (September – June of each year). Mr. McGee recommended that she be hired again in this capacity for the remainder of the 2010-2011 school year at a salary of $200 per month not to exceed $2000 per school year.

Mrs. Rhodes moved to hire Christa Burns as the Adult Education Coordinator for the remainder of the 2010-2011 school year at a salary of $200 per month not to exceed $2000 per school year. Mr. Finlay seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

B. Extracurricular Staff
1. Middle School Volleyball Coaches
Mr. McGee reported that the district had four coaches to hire for middle school volleyball. Maloni Dibrito, Nancy Stock, Meaghan Houlihan, and Jeff Mahler had each agreed to coach.

Mr. Greger moved to hire Maloni DiBrito as a middle school volleyball coach for 2011 at $1731. Mrs. Rhodes seconded and the motion carried 5-0.
Mr. Greger moved to hire Nancy Stock as a middle school volleyball coach for 2011 at $1731. Mrs. Appleby seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Greger moved to hire Meaghan Houlihan as a middle school volleyball coach for 2011 at $1431. Mrs. Rhodes seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Greger moved to hire Jeff Mahler as a middle school volleyball coach for 2011 at $1531. Mrs. Rhodes seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

2. Middle School Track Coaches
Mr. McGee reported that the District had four coaches to hire for middle school track. Ed Combo, Lisa Brager, Amy Hirschbach, and Nancy Stock had each agreed to coach.

Mrs. Rhodes moved to hire Ed Combo as a middle school track coach for 2011 at $1731. Mr. Finlay seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

Mrs. Rhodes moved to hire Lisa Brager as a middle school track coach for 2011 at $1531. Mr. Finlay seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

Mrs. Rhodes moved to hire Amy Hirschbach as a middle school track coach for 2011 at $1431. Mr. Finlay seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

Mrs. Rhodes moved to hire Nancy Stock as a middle school track coach for 2011 at $1631. Mr. Finlay seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

REPORTS:
A. Student Council President – Kendall Cotton reported on the following:
1. The shopping spree for the elementary students, the food drive, and the movie day all went well.
2. Planning for honor luncheon to be held for students doing well academically.
3. Continuing the courtyard restoration project.

B. Elementary Principal – Chrissy Hulla reported:
1. Explained the art that was displayed by the fifth graders in the Conference Room.
2. RTI (Response To Intervention) workshop being held next week for staff.
3. MBI training also coming up, it will be a “teach to” unit.
4. There was an article in the Ravalli Republic about Mr. Parker and his class annual building of the birdhouses.
5. Three new promethean boards purchased for the elementary school.
6. The Parent organization continues with the “Ask An Expert” series. The next subject will be Bullying.
7. They have started MAPS testing with the second, third, and fifth graders.
8. There is a new sign for the Elementary building. The last of the PACT money was used for that.

C. High School Principal/Activities Director – Dan Grabowska reported the following:
Sam Baerlocher reported on the following:
1. State softball tournament will be held in Glasgow.
2. Informed the Board that there has been discussion on not holding a District Tournament for basketball and go right to Divisionals. There has also been discussion on whether or not to keep boys and girls in the same facility for tournament.
3. The final football schedule is done for next school year.
4. Informed the Board of the activity schedules for the next couple of weeks.
5. Spoke about how the bus scheduling is done.

Dan Grabowska:
1. In the exploratory stage with RTI. The staff is going to some of the meetings to see what it is about.
2. Continue to work on MBI
3. There is a financial aid meeting being held tonight.
4. Mr. Grabowska hosted a meeting as Regional Director online through the “Meeting OnThe Go” program.
5. BPA created a uniform design for all of the past classes Senior Pictures that are located across from the high school office. It looks very good.

D. Middle School Principal – Audrey Backus reported on the following:
1. MAPS testing is going on with more over the next two months.
2. Geography Bee will be held tomorrow.
3. Parent/Teacher conferences to be held at the end of the month.
4. The middle school is also exploring the idea of the RTI training.

E. Superintendent - John McGee reported on the following:
1. Over the next couple of months the company that hosts our website will be making changes/updates to our website, at no cost to the district.
2. MUST insurance had issued a new letter stating that the new assessment fee would be approximately $15,000. MUST informed the district that they would like another chance to bid for our health insurance and if the district decided to go back to MUST for health insurance coverage, the assessment fee would be built into our premium.
3. Title IX Complaint update – Mr. McGee reported that the remedies for the complaint were submitted in October. There were some more explanations needed regarding use of facilities/fields between teams and Mr. McGee explained to them that all sports/activities share all facilities/fields when available. The corrections will need to be complete by August 2011. Mr. McGee spoke about some the agreement conditions regarding travel being discussed, such as, if teams have less than two hours of travel they cannot spend the night. There was some discussion on different ways travel arrangements could be handled and it was stated that they were still working on some aspects of the travel guidelines.

OLD BUSINESS:
A. CTEP Safe Routes To Schools
Mr. McGee reported that in regards to the counties CTEP project some of the land owners were questioning the right of way. The county has resolved all of the issues associated with this project and there is a possibility of a February or early March bid release date. He also stated that maybe there would be a June start-up date.

B. New Stop Signs Discussion
Mr. McGee stated that the county road supervisor, Dave Ohnstad, had data regarding the traffic count surrounding the intersection (Old Hwy 93 and Long Avenue) and they met to discuss some of the concerns that arose from the data. Mr. Ohnstad’s concerns started with the fact that the average speed at this intersection was 37 MPH, this was all hours of the day, not just school hours. There was concern about the amount of congestion that would be at the crosswalk in front of the high school if there were stop signs at the intersection and there was also concern regarding the “stop and go” traffic that a stop sign would cause. There was some discussion on these concerns and the idea of a Speed Gun Sign was also discussed. Mr. McGee stated that he hoped the Board would see a final report on this from Mr. Ohnstad’s office by February.

NEW BUSINESS:
A. 2010-2011 Drivers Education Fee
Mr. McGee stated that he felt the Drivers Education fund was viable and Mr. McGee recommended that the drivers education fee be kept the same as it was last year at $255 per student.

Mrs. Rhodes moved to approve setting the cost of Drivers Education at $255 per student for the 2010-2011 school year. Mr. Greger seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

POLICY REVIEW: 3000 SERIES – STUDENTS
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. 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 is as follows: “unless they have applied for a SEVIS application through the school that is accepted by the Department of Immigration and Naturalization.” Mr. McGee will bring this policy back as a first reading next regular board meeting.

There was a five minute break at 8:44 p.m.

SUPERINTENDENT

A. Superintendent’s Evaluation

The meeting was closed at 8:50 p.m.

The meeting was opened at 10:00 p.m.

At 10:00 p.m. the Board Meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST: ___________________________  CHAIR: ___________________________

Julie Mason  Vickie Cornish
District Clerk  Chair