

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 November 15, 2022, at 5:00 pm in the high school library.

Trustees in attendance: Field, Relyea, Woods, Sandry, Anderson, Elwell & Kreiman

Trustees absent: none

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

Pledge of Allegiance

There were no comments on non-agenda items.

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

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

- Consideration of Board Meeting Minutes for October 12, 2022
- Consideration of All Bill Approval Lists
- Consideration of District Donations
 1. Doug & Mary Harwood Donation to Auto Shop Program – 2000 Ford Expedition, \$3000 Donation Value
- Consideration of Student Activity Reports for September & October, 2022
- Consideration of Out of District Students
- Consideration of Surplus Property Disposal – Auto Shop Vehicles
- 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. Bradley Knobloch, K-12 Substitute
 - b. Jason Burrough, K-12 Substitute
 - c. Abe Malley, 9-12 Substitute
 - d. Ruh MacBradaigh, K-8 Substitute
 - e. Crystal Marchinek, K-12 Substitute
 - f. Donna Burggraf, 6-12 Substitute
 2. Extra-Curricular Personnel Recommended for Consideration
 - a. Tristen Clark, Boys Junior Varsity Basketball Coach
 - b. Adam Jordt, Boys Freshman Basketball Coach (split stipend)
 - c. Jim Epperly, Boys Freshman Basketball Coach (split stipend)
 - d. Brandy Couture, Girls Junior Varsity Basketball Coach
 - e. Paula Sullivan, Girls Freshman Basketball Coach
 - f. Clayton Woll, Wrestling Assistant Coach (split stipend)
 - g. Wayne Bennett, Wrestling Assistant Coach (split stipend)
 - h. Ally Pancoast, Swim Assistant Coach
 3. Extra-Curricular Volunteers Recommended for Consideration
 - a. Isaac Martel, High School Girls Basketball
 - b. Archie Brevik, High School Wrestling
 - c. Shelton Woll, High School Wrestling

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Board Policy & Forms – First Reading
 1. 2335 Health Enhancement
 2. 2335F1 Human Sexuality Instruction Annual Notice

3. 2335F2 Human Sexuality 48 Hour Notice

Mr. Stack told trustees SB99 was passed by the Legislature and it addressed human sexuality in instruction. The new law requires yearly notice to parents and 48 hour notice before it's taught in the classroom. He told them it's a required policy. Staff will have to be diligent in sending notices. The law goes past PE and health classes to biology, anatomy & physiology, social studies and English.

Board discussion followed.

Dennis Nelson asked what will happen if a student asks a question during class. Mr. Stack told him the teacher should stop the discussion and send the 48 hour notice if appropriate. Dennis Nelson recommended the policy give two school days notice, instead of 48 hour notice.

- B. High School Open Campus Discussion – High school juniors Jacob Thompson, Andrew Wallen and Collin Smith talked to the board about allowing open campus to juniors and seniors with Cs or better and without discipline issues. They studied open campus as their Build a Better Bigfork project. They said open campus will create less stress in the lunchroom, help local businesses, motivate upper classmen to maintain good grades, and give students a breather at lunch. They talked to 15 schools, including area schools and similar sized schools. All but Browning had open campus. They said lunch time could be extended if WIN time isn't needed. The school has had closed campus since 1998.

Mr. Hansen told trustees his concerns include supervision, tracking who can leave and who can't, parking lot congestion and limited time to leave campus and return.

Board discussion followed. Board Chair Sandry requested High School Open Campus go on the December agenda as an action item.

- C. Fundraising Request, Native Plant Project – High school senior Nora Kehoe presented her Build a Better Bigfork project. She went over her plan for a native plant garden near the existing school garden. She showed the board photos of native plants and explained how Native American tribes used them for food, medicine and tools. She hopes to raise \$2500. MT Cad is donating a truckload of soil and MT Fence will provide fencing at cost. Because they are native plants, the maintenance will be minimal.

Discussion followed.

A motion to approve the Native Plant Project Fundraising Request was made by Trustee Relyea, seconded by Trustee Woods, and approved by unanimous vote of the elementary and high school trustees.

- D. Declaration of Emergency Closure, Discussion Only – Mr. Stack talked about the power issues on campus starting Wednesday, November 2nd. On the 2nd, students were sent home in the afternoon due to safety and hygiene issues. Power was restored on campus except for a portion of the high school. Mr. Stack and the building principals made the decision to cancel school on November 4th for all students, after considering the unions, shared staff between middle school and high school and shared space in the high school. He told trustees the BAEA agreement says 180 pupil instruction days. The BUC agreement says they will be paid during a closure if the teaching staff is paid. The state allows the board to declare an emergency and waive 1 school day. He asked them to consider if they want to pay all staff for the 4th, declare an emergency closure, and if they want to add a makeup day in June. He said the fourth grade will be under the hour requirement and the calendar doesn't have built in snow days.

Board discussion followed. Mr. Stack will schedule a meeting in early December for the board to declare an emergency closure and pay all staff for the day.

Mr. Stack told trustees the media erroneously reported the district received a grant for 7 electric buses.

The district has been approved for 1. He and Mr. Walker will continue to gather information and quotes on electric buses and bring it to the board for approval at a future meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no committee reports.

PRINCIPALS' REPORTS

Mrs. Clarke reported on parent teacher conferences and the book fair. Teachers came up from Polson to learn about reading instruction.

Trustee Woods asked about student handbooks. Mrs. Clarke said she is working on one will have it done by the end of the year. Mr. Stack said the board will approve handbooks this spring.

Mr. Appleby talked about the middle school dance, the Marzano Conference in Denver, MAST testing, the Thriller performance on Halloween, Veteran's Day flag raising ceremony, presenting PIR at Evergreen School District, parent teacher conferences and middle school activities.

High School Student Body President Dale Relyea told trustees about the food drive, Veteran's Day assembly and homecoming.

Mr. Hansen reported on the band and choir concert, parent teacher conferences and the Veteran's Day assembly. He commended all the students at the meeting.

Mr. Porrovecchio gave a brief report on fall and winter activities.

BOARD APPEAL

Closed Session in Accordance with Section 2-3-203(3), MCA

Closed session began at: 6:20 pm

Closed session ended at: 7:49 pm

A motion was made to reverse original administrative action by Trustee Woods, seconded by Trustee Elwell, and approved by unanimous vote of the elementary and high school trustees.

FUTURE MEETING SCHEULE

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

- o Wednesday, December 14, 2022
- o Wednesday, January 11, 2023
- o Wednesday, February 8, 2023
- o Wednesday, March 8, 2023
- o Wednesday, April 12, 2023
- o Wednesday, May 10, 2023

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

Adjourned: 7:49 pm

District Clerk

Chairperson