

Ovando School
Powell County School District #11
Ovando MT 59854

The Ovando School Board held a regular school board meeting on March 10, 2014 at the Ovando School. Members present were Ty Smith, Elaine Caton, Laura Williams, Dona Aitken, Jim Stone-Board Chair and Dena Hooker- district clerk.

Guests present: Price Williams, Brandon Styles, Leigh Ann Valiton, Maxine Taylor and Gary Aitken.

Teachers Report: Brandon reported that the Get Fit program is going well but they had to stop skiing due to the rain. His class will have some upcoming presentations in safety. Leigh Ann reported that there will be a Puppeteer coming on March 24th, 2014. Andrea Morgan contacted Leigh Ann about Zia, she is participating in a podcast program and they would like to come to the school and interview the students. The Board did not have a problem with that and Leigh Ann will send out permission slips to the parents. Leigh Ann and the 8th graders attended the EEE luncheon; the school received a Google tablet and an iPad docking station. The CRT tests are being replaced with the Smarter Balance tests, but the science portion of the test was not ready to do online so they will take that portion of the test on March 18, 2014. Then the students will take a practice Smarter Balance test on the 19th & 20th. Leigh Ann wanted to offer the test to all the parents and board members to take as well, so Leigh Ann will try and get that put together, it would be good for everyone know what the students will have to do. The real test will be in April. Parent/teacher conferences will be the week of the March 26th – 28th. The students will attend school on the 28th of March and take the 3rd of April off. Brandon & Leigh Ann will attend an Energy Workshop put on by Phillips 66 on April 17th. There will be a Town Meeting March 20th in the gym at 5pm.

Old Business: Elaine made a motion to increase the teachers pay by \$200 a month to help pay for health insurance starting next month, Ty seconded that motion, motion carried. Dona made a motion to adopt the policies in the 3000's to the 8000's, Ty seconded that motion, motion carried.

New Business: Ty made a motion to deposit the \$35.00 dollars of donations into the Arts Enhancement fund, Laura seconded that motion, motion carried. The board agreed with Elaine's idea of opening up an Ovando Teachers fund and start raising funds to increase the wages for our teachers. Elaine is working with Sandra Roe to get this started.

Ty made a motion to pay the district bills, Laura seconded that motion, motion carried. There is a QuickBooks transaction report attached to the minutes.

Elaine made the motion to adjourn the meeting, Dona seconded that motion, motion carried. Next meeting will be April 14th, 2014