The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Florence-Carlton School District #15-6 was called to order by Chair, Pat Appleby, at 7:02 p.m. on Tuesday, February 12, 2013, in the District Conference Room. Present at the meeting were Trustees Mike Greger, Vickie Cornish, Dorothy Rhodes, and Mel Finlay; Superintendent John McGee; Principals Audrey Backus and Chrissy Hulla; District Clerk Jeannie Morgan. Mr. Grabowska was not present. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Pat Appleby. The meeting was then moved to the High School Library due to the large number of people attending. The meeting resumed at 7:10 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:**
The Board reviewed the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on January 7th and the Special Meeting held on January 23rd. The Board also reviewed the warrants for the month of February.

*Mr. Finlay moved to accept the January 7th minutes as written. Mr. Greger seconded and the motion carried 5-0.*

*Mr. Finlay moved to accept the January 23rd minutes as written. Mr. Greger seconded and the motion carried 5-0.*

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

**MEETINGS:**
1. March 12th - 7:00 pm - Regular Board Meeting / District Conference Room

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**
There were four individuals from the community that spoke on their views of the plagiarism issue.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**
None.

**OUT OF STATE TRAVEL:**
A. High School Choir

*Mrs. Cornish moved to approve Mrs. Hackethorn’s request to travel to Seattle and Olympia, Washington on May 31st – June 5th, 2013. Mr. Finlay seconded and motion carried 5-0.*

**PERSONNEL:**
A. Certified Staff
   1. Title I Teacher

*Mrs. Cornish moved to approve the hiring of Lora Austin as a full time teacher for the remainder of the 2012-2013 school year. Mr. Finlay seconded and the motion carried 5-0.*

B. Extra-Curricular Staff
   1. Assistant Track and Field Coach

*Mr. Finlay moved to accept Matt Larson’s resignation effective immediately. Mr. Greger seconded and the motion carried 5-0.*

C. Classified Staff
   1. Leave of Absence

*Mr. Finlay moved to approve a one year leave of absence for Becky Ellis. Mrs. Rhodes seconded and the motion carried 5-0.*
REPORTS:
A. Student Council President reported on the following:
1. An honors luncheon will be held at the Florence Community Church to recognize students that have done well academically.
2. Currently in the process of planning spring activities.
3. Plans to work on the outdoor classroom.

B. Middle School Principal – Audrey Backus reported the following:
1. A concert performance by the third graders this week.
2. A field trip for the sixth grades to Lolo Pass is coming up.
3. A middle school dance is scheduled along with two elementary school dances: “Me and My Main Man” and “Me and My Leading Lady”.
4. The National Guard is coming in for PE with their obstacle course.
5. February 15th is a Professional Development Day. Topics include ADHD, mental health issues with our students in the schools and reviewing de-escalation techniques.
6. CRT prep is going on in the classrooms. Will take place the second week in March.
7. MBI training yesterday and today.
8. Attended meetings in Helena: focused on the “Smarter Balance” test which will replace the CRT test.

C. High School Principal/AD – Audrey Backus reported the following for Dan Grabowska:
1. The MBI team recently completed the “My Voice” survey for the second time regarding school climate and is analyzing the data.
2. Busy time of the year.
3. Last week was state wrestling tournaments.
4. This week is basketball district tournaments.
5. Next week is divisional basketball tournaments.
6. State basketball tournaments are in Butte March 7-9th.
7. Track begins March 18th.
8. Prom is March 16th.
9. CRT tests are scheduled for the 10th grade second week of March

D. Elementary School Principal – Chrissy Hulla reported on the following:
1. The Parent-Teacher group received a thank you and gift from the armed forces in the UK for “Trick or Treat for the Troops” held earlier. Boxes containing candy, letters, and pictures were sent out to the Armed Forces.
2. A recognition assembly was held recently. Students are acknowledged for demonstrating the attributes of “SOAR”.
3. Pictures were shown of the Little Tykes computer which was donated by the Greater Ravalli Foundation. The computer is geared for ages 3-7 and the kids love it.
4. Teachers attended the MBI training the last two days.
5. The RTI team is scheduled for an upcoming training.
6. The aluminum recycling program is still in progress.
7. The Box Tops program has collected 8500 box tops so far this year. Each box top brings in 10 cents. Twenty-three I-Pads have been purchased with plans for four more for a mobile lab.

E. Superintendent - John McGee reported on the following:
1. Currently addressing a septic system problem. An engineering firm, DJ & A, has been hired to assess the issue. The school has contacted the Ravalli County Environmental Health Department so they know the action being taken and can act as over-sight.
2. The office is working on a civil rights compliance report which is done annually. It is used to assess possible discrimination.
3. The annual audit is in progress.
4. In process of reviewing the school’s math and science programs.
NEW BUSINESS:
A. February Enrollment Count
Mr. McGee informed the Board that the total enrollment for the spring count is 822 students compared to the fall count of 826.

B. School Resource Officer Program
Mr. McGee explained the need for a school resource officer. He said that Sheriff Hoffman would like to discuss the program with our school. He related that at a valley superintendent meeting he recently attended, the funding for school resource officers was discussed which resulted in a plan to have the sheriff’s office fund it through a special public safety levy.

Mrs. Cornish moved to petition the Ravalli County commissioners to create a public safety levy to place one school resource officer in each school district in Ravalli County. Mrs. Rhodes seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

OLD BUSINESS:
A. School Board Policy Update
Mr. McGee gave an update on the next sequence of events regarding the upcoming committee meeting of the school board policy revisions.

B. Budget and Finance Committee Meetings
Mr. McGee discussed how the budget and finance committee is represented and that preliminary budget numbers for the 2013-2014 school year are currently being put together. A tentative date for the first meeting is Monday, February 18, 2013.

At 8:13 p.m., the Board Meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:__________________________________  CHAIR:________________________________
  Jeannie Morgan                           Pat Appleby
  District Clerk                           Chair