

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 10, 2021, at 5:03 pm in the high school library.

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

Trustees absent: none

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

Comments on non-agenda items:

Connie Ciabatonni asked if teachers would continue to get paid if on strike. Mr. Jensen explained they likely wouldn't get paid if striking, but do get paid if they have Covid or are in quarantine.

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

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

- Consideration of Regular Board Meeting Minutes for February 10, February 17, & February 22, 2021
- Consideration of All Bill Approval Lists
- Consideration of Donation to High School Auto Shop
- 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. Classified Personnel Resignation for Consideration
 - a. Cady McClurg, Paraprofessional
 - b. Mandy Duncan, Food Service
 2. Administrative Personnel Resignation for Consideration
 - a. Beau Wielkoszewski, Network Administrator
 3. Classified Personnel Recommended for Consideration
 - a. Richalle Close, Paraprofessional
 - b. Shirley Stine, Paraprofessional
 4. Substitute Personnel Recommended for Consideration
 - a. James Epperly, 6-12 Substitute Teacher
 - b. Lisa Benitez, Elementary Long Term Substitute
 - c. Bailey Johnson, K-8 Substitute Teacher
 - d. Angel Abbott, K-8 Substitute Teacher
 - e. Cady McClurg, K-8 Substitute Teacher
 - f. Hannah O'Connell, K-12 Substitute Teacher
 - g. Clyde Collins, Middle School Long Term Substitute
 5. Extra-Curricular Personnel Recommended for Consideration
 - a. Hayden Congdon, Head Tennis Coach
 - b. Tristan Clark, Assistant Tennis Coach
 - c. Jim Benn, Head High School Football Coach
 - d. Tim Guenzler, Head Girls Soccer Coach
 - e. Joel Fetveit, Head Boys Soccer Coach
 - f. Ariel Stallknecht, Head Volleyball Coach
 - g. Shawn Hall, Head Wrestling Coach
 - h. Charlotte Ball, Head Swim Coach
 - i. John Hollow, Head Boys Basketball Coach
 - j. Cortnee Gunlock, Head Girls Basketball Coach

6. Extra-Curricular Volunteers Recommended for Consideration
 - a. Zoe Bedford, High School Tennis
7. Certified Personnel Recommended for Consideration
 - a. Adam Jordt, .5 Middle School Physical Education

Trustee Relyea thanked Mr. Wielkoszewski for his work, especially during the pandemic. Board Chair Sandry concurred.

NEW BUSINESS

- F. Modification of Mask Requirement Deadline – Board Chair Sandry explained the board voted 4 to 3 to lift the mask requirement on March 12, 2021. Since the vote, the Negotiations Committee met with both unions, who requested the extension of the mask requirement deadline. The Negotiations Committee agreed to take April 9, close of school, to the full board. Board Chair Sandry opened discussion for public comment.

Bridget Holland asked if the board voted to extend the deadline to April 9, would it get extended again? .

Kelly Saari asked if teachers were in agreement with the April 9 date. Board Chair Sandry said the unions wanted it extended to the end of the year.

Patrick Johnston thanked the board for considering the extension to allow staff members to get vaccinated. He would prefer if it were extended until the end of the school year.

Archie Brevik read a letter to the board explaining how difficult his senior year has been. He was against the extension.

Suzanne Childers commended Archie Brevik for speaking to the board. She spoke in favor of the mask requirement and requested it be extended to the end of the school year.

Christina Brevik spoke in favor of ending the mask mandate. She asked the board to focus on student mental health.

Shirley Stine spoke in favor of ending the mask mandate.

Juanita Wiley spoke in favor of ending the mask mandate.

Shaun Pandina spoke in favor of ending the mask mandate. He asked that children with a medical exemption be allowed to come back to school without masks.

Scott Christ spoke in favor of ending the mask mandate.

Connie Ciabatonni spoke in favor of ending the mask mandate.

Board discussion followed.

Mark Brevik asked for clarification regarding students who are medically exempt from wearing masks. Mr. Jensen explained students can wear a face shield.

A motion to extend the mask requirement deadline to the close of school on April 9 was made by Trustee Anderson, and seconded by Trustee Relyea. Motion passed with affirmative votes from Trustees Martinez, Relyea, Sandry, Anderson, Kreiman and Parish. Trustee Elwell abstained.

