

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

Trustees in attendance: Elwell, Woods, Sandry, Martinz, Kreiman and Parish

Trustees absent: Anderson

Also in attendance were Superintendent Tom Stack, Business Manager Lacey Porrovecchio, Principals Mark Hansen, Charlie Appleby and Brenda Clarke, Special Education Director/Athletic Director Matt Porrovecchio, staff members and community members.

Pledge of Allegiance

Comments on non-agenda items:

Bigfork resident Dennis Nelson told trustees he was in line for student pickup on the afternoon of November 9. A bus stopped and let students off. It did not use amber lights and other cars were unsure what to do. He emailed the superintendent and all trustees and none have responded. The superintendent and trustees all said they did not get the email. Mr. Nelson gave a flash drive with video of the incident to Board Clerk Porrovecchio.

Community member Connie Ciabatoni asked who decides how ESSER funds will be spent and who would make the decision to sell or keep the cell phone tower near the football field. She mentioned her changes to Policy 2132 and asked where the swim team practices. She inquired about Go Fund Me fees.

Superintendent Stack explained ESSER I, II & III have different spending timelines and offered to meet to go over ESSER funds in more detail. He told her the school board would make decisions regarding the sale of the cell phone tower but at this time the school does not plan to sell. He will forward her policy recommendations to the Policy Committee. Mr. Porrovecchio told her the swim team has practice at the Montana Athletic Club and Go Fund Me charges a processing fee.

Parent Shawn Pandina read a paragraph from the book, *The Real Anthony Fauci*. He said his middle school children told him they watch CNN10 for 20 minutes every day. He expressed concern with what it was teaching students. He said the school board has control over the curriculum and teachers should follow the curriculum.

Discussion followed.

Parent Carrie Wyatt and Connie Ciabatoni said current events should be taught at home.

Mr. Appleby explained it is 10 minutes or less, is designed for schools and is unbiased.

Dennis Miller said television should not be used in schools.

Community member Chris Zabel said TV is a tool to be used in schools. His wife taught for many years and tools have changed.

Trustee Elwell said he had the same concerns at Swan River. After talking to the teacher and watching an episode, he said it was ok.

Board Chair Sandry asked Mr. Pandina to coordinate with Mr. Appleby and watch a clip of CNN10. He asked him to talk with Mr. Appleby. If he still had issues, to talk to Mr. Stack. If the issue was still not resolved, he could bring it back to the board at that time.

Parent Carrie Wyatt had concerns with the bus stop on the highway near Wolf Creek Drive. She feels it is unsafe. She contacted Transportation Director Danny Walker but was unsatisfied with his response.

Board Chair Sandry asked Ms. Wyatt to contact Superintendent Stack in the morning and he will look into it.

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 Woods, and approved by unanimous vote of the elementary and high school trustees.

- Consideration of Regular Board Meeting Minutes for November 10, 2021
- Consideration of All Bill Approval Lists
- Consideration of Student Activity Report for October, 2021
- Consideration of Surplus Property Disposal Resolution – Various 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. Substitute Personnel Recommended for Consideration
    - a. Kelly Huffman, K-12 Substitute Teacher
    - b. Carter Ollervidez, K-12 Substitute Teacher
    - c. Maxine Glazer, K-12 Substitute Teacher
    - d. Nicole Merrill, Substitute Nurse
  2. Extra-Curricular Personnel Recommended for Consideration
    - a. Jazper Torres, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls Basketball Coach
    - b. Bobbi Jo White, Co-8<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls Basketball Coach
    - c. Janell Plummer, Co-8<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls Basketball Coach
    - d. Leslie Stodghill, Winter & Spring Special Olympics Coach
  3. Extra-Curricular Volunteers Recommended for Consideration
    - a. Brett Pargman, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls Basketball
    - b. Heidi Olson, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls Basketball
    - c. Angie Hansen, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls Basketball
    - d. Kim Coleman, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls Basketball
    - e. Amy Campbell, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls Basketball

### **OLD BUSINESS**

- A. Policy Adoption, Second Reading
  1. Series 3000 & 4000 Required Policies, list attached  
Board Chair Sandry explained this is the second reading and the policies have been reviewed.

A motion to adopt required policies in the 3000 & 4000 Series was made by Trustee Woods, seconded by Trustee Kreiman, and approved by unanimous vote of the elementary and high school trustees.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. High School Swim Fundraiser – Mr. Porrovecchio told trustees a parent approached Ms. Ball about doing a Go Fund Me for swim. Swim participants increased this year due to the success of the program last year. The team will need to take the bus this year, which is more expensive than taking a school van.

