

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 June 6, 2023, at 4:59 pm in the high school library.

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

Trustees absent: Carol Field

Also in attendance were Superintendent Tom Stack, Business Manager Lacey Porrovecchio, Principals Mark Hansen, Brenda Clarke and Charlie Appleby, Activities Director/Special Education 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, and removing Jodi Carter as a summer school teacher was made by Trustee Woods, 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 May 10 & May 30, 2023
- Consideration of All Bill Approval Lists
- Consideration of District Donations
 1. Gap Fillers Donation for Graduating Seniors Lunch Debt, \$1684
 2. Crossroads Men's Ministry Donation for Lunch Debt, \$3500
- Consideration of Student Activity Report for April, 2023
- Consideration of Out of District Students
- Consideration of 2023-24 Evergreen Preschool Agreement
- Consideration of 2023-24 Evergreen Crossroads Agreement
- Consideration of 2nd Semester Individual Contract Reimbursement Claims
- Consideration of 2nd Semester Bus Route Reimbursement Claims
- 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. Lucas Baumann, K-12 Substitute Teacher
 2. Certified Personnel Recommended for Consideration
 - a. Annmari Sikon, High School English
 - b. Jill Morley, Elementary Summer School Teacher
 - c. Aubrie Kallenberger, Elementary Summer School Teacher
 - d. Jo Waddell, Elementary Summer School Teacher
 - e. Madigan Kinslow, Elementary Summer School Teacher
 - f. Jim Benn, Middle School Summer School Teacher
 - g. Karen Pogachar, Middle School Summer School Teacher
 - h. Bronson Ericksen, Middle School Summer School Teacher
 - i. Christina Nadeau, High School Summer School Teacher
 3. Classified Personnel Recommended for Consideration
 - a. Christie Minemyer, Paraprofessional
 - b. Cindi Tranel, Elementary Summer School Paraprofessional
 - c. Karen Johnston, Middle School Summer School Paraprofessional

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Safe Return & ESSER ARP Plans Update & Review – Superintendent Stack reminded trustees

it's necessary to review the plans every 6 months and this could be the last time.

A motion to approve the Safe Return & ESSER ARP Plans was made by Trustee Anderson, seconded by Trustee Relyea, and approved with unanimous votes of the elementary and high school trustees.

- B. 2023-24 Montana Quality Education Coalition Membership – Superintendent Stack told trustees the \$2500 membership fee is the same as last year. MQEC lobbies for public school and public funding. They will be lobbying against HB 562 and HB 393.

A motion to approve the 2023-24 MQEC Membership was made by Trustee Relyea, seconded by Trustee Kreiman. Trustees Relyea and Kreiman voted in favor of the motion. Trustees Woods, Sandry, Anderson and Elwell were opposed and the motion failed.

- C. Parent Kindergarten Enrollment Petition – Ms. Lauren Toedtemeier told trustees her daughter will be 5 in December. She tested high at kindergarten roundup and it will be a hardship driving her to daycare in Kalispell and working in Bigfork. Superintendent Stack referenced board policy 3110 and said allowing the exception could open the door to other 4 year olds and 19 year olds. He explained we allow a limited number of 4 year olds based on need as determined by the Dial assessment. Discussion followed.

A motion to deny the Parent Kindergarten Enrollment Petition was made by Trustee Woods, seconded by Trustee Anderson, and approved with unanimous votes of the elementary trustees. Trustee Kreiman said the form the parent filled out to go before the board indicated there wouldn't be a vote at this meeting. Board Chair Sandry asked that the parent petition be placed on the July agenda and trustees will vote at that time.

- D. High School Baseball Consideration – Mr. Nathan Mayer asked the board to vote on adding baseball as a high school offering. He said Bigfork Youth Baseball will underwrite the first 2 years of costs of the program with the hope that the school would pay the MHSA fee and coach stipends like other partially funded athletics. There is a group of people committed to ongoing fundraising as well. There are 190 players in Bigfork ages 4 to 18. They have approval from the owner of the Bear Creek field for high school games and people interested in coaching. He asked the board why they wouldn't approve it. Seth Campbell spoke in support of adding baseball. Discussion followed including Title IX, adding girls wrestling, costs of the programs, schedules, etc.

Board Chair Sandry tabled the item until the July board meeting and asked administrators to gather more information.

- E. Activity Bus Purchase – Transportation Director Walker told the board he flew to Michigan to look at the bus. It's a 56 passenger 2012 Volvo with ample storage and a clean interior. It has 400,000 miles and good tires. He negotiated minor body work and a complete paint job for \$115,000. Discussion followed.

