

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 July 10, 2024, at 5:00 pm in the high school library.

Trustees in attendance: Carol Field, Deb Johnson, Ben Woods, Paul Sandry, 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, Athletic 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 addendum was made by Trustee Elwell, seconded by Trustee Woods, and approved by unanimous vote of the elementary and high school trustees.

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

- Consideration of Board Meeting Minutes for June 3, June 10 & June 13, 2024
- Consideration of All Bill Approval Lists
- Consideration of Student Activity Reports for May & June, 2024
- Consideration of District Donations
 1. Anonymous Football Program Donation – Guardian Caps/Concussion Safety
- Consideration of Transportation Interlocal Agreements for the Transportation of Students for School Year 2024-25
 1. Swan River School District
 2. Salmon Prairie School District
 3. Sommers School District
- Consideration of 2024-25 Special Education Contract
 1. Samantha Modderman, Physical Therapist
- 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. Cindi Tranel, Paraprofessional
 2. Substitute Personnel Recommended for Consideration
 - a. Jessica Cleveland, K-12 Substitute Teacher
 3. Classified Personnel Recommended for Consideration
 - a. Duff Van Alstine, Transportation Route Driver
 - b. Adrienne Van Alstine, Transportation Route Driver
- Consideration of Surplus Property Resolution – Miscellaneous Items

NEW BUSINESS

- A. 2024-25 District Handbooks – Principal Appleby explained only minor updates were made to the handbooks. He and the other principals are working on revising the bullying language. It will come to the board later if needed. Discussion followed.
 1. Elementary Handbook
 2. Middle School Handbook
 3. High School Handbook
 4. High School Activities Handbook

A motion to approve district handbooks as presented was made by Trustee Kreiman, seconded by Trustee Woods, and approved by unanimous vote of the elementary and high school trustees.

- B. 2024-25 High School Calendar Change – Superintendent Stack & Principal Hansen proposed only 9th graders attend at the high school on the first day of school. They explained the benefits and told the board the 10th, 11th and 12th graders have more than enough time built into the calendar to accommodate the change.

A motion to approve the 2024-25 High School Calendar Change was made by Trustee Anderson, seconded by Trustee Elwell, and approved with affirmative votes from Trustees Field, Woods, Johnson, Elwell, Kreiman and Anderson. Trustee Sandry opposed.

- C. 2024-25 School Year Transportation Routes – Transportation Director Walker asked the board to approve the transportation routes. He explained the routes were unchanged from prior year except the district will take over Route 13 which was a contracted route last year. The routes also get approved by the counties.

A motion to approve 2024-25 School Year Transportation Routes was made by Trustee Anderson, seconded by Trustee Woods, and approved by unanimous vote of the elementary and high school trustees.

D. 2024-25 Cooperative Sports/Activities Agreement with Swan River – Board Chair Sandry tabled the item. Superintendent Stack explained Swan River School District approved the agreement with revisions. He will work with Swan River and the Activities Committee and bring it back to the board. Trustee Elwell explained the history and dynamics of the co-op agreement with Swan River.

- E. Transportation Bus Purchases – Transportation Director Walker asked trustees to approve the purchase of a diesel bus for Route 13. Superintendent Stack explained the motion should include the purchase of a 2nd E-bus up to \$45,000 and approval of a new diesel bus up to \$168,000.

A motion to approve the purchase of a diesel bus up to \$168,000 was made by Trustee Anderson, seconded by Trustee Woods, and approved by unanimous vote of the elementary and high school trustees.

- F. 15-Passenger Activity Bus Purchase – Transportation Director Walker told the board he would like to sell the 2007 van. The district doesn't use it in the winter due to safety precautions. Because of all the sports and activities and the driver shortage, he proposed the purchase of another 15-passenger activity bus up to \$55,000. He would also like to sell the 2009 VW minivan.

A motion to approve the sale of the vans as recommended and purchase of an E-bus up to \$45,000 and purchase of a 15-passenger bus up to \$55,000 was made by Trustee Anderson, seconded by Trustee Kreiman, and approved by unanimous vote of the elementary and high school trustees.

- G. 2024-25 High School Custodial Services Contract – Superintendent Stack said Maintenance Director McGill received 3 bids. He recommended going with True Grit.

A motion to approve the cleaning contract as recommended was made by Trustee Woods, seconded by Trustee Johnson, and approved by unanimous vote of the elementary and high school trustees.

- H. Board Policy 2410, High School Graduation Requirements, 1st Reading – Superintendent Stack and Principal Hansen explained they would like to update the policy to match what the district currently does and add honor's graduation requirements. Board discussion followed.

I. District Goals – Superintendent Stack and Principal Appleby briefly went over the changes they made to District Goals after the board workshop. Some additions were made because of the ISAP accreditation process with OPI.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

PRINCIPALS' REPORTS

Mr. Hansen talked about the PLC trip to Texas with 17 staff members.

Mr. Appleby reported on the Texas trip, the new English curriculum and summer school. Board discussion followed.

Mr. Porrovecchio said he is working on coaching staff for fall activities and talked about the summer workout program.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Mr. Stack told the board he will schedule a quick meeting before the August 20 meeting to approve fall coaches and other items. He talked about the Texas trip and said he tasked principals with defining expectations for stipends.

Board discussion followed about the wood outside the wood shop, drivers ed instructors and leave without pay.

Trustee Elwell will not be at the meeting on August 20.

FUTURE MEETING SCHEDULE

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

- Tuesday, August 20, 2024
- Wednesday, September 11, 2024
- Wednesday, October 9, 2024
- Wednesday, November 13, 2024
- Wednesday, December 11, 2024

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

Adjourned: 5:36 pm

District Clerk

Chairperson