

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 September 8, 2021, at 5:00 pm in the high school library.

Trustees in attendance: Zack Anderson, Ben Woods, Jessica Martinz, Paul Sandry, Julie Kreiman, Aaron Parish & Dan Elwell (Elwell via telephone)

Trustees absent: none

Also in attendance were Superintendent Tom Stack, Business Manager Lacey Porrovecchio, Principals Brenda Clarke, Mark Hansen and Charlie Appleby, Special Education Director/Activities Director Matt Porrovecchio, staff 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 Woods, and approved by unanimous vote of the elementary and high school trustees.

A motion to approve the consent agenda 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 August 25, 2021
- Consideration of All Bill Approval Lists
- Consideration of Surplus Property Resolution – Custodial Items
- Consideration of Out of District Student Attendance
- 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. Certified Personnel Recommended for Consideration
 - a. Nick Hedgecock, High School & Middle School Physical Education
 2. Extra-Curricular Personnel Recommended for Consideration
 - a. Wade Riedesel, Assistant Boys Soccer Coach
 - b. Karen Pogachar, Middle School Studyback Coordinator
 - c. Randi Tunnell, High School Choir Advisor

OLD BUSINESS

- A. NSLP Seamless Summer Option – Mr. Stack & Mr. Vanlandingham (NSLP Seamless Summer Option failed at 7/14/2021 Business Meeting, but placed on Agenda based on request of Trustees Elwell and Kreiman)
Board Chair Sandry explained NSLP Seamless Summer Option failed at the July meeting on a vote 3 to 3. Trustees Kreiman and Elwell told trustees free meals for children was important enough to vote on with the full board present. Superintendent Stack explained most schools did free meals last year. He said there are families that don't qualify for free and reduced meals, but still need the help. The free meal program is funded by Federal dollars and would save parents approximately \$130,000. Mr. Vanlandingham told trustees meal prices may need to be adjusted higher in the next few years to cover the costs of meals and labor. Mr. Stack agreed and said ideally the food service fund is self-sustaining.

A motion to approve NSLP Seamless Summer Option was made by Trustee Elwell, seconded by Trustee Martinz and approved with affirmative votes from Trustees Parish, Kreiman, Elwell & Martinz. Trustees Anderson, Sandry and Woods opposed.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Transportation Memorandum of Understanding – Mr. Stack explained the district has been unable to find a route driver for Route 12. He met with Thad Clock, contractor for Routes 10 & 13. Mr. Stack and Mr. Clock agreed to combine routes 10 & 12 for \$13,495 on top of the existing Route

10 contract payment. The agreement is for this school year and both parties agree to meet and discuss solutions if ridership exceeds the bus capacity of 72. Mr. Stack told the board he estimated a route driver with benefits and fuel and wear and tear on our bus would be \$20,000 per year.

A motion to approve the Transportation MOU as presented was made by Trustee Anderson, seconded by Trustee Parish, and approved with unanimous votes of the elementary and high school trustees.

- B. 15 Passenger Bus Purchase – Mr. Stack told trustees the vans the district owns are safe but not as safe as a small bus. He, Mr. Porrovecchio and Mr. Walker have been looking at 15 passenger buses, because they don't require a driver with a CDL, and there are no applicants for the open bus driver positions. Mr. Stack asked the board to authorize the purchase of two 15 passenger buses up to \$120,000 total. He told them the elementary general fund will have savings due to ESSER funds used to pay for 2 teachers. The general fund savings will be moved to the Interlocal Agreement Fund. Board discussion followed.

A motion to approve the purchase of two 15 passenger buses up to \$120,000 was made by Trustee Anderson, seconded by Trustee Woods, and approved with unanimous vote of the elementary and high school trustees.

- C. High School Golf Fundraiser – Mr. Porrovecchio asked the board to approve the Golf Scramble fundraiser put on by the golf program each year. Money raised benefits other unfunded sports as well, if they help with the fundraiser.

A motion to approve the high school golf fundraiser was made by Trustee Kreiman, seconded by Trustee Woods, and approved by unanimous vote of the elementary and high school trustees.

- D. Approval of 3 Underage Kindergarten Students per Policy 3110 – Mrs. Clarke
 9/15/16 10/7/16 10/23/16
 Mrs. Clarke told board members there is only one K-1 class this year. Last year there were two and some students were too young for school. She asked for approval for three students, who are all close to 5 years old.

A motion to approve 3 underage kindergarten students per Policy 3110 was made by Trustee Anderson, seconded by Trustee Kreiman, and approved by unanimous vote of the elementary trustees.

- E. Policy Renew, First Reading 1000 Series & 2000 Series – Mr. Stack suggested the board consider tabling the policies and form a policy committee to review them, then bring them to the full board. Discussion followed.
 The Policy Committee will be Trustees Woods, Sandry and Kreiman.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Trustee Anderson told the board he and Trustee Parish, as Facility Committee members, are going to look into the Bigfork Water & Sewer account. He thought the charges seemed a little high last month.

PRINCIPALS' REPORTS

Mrs. Clarke talked about the first day of school and the first late start. She said they are working though kinks with the late starts. She is also working through Covid related issues and wants to keep students in school.

Mr. Hansen reported on freshman orientation, the start of the school year, the mentor program and staff professional development. He said enrollment is at 351 in the high school, 40 more students than last spring.

Mr. Hansen introduced Nya Schara, Student Body President, and she told trustees she is working on increasing student spirit and school pride. When asked what her duties as Student Body President are,

she said to be there for every student in the school.

Mr. Appleby told trustees the middle school enrollment is up from last year. He said the push in the middle school is perseverance and grit. He talked about the mentor program, and new middle school staff members.

Mr. Porrovecchio explained recent legislation allows homeschool students to participate in athletics. He said there are two homeschool students participating in high school athletics. He told the board he is exploring finding private funding and donors to redo the high school football field with turf. He gave a brief report on high school athletics and told them transportation and the lack of drivers is a problem.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Mr. Stack reported there were 8 staff members out due to Covid, 4 with positive Covid tests, and 4 close contacts. He is not allowing volunteers on campus for now, to prevent the spread. He talked to the board about the different departments in the school and what could happen if staff members are out with Covid. He has been working with Nurse Knopik and administrators. There will be a statement for parents if their student is positive. If they are a close contact, there will be a recommendation to quarantine, but it is just a recommendation. He was approached by the union about leave time for Covid or quarantining. He said the district extended leave time last year, after federal leave expired December of 2020. He asked that a committee explore leave options, maybe look at what other districts are doing.

Board discussion followed.

FUTURE MEETING SCHEULE

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

- o Wednesday, October 13, 2021
- o Wednesday, November 10, 2021
- o Wednesday, December 8, 2021
- o Wednesday, January 12, 2022
- o Wednesday, February 9, 2022
- o Wednesday, March 9, 2022
- o Wednesday, April 13, 2022

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: 5:45 pm

District Clerk

Chairperson