

## REGULAR BOARD MEETING

May 10, 2023

**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 May 10, 2023, at 5:00 pm in the high school library.

Trustees in attendance: Carol Field, Christina Relyea, Ben Woods, Paul Sandry, Dan Elwell, Zack Anderson and Julie Kreiman

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/Activity 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 with the addendum was made by Trustee Woods, seconded by Trustee Field, and approved by unanimous vote of the elementary school and high school trustees.

### **ACCLAMATION**

A. Bigfork Elementary Trustee Election – Mrs. Porrovecchio explained the trustee filing window opened in December and closed in March. Incumbent trustees were the only people to file paperwork to run. The election was canceled.

A motion to approve Paul Sandry and Julie Kreiman by acclamation was made by Trustee Anderson, seconded by Trustee Woods, and approved by unanimous vote of the elementary trustees.

B. Salmon Prairie/Swan Lake Trustee Election – Mrs. Porrovecchio told the board Carol Field was the only person to file to represent Salmon Prairie/Swan Lake.

A motion to approve Carol Field by acclamation was made by Trustee Anderson, seconded by Trustee Relyea, and approved by unanimous vote of the elementary and high school trustees.

### **BOARD REORGANIZATION**

A motion to appoint Trustee Sandry as board chair was made by Trustee Anderson and approved by unanimous vote of the elementary and high school trustees. A motion to appoint Trustee Kreiman as vice chair was made by Trustee Relyea. A motion to appoint Trustee Anderson as vice chair was made by Trustee Woods. Trustee Kreiman was approved as vice chair with affirmative votes from Trustees Anderson, Relyea, Field and Elwell. Trustees Sandry and Woods voted for Trustee Anderson. A motion to appoint Lacey Porrovecchio as Board District Clerk for fiscal year 2023-24 was made by Trustee Relyea and approved by unanimous vote of the elementary and high school trustees.

Trustee committee assignments were discussed. Board Chair Sandry asked trustees to let Mrs. Porrovecchio know of desired changes.

Board Chair Sandry asked for approval of the consent agenda with the removal of item 4 j. He said it would be discussed in executive session at the end of the meeting.

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

- Approval of Regular Board Meeting Minutes for April 12, 2023
- Approval of All Bill Approval Lists
- Approval of Student Activity Reports for March, 2023
- Approval of Donations
  1. Bigfork Ladies Service Club - \$2,000 Tournament Meal Account
- Approval of Montana High School Association 2023-24 Membership
- Approval 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 Recommended for Consideration
  - a. Roxanne Reed, Middle School Math
  - b. Lucas Baumann, High School English
  - c. Tristen Clark, Middle School Health & PE
  - d. Sue McGregor, High School Family and Consumer Science
2. Certified Personnel Recommended for Consideration
  - a. Jane Sundell, Elementary Teacher
  - b. Crystal Kain, One Year Assignment, Instructional Coach
  - c. Zack Christiansen, High School History Teacher
  - d. Erin Shea, Middle School Math Teacher
3. Classified Personnel Recommended for Consideration
  - a. David Boswell, Custodian
4. Extra-Curricular Personnel Recommended for Consideration
  - a. Park Schara, Girls Soccer Head Coach
  - b. Chris Paulus, Boys Soccer Head Coach
  - c. Jim Benn, Football Head Coach
  - d. Ryan Nollan, Cross Country Head Coach
  - e. Ariel Stallknecht, Volleyball Head Coach
  - f. Kyle Parker, Golf Head Coach
  - g. Charlie Ball, Swim Head Coach
  - h. Cortnee Gunlock, Girls Basketball Head Coach
  - i. John Hollow, Boys Basketball Head Coach

**REPORTS & PRESENTATIONS**

- A. Middle School Leadership Class – Middle school students, Lilli Suffia, Ayla Wermer, Curtis Scherfenberg and Thalia Moore, shared the Ignite mentor program and its many benefits to the students and school.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Montana Medical Billing Contract 2023-24 – Mrs. Porrovecchio asked trustees to approve the renewal of the Medicaid billing contract. The district receives money for providing certain services for students on Medicaid with an IEP. One other company does Medicaid billing and Montana Medical Billing is cheaper.

A motion to approve the 2023-24 Montana Medical Billing Contract was made by Trustee Anderson, seconded by Trustee Elwell, and approved by unanimous vote of the elementary and high school trustees.

- B. Facility Maintenance Projects – Superintendent Stack explained projects over \$20,000 need board approval. He worked with administrators and department heads to prioritize needs. The Facility Committee went over the projects as well. He went over the list he gave to trustees. Trustee Relyea asked about getting bids. Mr. Stack told her law says formal bid at \$80,000, but multiple bids were obtained for the projects. Trustee Anderson asked about installing air conditioning in classrooms. Mr. Stack said he would like to look into it in the fall, gather more information and meet with board committees.

