

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 January 12, 2022, at 5:00 pm in the high school library.

Trustees in attendance: Dan Elwell, Zack Anderson, Ben Woods, Paul Sandry, Jessica Martinz and Julie Kreiman

Trustees absent: Aaron Parish

Also in attendance were Superintendent Tom Stack, Business Manager Lacey Porrovecchio, Principals 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:

Connie Ciabatonni asked Mr. Appleby for more information regarding CNN10 and asked questions about the band trip to Disney Land. She asked if community members can attend committee meetings and Mr. Stack told her they are open to the public.

Dennis Nelson thanked Mr. Stack for how he handled the incident with the Eureka activity bus. He wanted to make sure the school thanks Flathead Electric for the grant to help with outside lighting at the elementary. He commented that notices of board meetings are not in the Daily Interlake. He sees other school notices. He told the board he researched CNN10 and found there are better uses for student's time.

Carol Nelson agreed with Dennis Nelson and said CNN10 is a waste of time.

Chris Zabel spoke to the board about his time subbing. He is impressed with students and staff and said Bigfork should be very proud of administration, teachers, students and school board members.

Kelly Ware asked the trustees to consider a bus route on Bigfork Stage Road to Swan River School and back. She also expressed concerns about confidentiality between students and counselors and staff members. She hopes there is a safe place for kids to get help if needed. She would like the bathrooms opened up and is against CNN10.

Carrie Wyatt told trustees she submitted a request for the board to consider a bus route change and was denied by Mr. Stack. She was dissatisfied with Mr. Stack's answer and said he was disrespectful. She asked the trustees for a private session to discuss changing the bus route.

Board Chair Sandry explained he and Mr. Stack made the decision not to consider changing a bus route mid-year. He explained trustees would only go into closed session if privacy concerns outweighed the public's right to know.

Ms. Wyatt also expressed concerns with Mr. Stack's response to her when she asked to walk the school grounds and pray after recent teen suicides.

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

Trustee Anderson asked who Bigfork Innovations Group is. Trustee Woods explained it is a group of local business people fundraising for various things.

Board Chair Sandry thanked Lacey Porrovecchio for her work at Bigfork and said she will be missed.

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

- Consideration of Regular Board Meeting Minutes for December 8 & 22, 2021
- Consideration of All Bill Approval Lists
- Consideration of Student Activity Report for November, 2021
- Consideration of Glacier Bank Donation for Food Service Fund to Pay Balances - \$1,167.90
- Consideration of Bigfork Innovations Group Donations to High School Swim, High School Golf, High School Cross Country, High School Wrestling, Cave Club and High School Soccer - \$6,500
- Acknowledgement of Student Attendance Agreements – Superintendent Stack
- 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. Angie Kaatz, Food Service
 2. Administrative Personnel Resignation for Consideration
 - a. Lacey Porrovecchio, Business Manager/District Clerk
 3. Classified Personnel Recommended for Consideration
 - a. Amanda Duncan, Food Service
 4. Substitute Personnel Recommended for Consideration
 - a. Christie Busic, K-12 Substitute Teacher
 - b. Aimee Rodriguez, 6-12 Substitute Teacher

REPORTS & PRESENTATIONS

- A. Elementary Data & Statistics – Principal Brenda Clarke and teachers Aubrie Kallenberger and Logan Swenson shared elementary data with the board. They went over SBAC and DIBELS assessments and comparisons for the last few years in reading and math. They also went over student absence information.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Policy Adoption, Second Reading
 1. Series 5000, 6000, 7000 & 8000 Required Policies, list attached

A motion to adopt required policies in the 5000, 6000, 7000 & 8000 Series was made by Trustee Kreiman, seconded by Trustee Anderson, and approved by unanimous vote of the elementary and high school trustees.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Out of State High School Field Trip Request – Mrs. Tunnell told trustees the Disney trip was already approved but was delayed by the pandemic. Students fundraise or pay for the trip themselves. There will be approximately 50 students and they will charter a bus. The itinerary includes stopping in Las Vegas, visiting UNLV and Disney Land.

Trustee Elwell asked if there are vaccine requirements at any of the places they will visit. Mrs. Tunnell said there is not.

A motion to approve the high school band field trip was made by Trustee Anderson, seconded by Trustee Elwell, and approved with unanimous votes of the elementary and high school trustees.

- B. Policy 4222, Fund-Raising by School Support Groups Involving Students – Amendment, First Reading – Mr. Porrovecchio told trustees changes to the fundraising policy include self-funded athletics seeking approval to fundraise from the Activity Liaison of the board, instead of going before the full board. The Activity Liaison could push any request to the board if necessary.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no committee reports.

PRINCIPALS' REPORTS

Mrs. Clarke talked to the board about the Flathead Electric grant for outside lighting at the elementary. She shared a letter from a parent with positive feedback. She thanked staff for subbing whenever and wherever needed.

Trustee Woods commented he is impressed with how well his first grade son is reading and thanked the staff.

Mrs. Clarke thanked Transportation Director Danny Walker and previous Transportation Director Rob Tracy for handling student discipline issues on busses. She said they do a great job.

Mr. Tracy updated the trustees on the status of the new activity bus and the air conditioning issue. He is still working through the issue.

Mr. Appleby told the board about I See You awards in the middle school. He is working with Quel Design and Wrap Hive to give the middle school an identity separate from the elementary. He talked about the recent 5th grade ski trip that was cancelled because of snow on the roads.

Mr. Porrovecchio told trustees Transportation has done a great job getting students to Evergreen for preschool every day. He told them the district will host the District Basketball Tournament February 17-19 for the first time in years.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Mr. Stack thanked Lacey Porrovecchio for making his transition to the district smooth. He talked about the process for considering cancelling school for weather related reasons. He said the Covid staff absences are increasing. He is pulling staff from all areas to help cover classes and there may be a point when there aren't enough substitutes to hold school. Lastly, he is happy to be at Bigfork and said the staff, students and community are great.

Kelly Ware asked if substitutes are required to have the yellow fever vaccine. Mr. Stack said no.

Trustee Elwell asked when the high school bathrooms will be unlocked. Mr. Stack will discuss with Mr. Hansen and get back to him.

SUPERINTENDENT EVALUATION – Executive Session may be called pursuant to MCA 2-3-203(3)

Closed session began at: 6:38

Closed session ended at: 7:11

FUTURE MEETING SCHEULE

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

- o Wednesday, February 9, 2022
- o Wednesday, March 9, 2022
- o Wednesday, April 13, 2022
- o Wednesday, May 11, 2022
- o Wednesday, June 8, 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: 7:11 pm

District Clerk

Chairperson