

**ROBEIN SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 85**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**  
**Tuesday, November 21, 2023**  
**MINUTES**

**1. CALL TO ORDER-** Mr. Norvill called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**3. ROLL CALL**

Members Present: Behrends, Bieze, Foote, Norvill, Osborn (left the meeting at 6:15 p.m.), Walker

Members Absent: Barclay

**4. CITIZENS REQUEST/PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

A. John Heal, Morton Community Bank

Mr. Heal presented investment options for the district.

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A. Approve Minutes of the October 19, 2023, Regular Board Meeting

Motion by Behrends, seconded by Bieze to approve the minutes of the October 19, 2023, Regular Board Meeting. All ayes, motion carried 6-0.

B. Approve Minutes of the October 19, 2023 Executive Session

Motion by Bieze, seconded by Behrends to approve the Executive Session minutes of the October 19, 2023, Regular Board Meeting. All ayes, motion carried 6-0.

**6. CONSENT AGENDA**

A. Treasurer's Report

B. Financial Reports

1.) Balance Report

2.) Financial Report

3.) Imprest Fund

C. Activity Fund

D. Approval of Warrants

Motion by Osborn, seconded by Bieze to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. On roll call vote, the following votes were recorded:

AYES: Behrends, Bieze, Foote, Norvill, Osborn, Walker

NAYS: None

Absent: Barclay

Motion carried 6-0.

**7. SUPERINTENDENT/PRINCIPAL REPORT** – Mr. Bennett reported on the Thanksgiving Feast and Thanksgiving Break.

**8. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- A. Building Committee – Mr. Bennett reported on the November 9<sup>th</sup> building meeting regarding the gym roof.
- B. Policy Committee – Press Policy Issue 113- Mr. Bennett reported that he will schedule a meeting with Mr. Foote to go through this issue.

## **9. OLD BUSINESS & INFORMATIONAL**

- A. Board Conference (Board Members shared their conference experiences)

## **10. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Authorize the Superintendent to direct the bookkeeper to process and pay any routine late bills

Motion by Behrends, seconded by Bieze to authorize the Superintendent to direct the bookkeeper to process and pay any routine late bills. All ayes, motion carried 6-0.

- B. Presentation and Adoption of Tentative 2023 Tax Levy

Motion by Osborn, seconded by Walker to adopt the Tentative 2023 Tax Levy as presented.

On roll call vote, the following votes were recorded:

AYES: Behrends, Bieze, Foote, Norvill, Osborn, Walker

NAYS: None

Absent: Barclay

Motion carried 6-0.

- C. Presentation and Discussion/Motion Regarding Therapy Dog

Motion by Bieze, seconded by Walker to approve the Therapy Dog proposal.

On roll call vote, the following votes were recorded:

AYES: Behrends, Bieze, Foote, Norvill, Osborn, Walker

NAYS: None

Absent: Barclay

Motion carried 6-0.

- D. Approve Submission of FY24 \$50,000 Matching School Maintenance Project Grant

Motion by Foote, seconded by Behrends to approve the submission or the FY24 SMPG.

On roll call vote, the following votes were recorded:

AYES: Behrends, Bieze, Foote, Norvill, Osborn, Walker

NAYS: None

Absent: Barclay

Motion carried 6-0.

- E. First Reading of 2024 School Board Regular Meeting Dates and Times

## **11. OTHER BUSINESS**

Motion by Foote, seconded by Bieze, to exit open session and enter executive session at 6:17 p.m. All ayes, motion carried 5-0 (Osborn left the meeting at 6:15 p.m.)

## **12. EXECUTIVE SESSION – Personnel, District Investments**

Motion by Behrends, seconded by Bieze to resume open session at 6:57 p.m. All ayes, motion carried 5-0.

### **13. ACTIONS AS A RESULT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION**

#### **A. Motion/Discussion regarding Investments**

Motion by Bieze, seconded by Walker to authorize Mr. Bennett to invest \$800,000 in Certificates of Deposit through Morton Community Bank. On roll call, vote the following votes were recorded:

AYES: Behrends, Bieze, Foote, Norvill, Walker

NAYS: None

Absent: Barclay

Motion carried 5-0.

#### **B. Motion/Discussion regarding Employee Dismissal**

Motion by Foote, seconded by Behrends to terminate the employment of Cheryl Davis as 2<sup>nd</sup> Shift Custodian. On roll call vote the following votes were recorded:

AYES: Behrends, Bieze, Foote, Norvill, Walker

NAYS: None

Absent: Barclay

Motion carried 5-0.

### **14. ADJOURN – Next Meeting on Thursday, December 21, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.**

Motion by Bieze, seconded by Behrends to adjourn the meeting at 6:59 p.m. All ayes, motion carried 5-0.

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Steve Norvill, President  
Bill Osborn, Vice-President

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Nathaniel Foote, Secretary