

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 Vice Chairperson Anderson on February 10, 2021, at 5:00 pm in the high school library and via Google Meet.

Trustees in attendance: Parish, Martinz, Anderson, Kreiman & Elwell

Trustees absent: Sandry & Relyea

Also in attendance were Superintendent Matt Jensen, Business Manager Lacey Porrovecchio, Principals Mark Hansen, Charlie Appleby and Brenda Clarke, 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 Kreiman, and approved by unanimous vote of the elementary and high school trustees.

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

- Consideration of Regular Board Meeting Minutes for January 13, 2021
- Consideration of All Bill Approval Lists
- Consideration of Student Activity Reports for December, 2020 & January, 2021
- Consideration of Individual Transportation Contract – Preschool Student to Evergreen
- Consideration of 1st Semester Individual Transportation Contract Reimbursement Claims
- Consideration of Surplus Property Resolution – Miscellaneous District Items
- 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. Extra-Curricular Personnel Recommended for Consideration
 - a. Leslie Stodghill, Special Olympics Head Coach
 - b. Sue Loeffler, Head Track Coach
 - c. Clayton Woll, Assistant Track Coach
 - d. Jim Epperly, Assistant Track Coach
 - e. David Creamer, Assistant Track Coach
 - f. Brett Damaskos, Co-Head Golf Coach (split stipend)
 - g. Kyle Parker, Co-Head Golf Coach (split stipend)
 - h. Zoe Bedford, Head Tennis Coach
 - i. Hayden Congdon, Assistant Tennis Coach
 - j. Mary K Hoveland, Middle School Track Coach
 - k. Jill Morley, Middle School Track Coach
 - l. Josh Feller, Middle School Track Coach
 2. Extra-Curricular Volunteers Recommended for Consideration
 - a. Dani Potts, 5th Grade Girls Basketball Assistant
 - b. Wayne Loeffler, Track Assistant
 - c. Shawna Curtiss, Track Assistant
 - d. Beau Wielkoszewski, Track Assistant
 - e. Cole Jones, Track Assistant
 - f. Jim Benn, Track Assistant
 3. Substitute Personnel Recommended for Consideration
 - a. Jami Grende, K-12 Substitute Teacher
 4. Certified Personnel Resignation for Consideration
 - a. Mary Ahnert, June 2021
 5. Classified Personnel Resignation for Consideration
 - a. Jeremiah Brown, Paraprofessional

Mr. Jensen thanked Mary Ahnert for her years of excellent service and noted she will be missed. Mrs.

Clarke concurred.

REPORTS & PRESENTATIONS

Business Manager Porrovecchio gave a presentation going over the various Coronavirus Funding sources for schools. The presentation included how much the district has received so far, how much the district will receive in the future, and uses of the money.

Community member Connie Ciabatonni asked for clarification regarding spending on teacher salaries. Mr. Jensen explained Covid funds are used to pay teachers for extra hours beyond the normal day. Teachers spend time preparing virtual lessons.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Mr. Jensen told trustees the district received the Transformational Learning Grant funds for next year. It is approximately \$68,000 for the elementary and \$38,000 for the high school. He met with Kalispell Regional Hospital regarding a school based health center on campus 3 half days per week. There would not be a cost to the district. They are still in the discussion phase. Mr. Jensen asked trustees if they had strong opinions regarding the 2021-22 school calendar. Late start Wednesdays were discussed.

Community member Suzanne Childers said she is in support of what works for teachers but expressed late start Wednesdays are hard for her as a working parent.

Connie Ciabatonni asked for clarification on school start and end times and number of student days. Mr. Jensen responded and will have the school calendar on a future board agenda.

Mr. Jensen told board members the board self-assessment survey results will be discussed at the March board meeting. He talked about enrollment numbers being down and how it affects the budgets. He told trustees a decision will need to be made regarding virtual learners next year and if the school will continue to provide in person and virtual learning. He gave a Covid update and talked about vaccinations and the Governor's mask mandate going away. He recommended the trustees schedule a meeting to talk about all Covid protocols. Schedules were discussed and a meeting will be scheduled February 17.

Community member Kelly Saari asked for clarification regarding face masks at school. Mr. Jensen told her masks will be required until the school board makes a decision.

Suzanne Childers asked about the school calendar and if there is a process in place that looks at PIR days for the teachers and if it is working for the teachers or not and for parents and students. Mr. Jensen told her there is.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Variance to Standard Application 2021-23 – Mr. Jensen explained the application asks for a variance to the library media arts standard and allows the elementary district to maintain 1 FTE librarian and not 1.5 FTE librarians. He worked with the librarians, parents, teachers and administrators to complete the application.

Trustee Elwell asked how long the district has been asking for the variance. Mr. Jensen told him 6 years.

A motion to approve Variance to Standard Application 2021-23 was made by Trustee Kreiman, seconded by Trustee Parish, and approved by unanimous vote of the elementary trustees.

- B. Consideration of Policy Adoption, Policy 1910 COVID-19 Emergency Leave Measures – Mr. Jensen told trustees this is the first reading, second reading will be at the March meeting. Provisions in the policy expire June 30, 2021. The policy grants employees leave similar to the FFCRA leave that expired December 30, 2020. The policy specifies how many days may be taken per isolation or quarantine. He told trustees the leave has been granted administratively since January.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Facility Committee- Mr. Jensen told trustees a heater went out in the concession stand causing water damage and we are repairing the damage.

PRINCIPAL REPORTS

Mrs. Clarke talked to board members about the \$600 donation to the library from Flathead Lake Lodge and told them she will report next month on proficiency level data that she has been working on. She told them she is looking into a math program next year.

Mr. Appleby reported he is working on promoting Best Work, Best Self in the middle school. He talked about the upcoming middle school spirit week and about the excitement when students return from remote learning.

Mr. Hansen talked about results of the ACT and National Honor Society inductions. He gave a shoutout to Mrs. Taylor for her WIN class focusing on volunteerism. ACT Aspire results were sent to parents along with an explanation sheet made by Mrs. Sherman. Juniors and Seniors are able to attend home games and sit with their lunch table partners.

Mr. Porrovecchio gave a brief update on winter athletics. He said they all wrap up next month.

Community member DeeDee Wender commended administration and trustees for everything they have done to keep schools open and keep sports going.

Connie Ciabatonni asked if students say the pledge of allegiance every day (yes) and told everyone they are doing a good job.

Suzanne Childers thanked Mr. Appleby and Mr. Porrovecchio for live streaming 5th grade girls basketball games. She said her family is very appreciative.

Mr. Porrovecchio told trustees he is looking into middle school wrestling for this year only due to Covid. Little Guy wrestling tournaments have all been canceled. It is a discussion between local schools at this point.

The future meeting schedule was discussed. June board meeting dates will be added soon.

FUTURE MEETING SCHEDULE

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

- o Wednesday, February 17, 2021
- o Wednesday, March 10, 2021
- o Wednesday, April 14, 2021
- o Wednesday, May 12, 2021

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

Adjourned: 6:04 pm

District Clerk

Chairperson