

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 October 11, 2023, at 4:59 pm in the high school library.

Trustees in attendance: Carol Field, Deb Johnson, Paul Sandry, Zack Anderson, Julie Kreiman and Dan Elwell

Trustees absent: Ben Woods

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

Comments on non-agenda items:

Leslie Svetich asked trustees to consider adding AP or IB classes at the high school. She also said some classes don't have textbooks for all students.

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

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

- Consideration of Board Meeting Minutes for September 13, 2023
- Consideration of All Bill Approval Lists
- Consideration of District Donations
 1. Bigfork Youth Baseball Association Donation to Baseball - \$2100
 2. Raymond Thibodeau Donation to Baseball - \$5000
 3. Bigfork Innovations Group Donation to Baseball - \$5000
 4. Bigfork Booster Club Donation to Baseball - \$20000
 5. Bigfork Booster Club Donation for Grill - \$3223.50
 6. Bigfork Booster Club Donation for Activity Bus Wrap - \$4000
- Consideration of Out of District Students
- Consideration of Individual Transportation Contract
- 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. Substitute Personnel Recommended for Consideration
 - a. Lance Nadeau, Maintenance & Custodial Substitute
 - b. Amanda Willis, K-12 Substitute Teacher
 2. Extra-Curricular Personnel Recommended for Consideration
 - a. Troy Gunlock, 7th Grade Boys Basketball Head Coach
 - b. John Michael Knopik, 8th Grade Boys Basketball Head Coach
 - c. Jim Benn, Head Girls Swim Coach
 - d. Adam Jordt, JV Boys Basketball Coach
 - e. Brandon Piazzola, Freshman Boys Basketball Coach
 - f. Brandy Couture, Girls Varsity Assistant Coach (split stipend)
 - g. Isaac Martell, JV Girls Basketball Coach
 - h. Paula Sullivan, Freshman Girls Basketball Coach
 - i. Wayne Bennett, Assistant Wrestling Coach (split stipend)
 - j. Shelton Woll, Assistant Wrestling Coach (split stipend)
 - k. Archie Brevik, Assistant Wrestling Coach (split stipend)
 - l. Dave Romano, High School Baseball Head Coach
 3. Extra-Curricular Volunteers Recommended for Consideration
 - a. Tanya McAnally, 5th Grade Boys Basketball Head Coach/7th Grade Assistant
 - b. Amanda Davey, 6th Grade Boys Basketball Head Coach

- c. Mandi Hare, 6th Grade Boys Basketball Assistant Coach
- d. Clayton Woll, High School Wrestling Assistant Coach
- e. Troy Gunlock, High School Girls Basketball
- f. Tannar Cummings, High School Girls Basketball

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Transportation Report – Superintendent Stack told the board he and Transportation Director Walker met with Transportation Committee members. They discussed the bus fleet and bus routes. The district currently has one spare bus, a 1995 Bluebird. The district took over Route 10 this year. The contract for Route 13 is up at the end of the year. The contractor may not want to renew. Options for changes to the fleet and changes to routes were discussed. Superintendent Stack's recommendation is to purchase a second used activity bus and move a yellow activity bus to a route. He recommended using miscellaneous dollars for the purchase and not using the general funds or Interlocal Agreement Fund. The new diesel bus will be on a route soon and the new electric bus is due to arrive before the end of 2023. Board discussion followed. Superintendent Stack will have a recommendation for board action on the November agenda.
- B. Driver Compensation, Coaches & Other Drivers – Superintendent Stack told trustees they previously approved compensating coaches when they drive students. This happens when there isn't a bus or bus driver available, and teams take the 15 passenger buses or smaller district vehicles. Superintendent Stack recommended also paying teachers or advisors in similar situations.

A motion to approve driver compensation as recommended was made by Trustee Kreiman, seconded by Trustee Elwell, and approved with unanimous votes of the elementary and high school trustees.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no committee reports.

PRINCIPALS' REPORTS

Mr. Appleby talked to board members about 8th grade promotion ceremony. He is going to implement behavior, attendance and grade expectations. He also gave them fall test scores for reading and math. He will share again after spring testing. He talked about Halloween, parent teacher conferences, fire drills and homecoming.

Mr. Hansen spoke about the Polson trade fair, senior parent night, PSAT testing, National Honor Society induction ceremony, the Veteran's Day assembly, upcoming PIR training with a principal from Texas and the increase in library book checkouts.

Mrs. Clarke explained what the math and reading consultants do when training teachers. She talked about the fall carnival, parent teacher conferences and the book fair.

Mr. Porrovecchio gave a brief report on fall sports and talked about taking a group of students to the Aim Higher program in Kalispell.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Mr. Stack talked about student testing. The middle school will be in the 2nd year of MAST testing and the elementary will participate this year as well. He said the SBAC is going away and some universities don't require the SAT anymore. He also gave a brief synopsis on the 95-mill discussion in the media. He told trustees counties are levying 77 mills because taxes have gone up. The state has money and schools are in the middle. MQEC filed a Writ of Mandate with the Montana Supreme Court.

FUTURE MEETING SCHEULE

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

- o Wednesday, November 8, 2023
- o Wednesday, December 13, 2023

- Wednesday, January 10, 2024
- Wednesday, February 14, 2024
- Wednesday, March 13, 2024
- Wednesday, April 10, 2024

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

Adjourned: 5:48 pm

District Clerk

Chairperson