

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 January 14, 2026, at 5:00 pm in the high school library.

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

Trustees absent: none

Also in attendance were Superintendent Tom Stack, Business Manager Lacey Porrovecchio, Principals Mark Hansen and Brenda Clarke, Special Education Director/Activities Director Matt Porrovecchio and Student Council Representative, Nic Gustavson.

Pledge of Allegiance

Comments on non-agenda items: Trustee Kirk congratulated the Montana State Bobcat football team for winning the national championship.

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

- Consideration of Board Meeting Minutes for December 10, 2025
- Consideration of All Bill Approval Lists
- Consideration of Student Activity Reports – December, 2025
- Consideration of District Donations
 1. \$1500 Woodhouse Family Foundation for Cross Country
 2. \$8160 George & Joni Young Donation to Student Senior Project
 3. \$1500 Booster Club Donation to Band
 4. \$2000 John & Ann Taylor Art Grant Award Donation
- Consideration of Insurance Claim Settlement
- 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. Carin Baer, 6-12 Substitute Teacher
 - b. Rachel Hamilton, K-8 Substitute Teacher
 2. Extra-Curricular Volunteers Recommended for Consideration
 - a. Craig McGillvray, 5th Grade Girls Basketball

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Technology Upgrade, Battery Back-Ups – Superintendent Stack told trustees the battery back-ups are 7 years old and need to be replaced. He talked about the loss of power on campus in December and not having adequate access to student information systems, including Brightarrow, a program that sends messages to parents.

A motion to approve the purchase of battery back-ups as recommended was made by Trustee Kirk, seconded by Trustee Kreiman, and approved by unanimous vote of the elementary and high school trustees.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no committee reports.

PRINCIPAL REPORTS

Mr. Hansen congratulated Nic Gustavson on his acceptance to the Naval Academy. He spoke about testing, semester finals, WIN time, CTE and graduation requirements. He went over ACT and Pre-ACT scores.

Mrs. Clarke told trustees the elementary staff is focusing on writing and will do a reading curriculum review. She talked about the lower playground and making the crosswalk safer for students and staff.

Mr. Porrovecchio gave a report on high school activities. The OPI special education audit went well and he thanked the teachers.

Nic Gustavson talked about December Student Council activities and planning the winter formal in February.

Board Chair Sandry asked Mr. Porrovecchio to work on a detailed special education report for the board and asked Mrs. Clarke to give a data report as well.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Mr. Stack congratulated the special education department on their clean audit. He told trustees he plans to have a list of maintenance projects for them by February, including the high school gym bleachers.

FUTURE MEETING SCHEULE

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

- o Wednesday, February 11, 2026
- o Wednesday, February 18, 2026 Board Workshop
- o Wednesday, March 11, 2026
- o Wednesday, April 8, 2026

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

Adjourned: 5:27 pm

District Clerk

Chairperson