

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 8, 2022, at 5:00 pm in the high school library.

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

Trustees absent: none

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:

Dennis Nelson spoke about lead testing in schools. He asked if the school had done the required testing. Superintendent Stack told him all water faucets and drinking fountains were tested. Four came back with levels over the limit and are being mitigated. He told Mr. Nelson our testing came back better than most schools in the area. Mr. Nelson told the board he would like to hear more discussion before they vote on agenda items. He would appreciate more communication and he wonders if decisions are made prior to board meetings. He asked that special meetings be listed in the Daily Interlake and the board policy be amended to say two business days for public notice. He asked if the board has committee meetings. Trustee Anderson told him there are committee meetings and they are posted, but the committees don't meet very often. Mr. Nelson asked that the public be notified sooner.

Carrie Wyatt said she is very impressed with Bigfork Schools, the staff, Mr. Appleby, Mrs. Clarke and Mr. Porrovecchio. She said the school is meeting the needs of kids. She voiced concerns with the school board and specifically with Trustee Anderson. She said she is there to support the board and the school and make sure things that are happening across the nation don't happen here. Trustee Anderson told Ms. Wyatt she could file to run for a trustee position. Ms. Wyatt asked the board about recording meetings or a virtual option as some people want to attend but can't due to conflicts. Lastly, she asked if there will be public comment after the report on CNN10. Board Chair Sandry told her yes. He also thanked her for appreciating the administration and for the criticism of the board. He said there are times the board could be more respectful, sincere and attentive.

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

- Consideration of Regular Board Meeting Minutes for February 9 & 21, 2022
- Consideration of All Bill Approval Lists
- Consideration of Student Activity Report for January, 2022
- Acknowledgement of Student Attendance Agreements
- 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 Resignation for Consideration
 - a. Nick Hedgecock, High School Physical Education
 2. Substitute Personnel Recommended for Consideration
 - a. Lori Smith, K-12 Substitute Teacher
 - b. Collin Clock, Transportation
 3. Certified Personnel Recommended for Consideration
 - a. Jill Morley, Elementary Summer School
 - b. Jo Waddell, Elementary Summer School

- c. Kelly Leisinger, Elementary Summer School
- d. Aubrie Kallenberger, Elementary Summer School
4. Classified Personnel Recommended for Consideration
 - a. Cindi Tranel, Elementary Summer School Paraprofessional
 - b. Mary K Hovland, Elementary Summer School Paraprofessional
 - c. Aleisha Rust, Paraprofessional
5. Extra-Curricular Personnel Recommended for Consideration
 - a. Scarlett Sherman, Co-Prom Advisor
 - b. Suzanne Hines, Co-Prom Advisor
 - c. Sue Loeffler, Track Head Coach
 - d. Clayton Woll, Track Assistant Coach
 - e. Jim Epperly, Track Assistant Coach
 - f. David Creamer, Track Assistant Coach
 - g. Kyle Parker, Golf Head Coach
 - h. Tristan Clark, Golf Assistant Coach
 - i. Hayden Congdon, Tennis Head Coach
 - j. Matt Porrovecchio, Tennis Assistant Coach
 - k. Mary K Hovland, Middle School Track Coach
 - l. Jill Morley, Middle School Track Coach
 - m. Josh Feller, Middle School Track Coach (split stipend)
 - n. Logan Swenson, Middle School Track Coach (split stipend)
 - o. Joel Fetveit, Boys Soccer Head Coach
 - p. Para Schara, Girls Soccer Head Coach
 - q. Jim Benn, Football Head Coach
 - r. Ryan Nollan, Cross Country Head Coach
 - s. Ariel Stallknecht, Volleyball Head Coach
 - t. Heather Epperly, Fall Co-Head Cheer Coach
 - u. Emily Feller, Fall Co-Head Cheer Coach
6. Extra-Curricular Volunteers Recommended for Consideration
 - a. Wayne Loeffler, High School Track
 - b. Shawna Benson, High School Track
 - c. Cole Jones, High School Track
 - d. Sarah Kirk, High School Track
 - e. Caleb Seeton, High School Track

REPORTS & PRESENTATIONS

A. Middle School Current Events – Middle School Social Studies Team

Mr. Erickson and Mr. Benn detailed how they use CNN10 in their classrooms. They discussed the structure of the episodes and how they use them as a teaching tool. They said CNN10 does a good job outlining issues and showing both sides. They have packets to go along with the news and Mr. Erickson read some of the student answers. They ended by encouraging people to come in and view a lesson.

