

THE REGULAR MEETING of the BOARD OF TRUSTEES of Bigfork Elementary School and Bigfork High School, District No 38, Flathead and Lake Counties, was called to order by Chairperson Sandry on March 7, 2023, at 5:03 pm in the high school library.

Trustees in attendance: Julie Kreiman, Zack Anderson, Dan Elwell, Paul Sandry, Christina Relyea & Ben Woods

Trustees absent: Carol Field

Also in attendance were Superintendent Tom Stack, Business Manager Lacey Porrovecchio, Principals Mark Hansen, Brenda Clarke and Charlie Appleby, Activities Director/Special Education Director Matt Porrovecchio, staff members and community members.

Pledge of Allegiance

There were no comments on non-agenda items.

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Trustee Elwell, seconded by Trustee Relyea, and approved by unanimous vote of the elementary and high school trustees.

A motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Trustee Kreiman, seconded by Trustee Anderson, and approved by unanimous vote of the elementary and high school trustees.

- Consideration of Board Meeting Minutes for February 8, 2023
- Consideration of All Bill Approval Lists
- Consideration of Student Activity Report for January, 2023
- Consideration of Out of District Students
- Consideration of Surplus Property Disposal – Transportation Bus
- Consideration of Personnel – *Any offer of employment is contingent upon receipt of satisfactory criminal history background check and for some positions receipt of satisfactory pre-employment screening.*
 1. Classified Resignations for Consideration
 - a. Leslie Stodghil, Paraprofessional, effective June 9, 2023
 - b. Kathy Standley, Paraprofessional, effective June 9, 2023
 - c. Lori Parker, Paraprofessional, effective immediately
 - d. Tim Stach, Custodian, effective June 14, 2023
 2. Certified Resignation for Consideration
 - a. Kristin Vick, Kindergarten Teacher, effective June 9, 2023
 3. Substitute Personnel Recommended for Consideration
 - a. David Boswell, Substitute Custodian & Food Service Department
 - b. Rachel Hardegree, K-12 Substitute Teacher
 4. Extra-Curricular Volunteers Recommended for Consideration
 - a. Ryan Nollan, High School Track
 - b. Jackie Mee, High School Golf

REPORTS & PRESENTATIONS

High School Cave Club – Students Ariana Sydnor, Hazel Lowell, Ellie Peterson, Madeline Pomeroy, Nora Kehoe, Cody Rutske, Bradley Wood and Stella Kehoe and Mr. Bodenhamer gave a presentation on their work in wilderness caves. They showed photos and talked about working with the Forest Service. Their goal is to preserve caves for the future. Discussion followed.

Trustee Woods arrived at 5:11

2023-24 Preliminary Budgets – Mrs. Porrovecchio went over the preliminary budgets of the budgeted funds for the elementary and high school districts. Both general funds show increases due to increased enrollment and 2.7% inflationary increase from the Legislature. The biggest change from the prior year is the elementary Debt Service Fund. The bond will be paid off this year.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Elementary Permissive Levies Resolution – Mrs. Porrovecchio explained the changes in the levies on the resolution come from the preliminary budgets and could change when budgets are adopted in August.

A motion to approve the elementary permissive levies resolution was made by Trustee Kreiman, seconded by Trustee Relyea, and approved with unanimous votes of the elementary trustees.

- B. High School Permissive Levies Resolution – Mrs. Porrovecchio explained the changes in the levies on the resolution come from the preliminary budgets and could change when the budgets are adopted in August.

A motion to approve the high school permissive levies resolution was made by Trustee Elwell, seconded by Trustee Woods, and approved with unanimous votes of the elementary and high school trustees.

- C. Elementary General Fund Levy Resolution – Mrs. Porrovecchio explained the board would need to make a decision regarding running a general fund levy by the end of March. The board could set the levy amount up to \$88,078.56. It would cost \$3.40 per \$100,000 taxable value and \$6.80 per \$200,000 taxable value.
- D. High School General Fund Levy Resolution – Mrs. Porrovecchio told trustees they could run a high school general fund levy up to \$75,521.31. It would cost \$2.31 per \$100,000 taxable value and \$4.62 per taxable value.

