

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 27, 2020, at 9:59 am in the high school library and via Google Meet.

Trustees in attendance: Anderson, Sandry and Martinz
Trustees in attendance via Google Meet: Relyea, Whitney

Trustees absent: Elwell and Parish

Also in attendance were Superintendent Matt Jensen, Business Manager Lacey Porrovecchio, Principals Mark Hansen, and Brenda Clarke, 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 Anderson, seconded by Trustee Relyea, and **approved** by unanimous vote of the elementary school and high school trustees.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Contractor Bus Route Contracts During School Closure – Board Chair Sandry explained the contracts are clear regarding school closures but the board wanted to discuss options. Superintendent Jensen explained four options moving forward. First option is to follow the contract. The second option is to continue paying the full amount. In the middle, the options are to pay them based on 3 routes per week we are asking them to drive to deliver meals, or pay them for driving 3 days per week. When school was in session, the contractors drove 10 routes per week. Superintendent Jensen recommended a decision moving forward and not prorating for March.

Board discussion followed.

A motion to continue paying contractor bus routes based on working 3 days per week, or 60 % of the contract, during the school closure was made by Trustee Anderson, seconded by Trustee Martinz, and approved with affirmative votes from Trustees Relyea, Whitney, Anderson and Martinz. Board Chair Sandry opposed.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Mr. Jensen told the board he will be encouraging staff to provide education and not weigh in on personal beliefs. After the Governor’s order to shelter in place, it will impact the plans for some of the classified staff if not deemed essential. He is still working through the details. Those staff members will qualify for 80 hours of sick leave. He is working on an email to staff and will get information out soon. He told trustees instruction is going really well and they are making a change to the schedule. The plan is to decrease screen time and maintain rigor.

Trustee Relyea asked Mr. Jensen to contact EF Tours and see if they would reimburse parents and students with money and not vouchers. She said other institutions are pushing EF Tours to reimburse money.

FUTURE MEETING SCHEULE

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

- o Wednesday, April 8, 2020
- o Wednesday, May 13, 2020

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

Adjourned: 10:30 am

District Clerk

Chairperson