

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 September 13, 2023, at 5:00 pm in the high school library.

Trustees in attendance: Carol Field, Paul Sandry, Dan Elwell, Julie Kreiman & Deb Johnson

Trustees absent: Zack Anderson & Ben Woods

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, removing Consent Agenda Item 5, G, 5 was made by Trustee Kreiman, seconded by Trustee Elwell, and approved by unanimous vote of the elementary and high school trustees.

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

- Consideration of Board Meeting Minutes for August 16 & 23, 2023
- Consideration of All Bill Approval Lists
- Consideration of Student Activity Report for August, 2023
- Consideration of District Donations
 1. Bigfork Youth Baseball Donation to Baseball - \$5000
 2. Bill & Nancy Robinson Donation to Baseball - \$1000
 3. Daniel Evans Donation to Baseball - \$1000
 4. Tootie Myhre Donation to Baseball - \$5000
 5. GRG Enterprises LLC Donation to Baseball - \$1000
 6. William Thomas & Laura Wood Donation to Soccer - \$1000
- Consideration of Out of District Students
- Consideration of Surplus Property Resolution – Miscellaneous Items
- 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 Resignations for Consideration
 - a. Kathy Standley, K-8 Paraprofessional
 - b. Rose Ottosen, K-12 Substitute Teacher
 - c. Katie Ecklund, K-12 Substitute Teacher
 - d. Kevin Tibbetts, 6-12 Substitute Teacher
 2. Extra-Curricular Personnel Recommended for Consideration
 - a. Brian Phillips, High School Band Advisor
 3. Extra-Curricular Volunteers Recommended for Consideration
 - a. Mackenzie Holton, 8th Grade Volleyball
 - b. Annie Cashmore, Cross Country
 - c. Ellie Jordt, Middle School Volleyball
 - d. Schuyler Baird, 7th Grade Volleyball
 - e. William Douglas, High School Football
 4. Classified Personnel Recommended for Consideration
 - a. Mary Dirkes, Elementary Paraprofessional
 5. Classified Resignation Recommended for Consideration
 - a. ~~Susan Cleverly, Route Driver~~

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Transportation Route 10 Contract Resignation – Superintendent Stack explained he and

Transportation Director Walker have been in discussions with the contractor. The contractor's bus needs work done and he decided to submit his resignation. The district will take over the route. Mr. Stack talked about the shortage of bus drivers and looking at options in the future. The district may need to combine routes. The contractor will continue to operate route 13.

A motion to accept the Transportation Route 10 Contract Resignation was made by Trustee Elwell, seconded by Trustee Kreiman, and approved by unanimous vote of the elementary and high school trustees.

- B. Cell Phone Policy Report – Mr. Hansen gave a brief report on cell phones in the high school. He said it's going well. He contacts parents when he confiscates phones, and all have been accommodating. Staff has given positive feedback as well. Mr. Stack said he received an email from a parent with concerns about principals seeing notifications on phones. He said staff will remind students phones should be off. Mr. Appleby said the cell phone ban is going well in middle school and wasn't a big change for them. Mrs. Clarke said today was the first day she has had a problem with a phone, and it was on the school bus.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no committee reports.

PRINCIPALS' REPORTS

Mrs. Clarke shared math and reading data for kindergarten through fifth grade. Mrs. Morley told trustees the teachers were happy with the math curriculum. Mrs. Clarke said the fall carnival will be September 29th at 4:30.

Mr. Appleby told trustees the beginning of the school year has been great. New staff is getting settled in.

Mr. Hansen shared ACT scores. He explained the lower high school ranking in the newspaper article was in part due to Bigfork not offering IB or AP courses. The high school offers dual enrollment courses instead. He said PLC focus has been kids that are struggling and now also focusing on kids that are advanced.

Mr. Porrovecchio gave a brief update on fall sports. He also talked about the football field turf project. Interested parties met and are slowly moving forward.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Mr. Stack reported on the summer maintenance projects. Everything is complete except the kindergarten elevator. It's wrapping up in the next week or so. The district will add a cellular phone line to the elevator for compliance. He told the board OPI is communicating less and less with districts. He talked about staffing shortages in food service, maintenance, and transportation. Lastly, he talked about the Facility Use policy. He would like to make the process better to help prevent damage.

FUTURE MEETING SCHEULE

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

- Wednesday, October 11, 2023
- Wednesday, November 8, 2023
- Wednesday, December 13, 2023
- Wednesday, January 10, 2024
- Wednesday, February 14, 2024
- Wednesday, March 13, 2024
- Wednesday, April 10, 2024

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

Adjourned: 5:36 pm

District Clerk

Chairperson

Lance Nadeau

Mike McGill

Tue 9/19/2023 9:38 AM

To: Tom Stack <tstack@bigfork.k12.mt.us>; Lacey Porrovecchio <lporrovecchio@bigfork.k12.mt.us>

Cc: Alison Wallen <awallen@bigfork.k12.mt.us>

I would like to put Lance Nadeau on the next agenda to be a sub for maintenance / custodial per him passing the physical. Lance has a mowing / landscaping company and knows how to operate equipment. Lance has subbed for teachers and has passed the background check all he needs to do is pass the physical.