Board discussion ensued. Trustees discussed whether levies were needed at this time and running levies for salaries and to fund unfunded athletics.

A motion to run the general fund levies for the full amount was made by Trustee Anderson.

A motion to run the general fund levies to use for salaries was made by Trustee Relyea.

There was not a second for either motion. Chairperson Sandry declared the motions failed.

- E. Field Trip Request – Close Up Trip to Washington, DC – Mrs. Bonner told trustees she has been facilitating the DC trip since 2011. It is open to 7th and 8th graders every other year. She is proposing to go in April, 2024.

A motion to approve the 2024 Close Up trip to Washington, DC was made by Trustee Relyea, seconded by Trustee Woods, and approved with unanimous votes of the elementary trustees.

- F. Transportation Bus Purchase Request – Superintendent Stack told the board there was a bus accident earlier in the school year. After going back and forth with the insurance company, they totaled the 2015 bus and the district will receive a check for \$42,749. Mr. Walker found two 2014 Bluebirds with similar mileage for \$46,000. Harlow's can purchase the buses from the dealer at a better price and sell to the district. Trustee Anderson asked why the older buses would cost more than the district bus. Mr. Walker explained they are conventional, not flat nosed, and the wheelchairs go in the front of the bus instead of the back.

A motion to approve the bus purchase as presented was made by Trustee Anderson, seconded by Trustee Elwell, and approved with unanimous votes of the elementary and high school trustees.

- G. Sewer Line Maintenance – Superintendent Stack asked trustees to approve the preventative maintenance as presented at last month's meeting. Trustee Kreiman asked where it will be paid from. Superintendent Stack said the general funds or building reserve fund. Trustee Relyea asked about the date on the quote. Superintendent Stack told her he thought the quote was still valid but will confirm.

A motion to approve the sewer line maintenance as presented was made by Trustee Kreiman, seconded by Trustee Anderson, and approved with unanimous votes of the elementary and high school trustees.

- H. 2023-24 School Year Calendar – Superintendent Stack said he worked on calendar options with union leaders and the admin team. Of the three options, he recommended calendar A. Calendar A starts in August with a 3-day school week. Board discussion followed.

A motion to approve Calendar A was made by Trustee Anderson, seconded by Trustee Relyea, and approved with affirmative votes from Trustees Elwell, Kreiman, Anderson, Sandry and Relyea. Trustee Woods opposed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no committee reports.

PRINCIPALS' REPORTS

Mr. Hansen commended the Cave Club on their presentation. He talked about Journalism class going to Missoula, the Job Fair and ACTs.

Mrs. Clarke talked about students raising money for the library and Battle of the Books in Missoula. Mrs. Morley talked about the Fun Run planned for May 31.

Mr. Appleby reported on WIN time, Student Advisory meetings, middle school band, girls basketball and track. He told trustees the district has used the new emergency app, E3, a couple times with success.

Mr. Porrovecchio talked about winter sports winding down and spring sports starting. He also talked about the special education staff and how hard it will be to lose 3 special education paras.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Mr. Stack gave an update on the hail damage to the roof. He is working with the insurance adjustor, looking over the two bids the district received. He told them the district has been approved to use ESSER funds to replace the boilers and elevator. There will be RFPs posted soon. He thanked Mr. McGill for his work getting quotes. Lastly, he talked to the board about having NARCAN on campus. He compared it to Epi pens and AEDs. He told them the district insurance carrier is ok with having NARCAN on campus and MCA 20-5-406 removes liability from the district. Nurse Knopik will train staff. He will have NARCAN on the April agenda for the board to vote on.

Trustee Elwell asked that the Finance Committee meet now that general fund budgets are set. Negotiations can start after the Finance Committee meets.

Board Chair Sandry adjourned the meeting at 6:17 pm.

Closed session started at 6:18 pm.

Closed session ended at 7:02 pm.

FUTURE MEETING SCHEULE

All School Board meetings are held at 5 pm in the high school library, unless otherwise noted.

- o Wednesday, April 12, 2023
- o Wednesday, May 10, 2023

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

MARCH 7, 2023

A motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Woods, seconded by Trustee Elwell, and approved by unanimous vote of the elementary and high school trustees.

Adjourned: 7:02 pm

District Clerk

Chairperson