

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

**May 13, 2020**

**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 May 13, 2020, at 5:00 pm in the high school library and via Google Meet.

Trustees in attendance: Anderson, Parish, Elwell, Martinz, Sandry, Relyea

Trustees Absent: Whitney

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Comments on non-agenda items:

MonaRae Tuhy congratulated Trustee Sandry and Julie Kreimer on the recent trustee election. She asked trustees to remember the levy funds should go to teaching staff.

Wendy Miller agreed with MonaRae Tuhy. She also praised Mr. Appleby as middle school principal.

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

**CANVASS THE VOTES**

**A. Results of the May 5, 2020 Bigfork Elementary Trustee Election**

Julie Kreiman	518 Votes
Matthew Meisner	347 Votes
Wendy Miller	445 Votes
Steven C. Neal	314 Votes
Paul Sandry	891 Votes
MonaRae Tuhy	395 Votes
Rejected Ballots	26

Successful candidates were Paul Sandry and Julie Kreiman.

Election judges were Terri Anderson from Lake County, Elizabeth Goldberg and Gil Coutts from Flathead County.

Trustees examined election documents showing 4423 registered voters, 1707 votes cast, and a 38% voter turnout.

A motion to accept the results of the May 5, 2020 Bigfork Elementary Trustee Election was made by Trustee Anderson, seconded by Trustee Relyea, and approved by unanimous vote of the elementary trustees.

**B. Elementary General Fund Levy Election**

For the Proposition	793 Votes
Against the Proposition	763 Votes
Rejected Ballots	0

Election judges were Terri Anderson from Lake County, Elizabeth Goldberg and Gil Coutts from Flathead County.

Trustees examined election documents showing 4423 registered voters, 1707 votes cast, and a 38% voter turnout.

A motion to accept the results of the May 5, 2020 Bigfork Elementary General Fund Election was made by Trustee Anderson, seconded by Trustee Relyea, and approved by unanimous vote of the elementary trustees.

## C. High School General Fund Levy Election

For the Proposition	1012 Votes
Against the Proposition	987 Votes
Rejected Ballots	1

Election judges were Terri Anderson from Lake County, Elizabeth Goldberg and Gil Coutts from Flathead County.

Trustees examined election documents showing 5754 registered voters, 2257 votes cast, and a 39% voter turnout.

A motion to accept the results of the May 5, 2020 Bigfork High School General Fund Election was made by Trustee Anderson, seconded by Trustee Martinz, and approved by unanimous vote of the elementary and high school trustees.

**TRUSTEE ELECTION BY ACCLAMATION**

A. Jessica Martinz, Swan Lake/Salmon Prairie Elementary District – Lacey Porrovecchio told trustees incumbent Trustee Martinz was the only person to submit paperwork to run for trustee for the Swan Lake/Salmon Prairie Elementary District.

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

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

Adjourned: 5:06 pm

**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 May 15, 2019, at 5:07 pm in the high school library and via Google Meet.

Trustees present: Elwell, Kreiman, Martinz, Relyea, Sandry, Anderson and Parish

Trustees absent: none

Also in attendance were Superintendent Matt Jensen, Business Manager Lacey Porrovecchio, Principals Mark Hansen, Charlie Appleby and Brenda Clarke, Activities Director Matt Porrovecchio, staff members and members of the community.

**BOARD REORGANIZATION**

A motion to appoint Trustee Sandry as board chair was made by Trustee Martinz, seconded by Trustee Anderson, and approved by unanimous vote of the elementary and high school trustees. A motion to appoint Trustee Anderson as vice chair was made by Trustee Relyea, and approved by unanimous vote of the elementary and high school trustees. A motion to appoint Lacey Porrovecchio as Board District Clerk for fiscal year 2020-21 was made by Trustee Elwell, and approved by unanimous vote of the elementary and high school trustees.

Trustee committee assignments were discussed. Committee assignments will remain the same except Trustee Elwell will go on the Community Relations Committee, Trustee Kreiman will go on the Curriculum Committee and Trustee Anderson will go on the Finance Committee.