A motion to purchase the 2012 Volvo as recommended was made by Trustee Woods, seconded by Trustee Elwell, and approved with unanimous votes of the elementary and high school trustees.

- F. Resolution to Move Funds from Elementary General Fund to the Interlocal Agreement Fund – Business Manager Porrovecchio told trustees the Interlocal Agreement Fund has \$1,297,000 that could be used for future land purchases and other major expenditures. The elementary general fund has end of year money this year due to ESSER and Transformational Learning Grant supplanting and unfilled positions. She asked for approval to move \$124,000 from the elementary general fund to the Interlocal Agreement fund now and possibly more at the end of June to close out funds.

A motion to approve the Resolution to Move Funds from Elementary General Fund to the Interlocal Agreement Fund as recommended was made by Trustee Woods, seconded by Trustee Kreiman, and approved with unanimous votes of the elementary trustees.

- G. Resolution to Move Funds from High School General Fund to the Interlocal Agreement Fund – Business Manger Porrovecchio told trustees the Interlocal Agreement Fund has \$1,297,000 that could be used for future land purchases and other major expenditures. The high school general fund has end of year money this year due to ESSER and Transformational Learning Grant supplanting, unfilled positions and money from OPI for the high school enrollment increase. She asked for approval to move \$90,000 from the high school general fund to the Interlocal Agreement fund now and possibly more at the end of June to close out funds.

A motion to approve the Resolution to Move Funds from High School General Fund to the Interlocal Agreement Fund as recommended was made by Trustee Relyea, seconded by Trustee Elwell, and approved with unanimous votes of the elementary and high school trustees.

- H. 2023-24 District Handbooks, First Reading – Superintendent Stack asked trustees to read through the proposed handbooks and provide feedback. The handbooks will be on the July agenda for adoption. Trustee Relyea questioned the handbook taking precedence over policy and recommended the handbooks be more uniform. Discussion followed.
- I. 2023-24 Property & Casualty Insurance Renewal – Superintendent Stack said insurance rates have gone up significantly. Rates in the school pool went up 16% and ours went up 20% due to claims, including the roof hail damage and the bus accident in Great Falls. The increase was budgeted for.

A motion to approve the 2023-24 Property & Casualty Insurance Renewal was made by Trustee Elwell, seconded by Trustee Kreiman, and approved with unanimous votes of the elementary and high school trustees.

- J. 2023-24 Administrative Support Staff Wage Recommendations – Trustee Kreiman told trustees the committee negotiated with both unions. The recommendation for administrative support staff was included in the packet.

A motion to approve the 2023-24 Administrative Support Staff Wage Recommendations as recommended was made by Trustee Woods, seconded by Trustee Elwell, and approved with unanimous votes of the elementary and high school trustees.

- K. 2023-24 Administrative Contracts – Trustee Kreiman told the board the committee worked to stay in line with the procedure in place for principals. Employees received increases similar to the employees they supervise and a step if they have been in their position less than 5 years.

A motion to approve the 2023-24 Administrative Contracts as recommended was made by Trustee Elwell, seconded by Trustee Kreiman, and approved with unanimous votes of the elementary and high school trustees.

- L. 2023-24 School Psych & IT Support Contracts – Superintendent Stack explained these individuals are contractors for the district. The contracts include a 3% increase.

A motion to approve the 2023-24 School Psych & IT Support Contracts as recommended was made by Trustee Anderson, seconded by Trustee Relyea, and approved with unanimous votes of the elementary and high school trustees.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no committee reports.

PRINCIPALS' REPORTS

Mr. Hansen talked about graduation, scholarships, grade point averages, test scores, the cell phone information night put on by Nurse Knopik, and departing staff. Trustee Relyea commented it was nice to see so many different kids getting scholarships.

Mrs. Clarke told trustees she will report spring data at the July meeting. She talked about the spring concert and an upcoming PLC conference.

Mr. Appleby reported on 8th grade promotion ceremony, the 8th grade trip, new staff members and the heat in the classrooms upstairs. He will report on SBAC testing at the July meeting.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Mr. Stack informed the board the elevator project will start later than anticipated. The kindergarten classes will be shuffled around the first few weeks of school. He also told them about the senior prank over the weekend involving vandalism in front of the high school. Board discussion followed.

FUTURE MEETING SCHEDULE

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

- o Wednesday, July 12, 2023
- o Wednesday, August 16, 2023
- o Wednesday, September 13, 2023
- o Wednesday, October 11, 2023
- o Wednesday, November 8, 2023
- o Wednesday, December 13, 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: 6:42 pm

District Clerk

Chairperson