

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 February 14, 2024, at 5:00 pm in the high school library.

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

Trustees absent: none

Also in attendance were Superintendent Tom Stack, Business Manager Lacey Porrovecchio, Principals Mark Hansen 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 was made by Trustee Woods, seconded by Trustee Elwell, and approved by unanimous vote of the elementary and high school trustees.

Trustee Johnson asked that the Innovative Education Tax Credit information be put out to the public well in advance of the donation date to encourage more donations next year.

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

- Consideration of Board Meeting Minutes for January 10, 2024
- Consideration of All Bill Approval Lists
- Consideration of Student Activity Report – December, 2023
- Consideration of District Donations
 1. Innovative Education Tax Credit Donations
 - a. Marjorie Nelson, \$5000
 - b. Sliters Lumber & Building Supply, \$25,000
- Consideration of Out of District Students
- Consideration of Pay for Bus Route Contractors for Weather Cancellations
- Consideration of First Semester Individual Transportation Contract Reimbursement Claims (2)
- 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. Classified Personnel Resignation for Consideration
 - a. Mary Dirkes, Paraprofessional
 2. Classified Personnel Recommended for Consideration
 - a. Katelyn Harrington, Part-time Paraprofessional
 - b. Cyndi Hanson, Special Education Paraprofessional
 3. Substitute Personnel Recommended for Consideration
 - a. Genesis Batiz, K-8 Substitute Teacher
 - b. Catherine Mischke, K-8 Substitute Teacher
 4. Extra-Curricular Personnel Recommended for Consideration
 - a. Hunter Johnson, High School Baseball Assistant Coach
 - b. Clayton Woll, High School Track Assistant Coach
 - c. Cole Jones, High School Track Assistant Coach
 - d. Shawna Benson, High School Track Assistant Coach (split stipend)
 - e. Jim Epperly, High School Track Assistant Coach (split stipend)
 - f. Rory Christians, High School Tennis Head Coach
 - g. Matt Porrovecchio, High School Tennis Assistant Coach
 - h. Scarlett Sherman, Prom Advisor (split stipend)
 - i. Suzanne Hines, Prom Advisor (split stipend)
 5. Extra-Curricular Volunteers Recommended for Consideration

- a. Mindy Blain, Middle School Girls Basketball
- b. Wayne Loeffler, High School Track
- c. Ryan Nollan, High School Track
- d. Sarah Kirk, High School Track
- e. Caleb Seeton, High School Track
- f. Sam Modderman, High School Track

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Declaration of Emergency Closure January 12, 2024 – Superintendent Stack explained the school calendar includes one snow day. The board can approve waiving one day. If school is canceled again, it would need to be made up. Discussion followed.

A motion to declare an emergency closure for January 12, 2024 and not make up the day was made by Trustee Anderson, seconded by Trustee Johnson, and approved with affirmative votes from Trustees Field, Johnson, Woods, Elwell, Kreiman and Anderson. Trustee Sandry opposed.

- B. Classified Staff Employee Compensation Installment Timing – Business Manager Porrovecchio told trustees the certified union agreement had language paying the second installment of the bonus in April. The classified union agreement language said May. She asked trustees to approve paying the classified union in April, at the same time as other employees.

A motion to approve the Classified Staff Employee Compensation Installment payment in April was made by Trustee Anderson, seconded by Trustee Woods, and approved by unanimous vote of the elementary and high school trustees.

- C. Out of State Field Trip Request, Cave Club – Mr. Bodenhamer and student Maddie Pomeroy asked trustees to approve a cave club trip to the Frogg's Fault cave in Montana, accessed through Wyoming. Maddie showed photos and cave maps from previous trips to the cave.

A motion to approve the cave club out of state field trip was made by Trustee Anderson, seconded by Trustee Woods, and approved by unanimous vote of the elementary and high school trustees.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Board Chair Sandry recapped the earlier Finance Committee meeting and said Business Manager Porrovecchio will present preliminary 2024-25 budgets at the March board meeting.

PRINCIPALS' REPORTS

Mr. Hansen told trustees about honor roll, dual enrollment parent night, ACT testing, the Job Fair, 2024-25 class registration and winter formal. He met with Mr. Zinke about NARCAN in schools. He talked about the struggle to find a drivers education teacher and provided the board with a handout about FVCC dual enrollment classes.

Mr. Appleby talked about Valentine's Day in the middle school, the winter activity day, 8th grade testing, the middle school dance, a band trip to Missoula, the career fair for 6th graders and girls basketball.

Mr. Porrovecchio reported Olivia Close and Jake Baldi took first at the Speech and Drama state tournament. Swim and wrestling wrapped up their seasons and basketball post season is getting started.

Mr. Walker gave a brief transportation report. He started the application process for a second electric bus. The cost to run the electric bus is \$3.50 per day vs. \$20 for conventional buses. The DEQ reimbursement for the new diesel bus was increased to \$31,000.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Mr. Stack told trustees he and Mr. Walker are looking into a second electric bus. The cost to the district would be approximately \$30,000. It will come to the full board for approval if it moves forward. He will have a 2024-25 school calendar on the March or April agenda. He has a calendar from the union and will

meet with administrators as well. He talked to the board about staff asking for more protection in the classroom. The district has installed security cameras, buzzer entry system, and done various safety trainings. Mr. Stack will look into gel spray that could be stocked in classrooms. He will be meeting with Sheriff Heino and with Flathead Electric to discuss the SRO contract and funding. SRO attendance at athletic events was discussed.

SUPERINTENDENT EVALUATION – Executive Session was called pursuant to MCA 2-3-203 (3)
Closed Session started at: 5:41 pm

Closed Session ended at: 6:40 pm

FUTURE MEETING SCHEULE

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

- Wednesday, March 13, 2024
- Wednesday, April 10, 2024
- Wednesday, May 15, 2024

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

Adjourned: 6:40 pm

District Clerk

Chairperson