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

- Approval of Regular Board Meeting Minutes for April 29, 2020
- Approval of All Bill Approval Lists
- Approval of Student Activity Reports for April, 2020
- Approval of Montana High School Association 2020-21 Membership
- 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. Classified Personnel Resignation Recommended for Consideration

- a. Melissa Scherfengerg, Secretary/Aide
2. Certified Personnel Resignation Recommended for Consideration
  - a. Sam Tudor, High School English

### **SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

Superintendent Jensen asked for volunteers for the high school graduation ceremony. Trustee Relyea volunteered and Trustee Anderson will get back to Mr. Jensen. Mr. Jensen explained the process for getting limited students back in the building. He also told them he is starting to plan for the fall and it may not look like it did before school was closed. He said the main goal will be to get as many students in the building following safety protocols. He talked about summer school and opportunities for staff and students, paid for by the Federal Cares Act. Because high school enrollment is up, Mr. Hansen recently posted a position for a half time PE teacher and a half time Social Studies teacher. Funds come from the enrollment increase and unallocated Title money. He also told trustees the Eddy DeBartolo Foundation donated \$5000 to food service to help offset costs during the school closure.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Montana Medical Billing Contract 2020-21 – Lacey Porrovecchio told trustees there are 2 companies in the state that do Medicaid billing and Montana Medical Billing is still the cheapest option.

A motion to approve the Montana Medical Billing Contract 2020-21 was made by Trustee Elwell, seconded by Trustee Martinz, and approved by unanimous vote of the elementary and high school trustees.

Superintendent Jensen asked the board about the board evaluation tool and if they were ok with waiting until July or August for the University of Washington tool or if they wanted to use the old board evaluation. Consensus was to wait.

- B. MQEC FY21 Membership – Mr. Jensen told trustees MQEC is an advocacy coalition for public education. The cost to belong is \$2000. They are involved in the Espinoza case out of Kalispell and have helped make significant increases to public education funding over the years. Trustees Relyea and Kreiman both expressed their support for MQEC.

A motion to approve MQEC FY21 Membership was made by Trustee Kreiman, seconded by Trustee Relyea, and approved by affirmative votes from Trustees Anderson, Parish, Elwell, Martinz, Relyea and Kreiman. Trustee Sandry opposed.

- C. Bus Purchase – Transportation Director Rob Tracy asked trustees to approve the purchase of a new bus to replace the 2007 Blue Bird. He proposed utilizing the DEQ grant for \$22,500. He received 3 bids and proposed the Thomas front engine. The purchase will be split between the Bus Depreciation Funds. The elementary Bus Depreciation Fund has \$138,000 and the high school Bus Depreciation Fund has \$224,000. Board discussion followed.

A motion to approve the purchase of a Thomas bus for \$92,522 after rebate was made by Trustee Elwell, seconded by Trustee Anderson, and approved by unanimous vote of the elementary and high school trustees.

### **PRINCIPAL REPORTS**

Mr. Hansen told trustees he was excited to get kids back in the building. He thanked Shannon Varner and Nurse Knopik for all their work screening and scheduling students. He talked about virtual spirit week, Teacher Appreciation Day, and graduation planning.

Trustee Relyea told the board her son was on campus for drivers ed and the process was very thorough and went well.

Mrs. Clarke told the board her staff is doing a wonderful job with synchronous learning. She is excited about the new hires in her building and the painting the custodians are doing.

Mr. Appleby talked about middle school virtual spirit week, middle school virtual get togethers, and Teacher Appreciation Day.

Trustees discussed the future meeting schedule. The June 24 meeting was changed to June 29 to accommodate

schedules.

Trustee Elwell told the board the water department approved putting the school logo on the water tower. He will help coordinate with them.

**FUTURE MEETING SCHEDULE**

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

- o Wednesday, June 3, 2020
- o Wednesday, June 29, 2020
- o Wednesday, July TBD, 2020
- o Wednesday, August 19, 2020

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

Adjourned: 5:42 pm

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District Clerk

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Chairperson