A motion to approve the Facility Maintenance Projects as proposed was made by Trustee Kreiman, seconded by Trustee Field and approved by unanimous vote of the elementary and high school trustees.

- C. 2023-24 Bigfork Unified Classified Collective Bargaining Agreement – Trustee Kreiman said the Negotiations Committee met with the classified union twice. The updated language and salary increase were included in the packet. Trustee Relyea asked why the agreement is only for one year. Trustee Kreiman explained both sides wanted to wait and see how enrollment affects the budget.

A motion to approve the 2023-24 Bigfork Unified Classified Collective Bargaining Agreement was made by Trustee Anderson, seconded by Trustee Woods, and approved by unanimous vote of the elementary and high school trustees.

- D. 2023-24 Bigfork Area Education Association Collective Bargaining Agreement – Trustee Kreiman told board members the negotiations process with the certified union was straightforward. Changes to the agreement were included in their packet.

A motion to approve the 2023-24 Bigfork Area Education Association Collective Bargaining Agreement was made

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

- E. Northwest Montana Health Insurance Consortium – Mrs. Porrovecchio explained the consortium is a self-insured health consortium with local schools and an Executive Director. The consortium is healthy and has increased less than 1% per year over the last 6 years. The agreement is for one year. The district will be able to consider other options, including recent legislation opening the door to statewide health insurance for school systems. Superintendent Stack and Trustee Anderson spoke about the 1% rate increase.

A motion to approve the Northwest Montana Health Insurance Consortium Agreement was made by Trustee Anderson, seconded by Trustee Kreiman, and approved by unanimous vote of the elementary and high school trustees.

- F. Turf Project – Mr. Porrovecchio told trustees he was looking for formal approval for the Booster Club to move forward with fundraising efforts. He said the turf project will benefit multiple sports and middle school and high school students. He said the school's role will be to accept the funds once they are raised and to take on the project from there. Board discussion followed.

A motion to approve fundraising by the Booster Club for the turf project was made by Trustee Kreiman, seconded by Trustee Elwell, and approved with votes from Trustees Field, Woods, Sandry, Elwell, Anderson and Kreiman. Trustee Relyea opposed. Trustee Relyea said it's a nice idea but would like to see fundraising for education instead.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

There were no committee reports.

#### **PRINCIPAL REPORTS**

Mr. Appleby told board members middle school handbooks are ready for review. He talked about SBAC testing, staff members leaving and new hires, the middle school leadership class, spring activity day, the PTA luncheon, the 8<sup>th</sup> grade trip and graduation.

Mr. Hansen talked about the viewing of Screenagers, the Navy Brass Quartet, choir and band concerts, the awards ceremony, graduation, ACT scores, new hires and staff leaving, high school internships, state music and band results and journalism awards.

Mrs. Clarke invited board members into classrooms to view teachers and paraprofessionals at work. She thanked staff including food service, maintenance, and transportation. She talked about the PTA luncheon, spring assessments, Fastbridge, enrichment clusters, the spring concert, and the Fun Run. Mrs. Morley talked to the board briefly about the Fun Run.

Mr. Porrovecchio spoke about spring sports and said he is finalizing next year's schedules.

Dale Relyea, Student Council representative, gave a quick report on the blood drive at school, student council elections and the upcoming barbeque.

#### **SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

Mr. Stack talked about the OPI MAST testing program. Next year third and eighth grade will participate. The testing program shows individual student growth over time. He talked about the bids received for the activity bus. The district paid approximately \$150,000 for the bus. It was advertised for \$130,000, with a minimum bid of \$120,000. Darby School District offered \$170,000. Options on replacement buses will be discussed with the Transportation Committee before going on the agenda. He thanked the Negotiations Committee and the union representatives for how easily and quickly negotiations were completed. Lastly, he talked about the handbooks. He would like to have the board approve them before school starts in the fall.

Board Chair Sandry closed the meeting to discuss a personnel issue at 6:03 pm.

Closed session ended at 6:27 pm.

A motion to approve Shawn Hall as Head Wrestling Coach for 2023-24 was made by Trustee Kreiman, seconded

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by Trustee Woods, and approved with votes from Trustees Field, Woods, Sandry, Elwell, Anderson and Kreiman. Trustee Relyea abstained.

**FUTURE MEETING SCHEULE**

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

- o Tuesday, June 6, 2023\*
- o Wednesday, July 12, 2023
- o Wednesday, August 16, 2023

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

Adjourned: 6:27 pm

**STUDENT DISCIPLINE HEARING**

Started: 6:30

Ended: 7:08

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District Clerk

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Chairperson