Thanks.

Board Rec

Brenda Clarke <bclarke@bigfork.k12.mt.us>

Tue 10/3/2023 8:51 AM

To: Tom Stack <tstack@bigfork.k12.mt.us>; Lacey Porrovecchio <lporrovecchio@bigfork.k12.mt.us>; Alison Wallen <awallen@bigfork.k12.mt.us>

Please add this to the next Board agenda:

Board of Trustees:

I am pleased to recommend Amanda Willis as a substitute for Bigfork School District for grades K-12. Amanda is currently a substitute nurse for our District and has two children that attend school here. She has been a nurse for almost 19 years and has worked with children in pediatrics.

Thank you,
Brenda

Winter Assistant Coach Recommendations

Matt Porrovecchio <mattp@bigfork.k12.mt.us>

Thu 10/5/2023 2:00 PM

To: Tom Stack <tstack@bigfork.k12.mt.us>

Cc: Alison Wallen <awallen@bigfork.k12.mt.us>; Lacey Porrovecchio <lporrovecchio@bigfork.k12.mt.us>

Dear Mr. Stack,

I would like to recommend the following assistant coaches for our winter sports programs:

Boys Basketball (Returning)

Adam Jordt - Junior Varsity Coach & Var Assistant

Brandon Piazzola - Freshman Coach & Var Assistant

Girls Basketball (Returning)

Brandy Couture - Var Assistant (split stipend with Coach Gunlock)

Isaac Martel - Junior Varsity Coach & Var Assistant

Paula Sullivan - Freshman Coach & Var Assistant

Wrestling (Returning)

Wayne Bennett - Assistant Coach (stipend 50/50 split)

Shelton Woll - Assistant Coach (stipend 50/50 split)

Archie Brevik - Volunteer Assistant Coach (stipend 50/50 split with head)

Clayton Woll - Volunteer Assistant Coach

Thank you for your consideration.

Matt Porrovecchio

Bigfork School District

Activities Director

Special Services Director

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Winter Coach Recommendations

Matt Porrovecchio <mattp@bigfork.k12.mt.us>

Thu 10/5/2023 1:39 PM

To: Tom Stack <tstack@bigfork.k12.mt.us>

Cc: Carol Venegas <cvenegas@bigfork.k12.mt.us>; Tom Stack <tstack@bigfork.k12.mt.us>; Charlie Appleby <charliea@bigfork.k12.mt.us>; Lacey Porrovecchio <lporrovecchio@bigfork.k12.mt.us>; Alison Wallen <awallen@bigfork.k12.mt.us>

Dear Mr. Stack,

I would like to recommend the following coaches:

2023 Middle School Boys Basketball:

Tanya McAnally Volunteer Head Coach 5th (Returning)

Amanda Davey Volunteer Head Coach 6th (Returning)

Mandi Hare Volunteer Assistant Coach 6th (Returning)

Troy Gunlock Head Coach 7th (Returning)

Tanya McAnally Volunteer Assistant Coach 7th (Returning)

John Michael Knopik Head Coach 8th (Returning)

2023 High School Swimming:

I would like to recommend Mr. Jim Benn as head coach for the swim team. While Coach Benn has no experience as a swim coach, he is a skilled coach with more than 30 years of experience coaching football, basketball, and track. I know he will embrace the challenge of coaching a new sport. Coach Benn was the only applicant for the position.

Thank you for your consideration.

Matt Porrovecchio
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Baseball Coach Recommendation

Matt Porrovecchio <mattp@bigfork.k12.mt.us>

Thu 10/5/2023 3:14 PM

To: Tom Stack <tstack@bigfork.k12.mt.us>

Cc: Alison Wallen <awallen@bigfork.k12.mt.us>; Lacey Porrovecchio <lporrovecchio@bigfork.k12.mt.us>

Dear Mr. Stack,

I would like to recommend Mr. Dave Romano as Head Baseball Coach for the 2024 Spring baseball season. With more than 25 years of baseball coaching and playing experience, he has the background, experience and skills to take on the head coach position. He comes highly recommended and did a great job during his interview - his passion and knowledge was evident.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Fw: Winter Assistant Coach Recommendations

Lacey Porrovecchio <lporrovecchio@bigfork.k12.mt.us>

Thu 10/5/2023 2:39 PM

To:Lacey Porrovecchio <lporrovecchio@bigfork.k12.mt.us>

Lacey Porrovecchio
Business Manager
Bigfork School District 38
406.837.7400

From: Matt Porrovecchio <mattp@bigfork.k12.mt.us>
Sent: Thursday, October 5, 2023 2:35 PM
To: Tom Stack <tstack@bigfork.k12.mt.us>
Cc: Alison Wallen <awallen@bigfork.k12.mt.us>; Lacey Porrovecchio <lporrovecchio@bigfork.k12.mt.us>
Subject: Re: Winter Assistant Coach Recommendations

Dear Mr. Stack,

I would like to recommend the following assistant coaches for our winter sports programs:

Girls Basketball (Returning)
Troy Gunlock Volunteer Assistant
Tanner Cummings Volunteer Assistant

Thank you for your consideration.

Matt Porrovecchio
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