

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 February 13, 2019, at 5:02 pm in the high school library.

Trustees in attendance: Sandry, Anderson, Whitney, Relyea and Elwell

Trustees Absent: Martinz and Sullivan

Also in attendance were Superintendent Matt Jensen, Business Manager Lacey Porrovecchio, Principals Mark Hansen and Brenda Clarke, Activity Director Matt Porrovecchio, staff members and community members.

Pledge of Allegiance

Comments on non-agenda items:

Mr. Melkioty asked the trustees to consider 3 things for the district:

1. Purchase a short bus- would be useful for field trips and activities
2. Hire a third maintenance department member and/or give current staff members first consideration for school projects, like painting.
3. Purchase a used 2 door maintenance department truck

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

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

- Approval of Regular Board Meeting Minutes for January 9, 2019
- Approval of All Bill Approval Lists
- Approval of Student Activity Report for December, 2018
- Approval of MTSBA Membership for 2019-20
- Approval of Flathead Lake Lodge Donation to the Elementary Library - \$3000
- Approval of Individual Transportation Contract – Pre-Kindergarten Student to Evergreen
- Approval of Surplus Property Disposal Resolution – Generation 2 iPads
- Approval 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 Approval
 - a. Maryann Steinle, K-12 Substitute Teacher
 - b. Judy McKernan, K-4 Substitute Paraprofessional
 - c. Sandra Swede, K-12 Substitute Teacher
 2. Classified Personnel Recommended for Approval
 - a. John Todd, Food Service
 3. Certified Personnel Resignation
 - a. Julie Atkinson, June 2019
 4. Extra-Curricular Personnel Recommended for Approval for 2018-19
 - a. Heather Epperly, Head Winter Cheer Coach
 - b. Emily Feller, Assistant Winter Cheer Coach
 - c. Leslie Stodghill, Special Olympics Coach
 - d. Josh Feller, Middle School Track Coach
 - e. Jill Morley, Middle School Track Coach
 - f. Mike Bonner, Head Tennis Coach
 - g. Paul Wallin, Assistant Tennis Coach
 - h. Sue Loeffler, Head High School Track Coach
 - i. Jim Epperly, Assistant High School Track Coach
 - j. David Creamer, Assistant High School Track Coach
 - k. Clayton Woll, Assistant High School Track Coach
 - l. Bret Damaskos, Head Golf Coach
 - m. Kyle Parker, Assistant Golf Coach
 - n. Michelle Kaney, Science Fair Coordinator
 - o. Heather Epperly, Prom Advisor

- p. Cole Jones, High School PowerSchool Mentor
- q. Michelle Kaney, Elementary PowerSchool Mentor
- 5. Extra-Curricular Personnel Recommended for Approval for 2019-20
 - a. Patrick Munson, Head High School Football Coach
- 6. Extra-Curricular Volunteers Recommended for Approval for 2018-19
 - a. Beau Wielkoszewski, High School Track
 - b. Wayne Loeffler, High School Track
 - c. Kaci Monroe, High School Track
 - d. Shawna Benson, High School Track
 - e. Cole Jones, High School Track

REPORTS & PRESENTATIONS

- A. Cave Club Report – Hans Bodenhamer and 6 members of the cave club presented a slideshow and talked to the trustees about the cave work they have been doing, specifically with bats and the prevention of white nose syndrome. The cave club has partnered with multiple agencies over the years including the National Park Service, the US Forest Service and Montana FWP. The cave club was recently awarded the Partners Award by the Montana Chapter of the Wildlife Society. The students also told the trustees about their favorite cave or caving experience.

The trustees commended the cave club on their work and presentation.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. High School Advanced Automotive/Advanced Welding Field Trip Request – Steve Melkioty asked the trustees to approve a fieldtrip to Seattle March 22nd through the 29th. He would take approximately 10 students and visit Boeing and ship builders. They will take a bus there, rent a van when they get there, and stay in a house. The trip will be financed by the auto shop account and Carl Perkins funds.

A motion to approve the High School Automotive/Advanced Welding Field Trip to Seattle, WA was made by Trustee Relyea, seconded by Trustee Whitney, and approved by unanimous vote of the elementary and high school trustees.

- B. High School Band Field Trip Request – Randi Tunnell asked for approval to take approximately 50 students to Seattle, WA April 10th through the 14th. They will attend a clinic at Whitworth University, go to the Seattle Symphony and the music museum and attend a Mariners game. The kids have been fundraising and the trip is about \$350 per kid. Mrs. Shanks and Adam Tunnell will chaperone as well.

A motion to approve the High School Band Field Trip Request to Seattle, WA was made by Trustee Anderson, seconded by Trustee Relyea, and approved by unanimous vote of the elementary and high school trustees.

- C. 2019-20 School Year Calendar – Matt Jensen provided 3 calendar options for the trustees to consider. Calendar 1 has 180 student days, 18 early releases on Wednesdays and a 5 day Thanksgiving break. Calendar 2 has 180 student days, 18 early releases on Wednesdays and January 31st off to host the state speech and debate tournament. Calendar 3 has 175 student days, no early releases, 8 full day HPTs, but has 189 teacher contract days. Mr. Jensen recommended calendar 2. Rhonda White presented a 4th calendar. It has 176 student days and 5 full HPT days. Much discussion followed involving the trustees, Matt Jensen and the staff members in the audience. The teachers present recommended full day HPT meetings. Mr. Jensen suggested CBA language addressing use of personal days on HPT days. Discussion followed about HPTs. Mr. Jensen asked the trustees for direction on number of student days and if they want to be at or above the state minimum required minutes. More discussion followed.

A motion to approve Calendar 4 presented by Rhonda White was made by Trustee Anderson. There was no second and the motion failed.

More discussion followed.

A motion to table the 2019-20 School Year Calendar until the March meeting was made by Trustee Elwell, seconded by Trustee Whitney and passed with affirmative votes from Trustees Relyea, Sandry, Elwell and

Whitney.

Opposed: Trustee Anderson

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Activities Committee – Activities Director Matt Porrovecchio recapped the winter sports seasons. Swim and wrestling just wrapped up. He commended the swim and wrestling coaches. Basketball divisionals are next week. He told the trustees about the letter he received from the MOA officials pool about Todd Emslie and his professionalism over the years.

PRINCIPAL REPORTS

Brenda Clarke – Mrs. Clarke spoke to the trustees about HPTs and the work they are doing this year with the new reading curriculum.

Mark Hansen – Mr Hansen told the trustees about the art reflection show Mrs. Britt put on for the public. She is also heading a color committee for the high school building. Mr. Hansen also talked about the work the attendance committee is doing.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Mr. Jensen talked to the trustees about 2 current legislative bills to keep an eye on. One is in regard to school safety funds and the other would give an inflationary increase for special education funds. He told them the legislature seems to be on track to give schools the inflationary increase required in law and that's it. The inflationary increase for 2019-20 is expected to be .91%.

FUTURE MEETING SCHEULE

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

- o March 13, 2019
- o April 10, 2019
- o May 8, 2019

The trustees moved the May meeting to May 15, 2019.

Chairperson Sandry informed the audience the board is going into closed session to discuss litigation strategy.

LITIGATION STRATEGY

Closed session began at 6:45 pm.
Closed session ended at 7:15 pm.

Board Clerk Porrovecchio left.

SUPERINTENDENT EVALUATION

Closed session began at 7:16.
Closed session ended at 7:39.

Adjourned: 7:39 pm

District Clerk

Chairperson