Trustee Elwell said he is a conservative guy. It's being used at Swan River School. He viewed 8 or 9 videos and didn't see anything to complain about.

Dennis Nelson asked why there is a need to show any news at school. He said CNN10 conditions students to believe that CNN is the truth. He also hasn't seen any local news on CNN10.

Mr. Benn said they use CNN10 topics to discuss local issues.

Trustee Woods said he was very upset when he heard about CNN10. After going to the school and watching a lesson he said what the teachers are doing with the material is what's important. Suzanne Childers commented she is a single parent and said it's her responsibility as a parent to engage her child in discussions after school. She commended Mr. Erickson and Mr. Benn on their educational presentation and the teachers presenting at the last couple of meetings.

Carrie Wyatt thanked the teachers for their presentation. She expressed concerns for the mental health of children exposed to news on TV and behavior issues it may cause. She said middle schoolers are not at a maturity level capable of processing the news.

Mr. Erickson and Mr. Benn explained they navigate the issues with students and said students are getting news from social media platforms as well.

Jen Wood said she has worked at the school for 20 years and works privately as a therapist as well. Teachers jobs are to help kids think and to be responsible and they can't protect kids from everything that is going on. She thanked Mr. Erickson and Mr. Benn for all they do.

- B. 2022-23 Preliminary Budgets – Mrs. Porrovecchio went over the preliminary budgets of the budgeted funds for the elementary and high school. Both general funds show significant increases due to increased enrollment and 2.57% inflationary increase from the Legislature. Mr. Nelson asked if the inflationary increase was enough to cover costs and asked about the activity bus air conditioning issue. Superintendent Stack explained the inflationary increase comes from the state, not a number we propose and said the air conditioning installation cost will be split with the bus retailer and can come from the Bus Depreciation Fund.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Elementary Permissive Levies Resolution – Mrs. Porrovecchio explained the changes in the levies on the resolution come from the preliminary budgets and could change when the budgets are adopted in August.

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

- B. High School Permissive Levies Resolution – Mrs. Porrovecchio explained the changes in the levies on the resolution come from the preliminary budgets and could change when the budgets are adopted in August.

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

- C. 2022-23 School Year Calendar – Superintendent Stack met with teachers and union members and asked trustees for feedback regarding the school calendar. He suggested removing 180 days from CBA language in the future and consider starting in August with a 3 day school week, a week with 4 school days and then 5 days to ease back to school. The calendar he proposed is similar to the current school year calendar with a PIR day in February instead of November. The Christmas break will end on January 3rd because the 2nd is a classified union holiday.

A motion to approve the 2022-23 School Year Calendar as proposed was made by Trustee Anderson, seconded by Trustee Martinz, and approved with affirmative votes from Trustees Elwell, Anderson, Woods, Sandry, Martinz and Parish. Trustee Kreiman abstained.

There were no Committee Reports.

PRINCIPALS' REPORTS

Mr. Hansen thanked Mr. Hedgecock for working for the district. He talked about prom, Dual Enrollment night, the Suicide Prevention Team, the Job Fair and upcoming ACT testing.

Mrs. Clarke reported on Battle of the Books, Dr. Suess week, math curriculum research and summer school.

Mr. Appleby told trustees about the middle school dance, 8th grade girls basketball, wrestling and spring field trips. He is sad to see Mr. Hedgecock leave the district.

Mr. Porrovecchio gave a brief report on winter sports, spring sports and the state basketball tournament.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Mr. Stack thanked Mr. Porrovecchio, Mr. Hansen, Ms. Varner and Ms. Shanks for their work putting on

the district basketball tournament. He would like to schedule a committee meeting to discuss the camera system. If the committee moves it forward, it would go to the full board and installation could happen over the summer. He also wants to discuss affordable housing. The district has options with Interlocal Agreement funds and the tennis court property. He also discussed the technology levies and being conservative with spending. He would like the trustees to consider where they want the district to be in 5 years and 10 years.

Board Chair Sandry suggested scheduling a Board Workshop in April for the full board instead of a committee meeting.

FUTURE MEETING SCHEULE

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

- o Wednesday, April 13, 2022
- o Wednesday, May 11, 2022
- o Wednesday, June 8, 2022

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

Adjourned: 6:35 pm

District Clerk

Chairperson