

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 11, 2026, at 4:57 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 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 Field, and approved by unanimous vote of the elementary and high school trustees.

- Consideration of Board Meeting Minutes for February 11, 2026 Board Meeting and February 18, 2026 Board Workshop
- Consideration of All Bill Approval Lists
- Consideration of Student Activity Reports – February, 2026
- Consideration of District Donations
 - \$2000 to Close Up from Bigfork Ladies Service Club
 - \$2000 to Tournament Meal Account from Bigfork Ladies Service Club
 - \$5000 Anonymous Donation for Band Instruments
- 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. Alicia Woldstad, Paraprofessional, Effective April 15, 2026
 2. Certified Personnel Resignation for Consideration
 - a. Bridget Martel, Elementary Teacher, Effective June 12, 2026
 - b. Erik Heuchert, Choir Teacher, Effective June 12, 2026
 3. Substitute Personnel Recommended for Consideration
 - a. Timothy Davis, High School Substitute Teacher
 - b. John Gaglione, Substitute Custodian
 4. Classified Personnel Recommended for Consideration
 - a. Storm Steele, Paraprofessional
 5. Extra-Curricular Personnel Recommended for Consideration
 - a. Jill Morley, Middle School Track Coach
 - b. Mary Kay Hovland, Middle School Track Coach
 - c. Anders Epperly, Middle School Track Coach

REPORTS & PRESENTATIONS

- A. 2026-27 Preliminary Budgets – Business Manager Porrovecchio presented 2026-27 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 Kreiman, 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 Johnson, and approved by unanimous vote of the elementary and high school trustees.

- C. Consideration of 2026-27 School Year Calendar Changes – Superintendent Stack told the board he sat down with staff members and made adjustments to the calendar, adding days to Christmas break, a day off in February and extending days in June.

A motion to approve the 2026-27 calendar changes as recommended was made by Trustee Johnson, seconded by Trustee Elwell, and approved by unanimous vote of the elementary and high school trustees.

- D. Consideration of Out of State High School Fieldtrip – Mrs. Wilondek and student Caton Fought talked to the board about the June trip to Philadelphia for the Young People's Continental Congress. All expenses are paid for by the organization.

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

- E. Consideration of Superintendent Contract Extension – Board Chair Sandry asked trustees to consider a 1-year extension to the superintendent contract.

A motion to extend the superintendent contract through June 2028 was made by Trustee Elwell, seconded by Trustee Kirk, and approved by unanimous vote of the elementary and high school trustees.

- F. Consideration of Montana School Boards Association Membership Renewal – Superintendent Stack went over the history of MTSBA membership. He explained the resources they provide to the district office and recommended renewal.

A motion to approve the Montana School Boards Association Membership Renewal was made by Trustee Kreiman, seconded by Trustee Johnson, and approved with affirmative votes from Trustees Field, Johnson, Woods, Sandry, Elwell and Kreiman. Trustee Kirk opposed.

- G. Consideration of Board Policy 3141 Out of District Attendance, First Reading – Mr. Appleby went over the proposed changes to the policy.
- H. Consideration of FY25 Audit Report – Business Manager Porrovecchio talked to trustees about the audit process. The district had one finding involving enrollment and will address the issue. She told the board the audit will be posted on the webpage as well as being sent to other parties.

A motion to approve the FY25 Audit Report was made by Trustee Kreiman, seconded by Trustee Woods, and approved by unanimous vote of the elementary and high school trustees.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no committee reports.

PRINCIPAL REPORTS

Mr. Hansen talked about ACT testing, the generosity of the community and the Journalism class. He recognized Mr. Heuchert and is sad to see him go.

Board Chair Sandry introduced Elsa Ericksen from the Daily Interlake.

Mr. Appleby talked about the upcoming district evacuation drill, middle school sports, the talent show, a roller skating party and how hard the month of May is for teachers. He recognized Mrs. Martel and Mr. Heuchert and is sad to see them go.

Mrs. Clarke also recognized Mrs. Martel. She talked about the Curriculum Committee meeting, benchmark assessments and spring break.

Mr. Porrovecchio gave a brief update on winter sports ending and spring sports getting started.

Student Council President Nic Gustavson talked to the board about the winter formal, Student Council elections and working on the constitution.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Mr. Stack shared enrollment documents with trustees and talked about current large middle school classes moving to the high school and being followed by smaller elementary classes and how it could affect budgets in the future.

He met with Flathead County Sheriff Heino and a gentleman from the National Weather Service who both recommended school closures valley-wide on March 12 due to weather.

Lastly, he told the board he’s going to meet with the Facility Committee members to discuss replacing the elementary playground. He may schedule another meeting in March for the board to consider the purchase.

FUTURE MEETING SCHEULE

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

- o Wednesday, April 8, 2026
- o **Wednesday, May 20, 2026**
- o Wednesday, June 10, 2026
- o Wednesday, July 8, 2026
- o Wednesday, August 19, 2026
- o Wednesday, September 9, 2026
- o Wednesday, October 14, 2026
- o Wednesday, November 11, 2026
- o Wednesday, December 9, 2026

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

Adjourned: 5:43 pm

District Clerk

Chairperson