

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 March 12, 2025, at 5:00 pm in the high school library.

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

Trustees absent: Dan Ellwell

Also in attendance were Superintendent Tom Stack, Business Manager Lacey Porrovecchio, Principals Mark Hansen and Charlie Appleby, staff members and community members.

Pledge of Allegiance

There were no comments on non-agenda items.

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

- Consideration of Board Meeting Minutes for February 12, 2025
- Consideration of Student Activity Report – February, 2025
- Consideration of All Bill Approval Lists
- Consideration of Out of District Students Pursuant to Board Policy 3141
- 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. Certified Personnel Resignation for Consideration
 - a. Logan Epperly, Elementary Teacher
 - b. Mary Guffin, Elementary Teacher
 - c. Karly Wisher, Elementary Teacher
 2. Substitute Personnel Recommended for Consideration
 - a. Ginnie Assenza, Substitute Custodian
 3. Extra-Curricular Personnel Recommended for Consideration
 - a. Scott Dutro, Assistant Tennis Coach

REPORTS & PRESENTATIONS

- A. 2025-26 Preliminary Budgets – Business Manager Porrovecchio presented 2025-26 preliminary budgets for the elementary and high school budgeted funds.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Elementary Permissive Levies Resolution – Business Manager Porrovecchio talked through the estimated permissive levy changes for the elementary funds.

A motion to approve the Elementary Permissive Levies Resolution was made by Trustee Woods, seconded by Trustee Johnson, and approved by unanimous vote of the elementary trustees.

- B. High School Permissive Levies Resolution – Business Manager Porrovecchio went over the estimated permissive levy changes for the high school funds.

A motion to approve the High School Permissive Levies Resolution was made by Trustee Field, seconded by Trustee Kreiman, and approved by unanimous vote of the elementary and high school trustees.

- C. High School National History Day Fieldtrip & Fundraising Request – Ms. Wilondek, Ms. Sikon and students Madeline Pomeroy, Triston Feller and Nic Gustavson shared National History Day information.

A motion to approve the high school National History Day Fieldtrip and Fundraising was made by Trustee Kreiman, seconded by Trustee Johnson, and approved by unanimous vote of the elementary and high school trustees.

- D. Declaration of Emergency Closure February 26, 2025 and Possible Make-up Day – Superintendent Stack went over the details of the closure due to an outside threat. Possible make up days were discussed.

A motion to approve the Declaration of Emergency Closure on February 26, 2025 and waive a make-up day was made by Trustee Woods, seconded by Trustee Johnson, and approved with affirmative votes from Trustees Field, Johnson, Woods, Anderson and Kreiman. Trustee Sandry opposed.

- E. 2025-26 School Year Calendar – Superintendent Stack recommended two calendars with start days before and after Labor Day. While developing the calendar, he received input from board members, the union, and administrators. Discussion followed.

A motion to approve the calendar with the first day of school after Labor Day was made by Trustee Anderson, seconded by Trustee Woods and approved with affirmative votes from Trustees Field, Woods, Sandry and Anderson. Trustees Johnson and Kreiman opposed.

- F. Superintendent Contract Extension – Board Chair Sandry recommended extending Mr. Stack's contract through June, 2027 based on the evaluation done in February.

A motion to approve the superintendent contract extension through June 2027 was made by Trustee Anderson, seconded by Trustee Woods, and approved by unanimous vote of the elementary and high school trustees.

- G. Drivers Education Tuition Memorandum of Understanding – Superintendent Stack explained the struggle of hiring drivers ed instructors and went over details of the MOU.

A motion to approve the Drivers Education Tuition MOU was made by Trustee Anderson, seconded by Trustee Kreiman, and approved by unanimous vote of the elementary and high school trustees.

- H. Board Policy 3122 Attendance Policy, Second Reading for Adoption – Superintendent Stack recommended approval of the policy and told board members attendance will be on the April workshop agenda.

A motion to approve Board Policy 3122 Attendance Policy 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 gave a brief report on the Finance Committee.

PRINCIPAL REPORTS

Mr. Appleby thanked departing teachers for their service to the district. He told trustees about MAST testing, middle school girls basketball, Indian Education funding, the science fair, Battle of the Books, Close Up, and school accreditation.

Student Council President, Nic Gustavson, shared about the winter formal, spring break and plans for a dodge ball tournament.

Mr. Hansen spoke about joining Mrs. Taylor's fieldtrip to the courthouse, dual enrollment night, drivers ed, senior projects, spring break, the jazz band and testing.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Mr. Stack thanked union president, Josh Feller, and Mr. Hansen for collaboration on the drivers education MOU. He thanked principals and staff for getting the accreditation report submitted. He also gave an update on Legislation and the basketball tournament.

FUTURE MEETING SCHEULE

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

- o Wednesday, April 9, 2025 4:00 Workshop, 5:00 Board Meeting
- o Wednesday, May 14, 2025
- o Wednesday, June 18, 2025
- o Wednesday, July 9, 2025
- o Wednesday, August 20, 2025

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

Adjourned: 6:19 pm

District Clerk

Chairperson