

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 11, 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, Brenda Clarke and Charlie Appleby, Special Education Director/Activities 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 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 Johnson, and approved by unanimous vote of the elementary and high school trustees.

- Consideration of Board Meeting Minutes for January 14, 2026 Board Meeting and Board Workshop
- Consideration of All Bill Approval Lists
- Consideration of Student Activity Reports – January, 2026
- Consideration of First Semester Individual Transportation Contract Reimbursement
- Consideration of Out of District Students
- Consideration of Surplus Property Resolution
- 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. Samantha Aklestad, Middle School Teacher, Effective May 22, 2026
 2. Classified Personnel Recommended for Consideration
 - a. Jessica Bowen, Transportation Monitor
 3. Extra-Curricular Personnel Recommended for Consideration
 - a. Hunter Johnson, Assistant Baseball Coach
 - b. Judith Eber, Assistant Tennis Coach
 - c. Clayton Woll, Assistant Track Coach
 - d. Shawna Benson, Assistant Track Coach
 - e. Wayne Loeffler, Assistant Track Coach (split stipend)
 - f. Jim Epperly, Assistant Track Coach (split stipend)
 4. Extra-Curricular Volunteers Recommended for Consideration
 - a. Ryan Nollan, Track
 - b. Caleb Seeton, Track
 - c. Jim Benn, Track
 - d. Lon Savik, Track
 - e. Gary Denham, Track
 - f. Dustyn Baethke, Track

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Consideration of Out of State High School Band Fieldtrip Request – Mr. Phillips went over the details of the trip to the University of Idaho in April.

A motion to approve the out of state high school band fieldtrip was made by Trustee Woods, seconded by Trustee Elwell, and approved by unanimous vote of the elementary and high school trustees.

- B. Consideration of National Speech & Debate Out of State Fieldtrip Request – Ms. Stine recapped the state speech & debate results and asked the board to approve the trip to Nationals in Virginia in June.

A motion to approve the National Speech & Debate out of state fieldtrip was made by Trustee Kreiman, seconded by Trustee Elwell, and approved by unanimous vote of the elementary and high school trustees.

- C. Consideration of 2026-27 School Year Calendar – Superintendent Stack provided trustees with 3 calendar options ranging from 178 to 180 student days. He explained calendar limitations with Labor Day, Christmas break and final days in June. The administration recommended calendar B. Board discussion followed.

A motion to approve Calendar B for the 2026-27 School Year was made by Trustee Woods, seconded by Trustee Kirk, and approved with affirmative votes from Trustees Field, Woods, Sandry, Elwell & Kirk. Trustees Johnson and Kreiman opposed.

- D. Consideration of High School Bleacher Replacement – Superintendent Stack told trustees the bleachers at the north end of the gym were refurbished when the high school bond was passed. The bleachers get stuck when going in or out and need to be replaced. Replacement will be around \$77,000. Trustee Kirk agreed.

A motion to approve the high school bleacher replacement was made by Trustee Kirk, seconded by Trustee Kreiman, and approved by unanimous vote of the elementary and high school trustees.

- E. Consideration of Elementary Lower Playground Replacement – Superintendent Stack asked trustees to table the item until more details and quotes could be gathered.
- F. Consideration of Out of District Students Pursuant to Board Policy 3141 – Executive Session may be called pursuant to MCA 2-3-203(3) – Superintendent Stack asked trustees to deny the out of district attendance for a middle school student due to truancy and a high school student due to suspensions at a previous district. Board Chair Sandry confirmed neither family was in attendance.

A motion to approve the recommendation of the administration was made by Trustee Wood, seconded by Trustee Johnson, and approved by unanimous vote of the elementary and high school trustees.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no committee reports.

PRINCIPAL REPORTS

Mrs. Clarke said she will reach out to the Curriculum Committee about reading curriculum. She gave an update on the crosswalk lighting project.

Mr. Porrovecchio gave a report on special education services in the district. He talked about staffing and IEP and 504 numbers. Board discussion followed. Mr. Porrovecchio gave a brief update on winter activities.

Mr. Hansen spoke about dual enrollment, MT Digital Academy courses, high school pathways, work based learning and mini courses. He reported 18 students had perfect attendance first semester.

Mr. Appleby talked about state testing, winter activity days, middle school band and the Valentine's Day dance. He wished Ms. Aklestad well as she is leaving the district in May.

Student Council President Nic Gustavson reported on the upcoming high school dance, changes to the Student Council constitution, lettering in Student Council and giving out a scholarship each year. He also told the board he is going to the Airforce Academy.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Mr. Stack told trustees enrollment is down 9 students at the spring count. He will start looking at budgets and staffing in the next few weeks.

At 6:17 pm Board Chair Sandry asked to clear the room so the board could go into executive session for the Superintendent evaluation.

SUPERINTENDENT EVALUATION – Executive Session may be called pursuant to MCA 2-3-203(3)

Executive session ended at 6:53 pm.

FUTURE MEETING SCHEULE

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

- Wednesday, February 18, 2026 Board Workshop
- Wednesday, March 11, 2026
- Wednesday, April 8, 2026
- **Wednesday, May 20, 2026**
- Wednesday, June 10, 2026

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

Adjourned: 6:53 pm

District Clerk

Chairperson