Mr. Stack asked trustees if they would consider updating the fundraising policy. Unfunded sport programs have to fundraise to support their season and policy says fundraisers with expected proceeds over \$1500 have to be approved by the board. He would like to add language for unfunded programs to get permission through the Activities Liaison of the board. He will work on language and send it to the Policy Committee.

A motion to approve the high school swim fundraiser was made by Trustee Kreiman, seconded by Trustee Martinz, and approved with unanimous votes of the elementary and high school trustees.

- B. Policy Review, First Reading
1. Series 5000, 6000, 7000, 8000 Required Policies, list attached
- There were no questions on the policies presented. Superintendent Stack said he met with Mr. Vanlandingham, Food Service Director, and Mrs. Porrovecchio regarding meal charging. Policy 7412 is an existing policy that addresses meal charging. Superintendent Stack told the board he would like to feed kids, whether they have funds on hand or not. The Food Service Department will try to collect money first, then principals, and lastly Mr. Stack. Board Chair Sandry asked that a copy of Policy 7412 be sent to him.
- C. Bus Route 19E – Superintendent Stack asked trustees to approve an additional special education route for pre-kindergarten students. Based on enrollment and timing, there is need for a third route to Evergreen. The students are transported in the Ford Excursion.

A motion to approve bus route 19E was made by Trustee Kreiman, seconded by Trustee Parish, and approved by unanimous vote of the elementary trustees present.

- D. Memorandum of Understanding with Greater Valley Health Center – Superintendent Stack told trustees the contract is for a School Based Outpatient Therapist, or SBOT. The district used to have a SBOT. Intermountain is no longer providing services on campus. He explained there is no cost to the school district. Greater Valley Health Center bills insurance or the parents. Parents must give permission for their student to be seen. He said we provide the space and it is a great opportunity for students.

Board Chair Sandry asked how many students will be seen. Mr. Hansen thought the therapist was seeing approximately 12 students and could see up to 24.

Board Chair Sandry asked about signage requirements contained in the contract.

Mr. Porrovecchio told trustees there are many kids that need support right now. Parents are grateful.

A motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with Greater Valley Health Center without exterior signage language in the contract was made by Trustee Woods, seconded by Trustee Martinz, and approved by unanimous vote of the elementary and high school trustees.

- E. Bigfork Elementary Election Resolution – Mrs. Porrovecchio asked trustees to approve the elementary election resolution. There are two trustee positions up for election. The window to submit paperwork is December 9 through March 24. The election will be by mail ballot. The resolution gives the clerk authority to cancel the election if two or less people run for the open positions. Mrs. Porrovecchio will ask the election judges from last May if they can help again.

A motion to approve the Bigfork Elementary election resolution was made by Trustee Kreiman, seconded by Trustee Parish, and approved by unanimous vote of the elementary trustees.

There were no committee reports.

### **PRINCIPALS' REPORTS**

Mr. Appleby talked about the start of the second trimester, the middle school ugly sweater contest, and the "I See You" contest.

Mrs. Clarke reported on Christmas caroling, parent teacher conferences, volunteers in the school on a limited basis, and starting to research math curriculum for the elementary.

Mr. Hansen talked about three students graduating from the MT Youth Academy, the Veteran's Day Assembly, and the Wellness Day being planned in January. He said a letter will go to parents detailing the Wellness Day events. There will be a social emotional focus. He talked about Mrs. Taylor's WIN time

penny drive for a family at Deer Park and the upcoming band concert. A few high school teachers will report about the PLC conference at a future board meeting. The high school has expanded intervention and increased focus on Tier 2 kids getting support.

Board Chair Sandry asked the principals for future reports on Transformational Learning, the PLC process, Covid's effect on learning, and student absenteeism. He asked Ms. Swenson to give a report in January.

Mr. Porrovecchio gave a brief report on middle school and high school activities. He and Ms. Varnier will be hosting the District basketball tournament at Salish Kootenai.

**SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

Mr. Stack told trustees he has enjoyed his time at the district so far. He said the Veteran's Day Assembly was fantastic. He talked about Crisis Training and will have the board review a Crisis Manual. Mrs. Knopik and SRO Sullivan worked together on a Safety Grant and were awarded \$9,500 for Stop the Bleed training. That training and Active Shooter training will take place next fall. He will be working on next year's school calendar and get the trainings scheduled. He told trustees he enjoyed watching wrestling and swimming last weekend.

Board Chair Sandry informed trustees they will conduct the Superintendent Evaluation at the January board meeting. He asked to have evaluations back by the end of December. He will compile responses and go over them with Mr. Stack.

Trustee Elwell commented the chairs to honor the fallen soldiers at Benghazi was awesome.

**FUTURE MEETING SCHEULE**

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

- 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 Kreiman, seconded by Trustee Woods, and **approved** by unanimous vote of the elementary and high school trustees.

Adjourned: 6:01 pm

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District Clerk

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Chairperson