- G. IT Services Contract – Mr. Jensen asked trustees to approve the contract with Mr. Wielkoszewski. He resigned from the district, but is willing to work as a contracted employee during the transition.

A motion to approve the IT Services Contract as recommended was made by Trustee Kreiman, seconded by Trustee Parish, and approved by unanimous vote of the elementary and high school trustees.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Consideration of Policy Adoption, Policy 1910 COVID-19 Emergency Measures – Mr. Jensen told trustees this is the final reading of Policy 1910. The policy allows staff to have paid leave if Covid related. He explained the district is receiving federal funding to help cover costs. Board Chair Sandry asked to have the expiration date reiterated at the end of the policy.

A motion to adopt Policy 1910 COVID-19 Emergency Measures with Board Chair Sandry's amendment was made by Trustee Anderson, seconded by Trustee Martinz, and approved by unanimous vote of the elementary and high school trustees.

REPORTS & PRESENTATIONS

- A. 2021-22 Preliminary Budgets – Mrs. Porrovecchio went over the preliminary budgets of the elementary and high school budgeted funds.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Elementary Permissive Levies Resolution – Mrs. Porrovecchio explained the resolution shows an estimate of the changes in permissive levies for next school year. Budgets will be adopted and levies determined in August.

A motion to approve Elementary Permissive Levies Resolution was made by Trustee Anderson, seconded by Trustee Parish, and approved by unanimous vote of the elementary trustees.

- B. High School Permissive Levies Resolution – Mrs. Porrovecchio went through the estimated changes for the high school permissive levies for next school year.

A motion to approve High School Permissive Levies Resolution was made by Trustee Martinz, seconded by Trustee Kreiman, and approved by unanimous vote of the elementary and high school trustees.

- C. Out of State Field Trip Request – Mr. Bodenhamer told trustees the US Forest Service invited the Cave Club to establish monitoring in 2 caves in Idaho. Five students and 2 chaperones will go April 28 through May 2.

A motion to approve Out of State Field Trip Request was made by Trustee Elwell, seconded by Trustee Relyea, and approved by unanimous vote of the elementary and high school trustees.

- D. 2021-22 School Calendar – Mr. Jensen talked through 2 similar calendars, with one starting before Labor Day, out June 3, and one starting after Labor Day, out June 10. Both calendars have 179 student days and 8 teacher work days. The calendars have shorter Christmas breaks and spring break aligns with other valley schools. He told the board the late start Wednesdays this year have been great for staff, but hard on parents. He would like to continue with late start Mondays or Wednesdays, and will create a modified schedule on those days if needed. He explained there will be a place for students, but the bell schedule wouldn't start until 8:40.

Board discussion followed.

A motion to approve the calendar with September 7 as the first day of school was made by Trustee Anderson, seconded by Trustee Relyea, and approved by unanimous vote of the elementary and high school trustees.

- E. Temporary Classified Substitute Increases – Mr. Jensen told the board the certified substitute rate was increased temporarily in October, 2020. The classified substitute rates were not increased at that time. Since substitutes are hard to get, Mr. Jensen recommended temporarily increasing classified sub rates by 10%. He told them it will be addressed again this summer.

A motion to temporarily increase classified substitute rates as recommended was made by Trustee Anderson, seconded by Trustee Martinz, and approved by unanimous vote of the elementary and high school trustees.

There were no Committee Reports.

PRINCIPAL REPORTS

Mrs. Clarke talked to the trustees about Dr. Seuss week in the elementary school. She will share progress data with them next month.

Mr. Appleby reported on middle school spirit week and the healthy cooking class breakfast challenge. He invited trustees to come to breakfast.

Mr. Hansen talked about class registration, the cyberbullying presentation, the first assembly of the year and the Past, Present and Future week next week.

Mr. Porrovecchio recapped winter sports, including Swim getting 2nd at state. He thanked Mr. Hansen and Nurse Knopik for helping navigate through the Covid guidelines.

Trustee Anderson said he was thankful the sports seasons were able to happen and thanked administration for their work to make it happen.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Mr. Jensen gave an update on vaccine availability and the legislature. There are two bills in particular he is keeping an eye on that will affect schools.

FUTURE MEETING SCHEULE

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

- o Wednesday, April 14, 2021
- o Wednesday, May 12, 2021
- o Wednesday, June 23, 2021

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

Adjourned: 6:37 pm

District Clerk

Chairperson