

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 April 8, 2026, at 5:00 pm in the high school library.

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

Trustees absent: Ben Woods

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 Field, seconded by Trustee Elwell, 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 March 11 & March 18, 2026 Board Meetings
- Consideration of All Bill Approval Lists
- Consideration of Student Activity Reports – March, 2026
- Consideration of District Donations
 - \$2080 Booster Club Donation to Tournament Meal Account
 - \$3000 Potts Construction, Inc. Donation to Baseball
- 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. Dawn Lupan, Elementary Teacher
 - b. Erin Shea, Middle School Math Teacher
 - c. Carol Bernard, Middle School English Teacher
 2. Extra-Curricular Personnel Recommended for Consideration
 - a. Adam Baumann, Head Girls Soccer Coach
 - b. Trevor Moll, Head Boys Soccer Coach
 - c. Hunter Johnson, Head High School Football Coach
 - d. Ariel Putnam, Head High School Volleyball Coach
 - e. Ryan Nollan, Head Cross Country Coach
 - f. John Hollow, Head Golf Coach
 - g. Heather Epperly, Co-Head Fall & Winter Cheer Coach (split stipends)
 - h. Emily Feller, Co-Head Fall & Winter Cheer Coach (split stipends)
 - i. Shirley Stine, Head Speech & Drama Coach
 - j. John Hollow, Head Boys High School Basketball Coach
 - k. Austin Zapata, Head Wrestling Coach
 3. Extra-Curricular Volunteers Recommended for Consideration
 - a. Jessica Johnson, Middle School Track

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Consideration of Board Policy 3141 Out of District Attendance, Second Reading for Adoption – Mr. Appleby and Mr. Stack explained the desire to make language clear regarding students moving mid-year.

A motion to approve Board Policy 3141 as recommended was made by Trustee Kreiman, seconded by Trustee Johnson, and approved by unanimous vote of the elementary and high school trustees.

- B. Consideration of Audit Contract with Nexus CPA Group, PLLC through FY2028 – Business Manager Porrovecchio went over the proposed audit rates and shared rates for other districts.

A motion to approve the audit contract with Nexus CPA Group through FY2028 was made by Trustee Kirk, seconded by Trustee Kreiman, and approved by unanimous vote of the elementary and high school trustees.

- C. Consideration of Declaration of Emergency for March 12, 2026 School Closure and Possible Makeup Day – Superintendent Stack reminded trustees the district canceled school at the urging of the Flathead County Sheriff for a winter storm. He didn't recommend making the day up on Monday, June 15. Board discussion followed.

A motion to declare March 12, 2026 an emergency closure and forego a make-up day was made by Trustee Kreiman, 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

Mr. Hansen's principal report included student testing, the FVCC math competition, the band and choir festival, the job fair, Journalism Day, spring field trips and Prom. Trustee Kirk asked about financial literacy classes and discussion followed.

Mrs. Clarke talked about enrichment clusters. She thanked Mrs. Epperly and Mrs. Bonner for putting it together. She told the board she and Mr. Appleby are asking the Flathead Electric board for Round up for Safety funds for crosswalk lighting.

Mr. Appleby told trustees about the roller skate party, the middle school vending machine, the talent show, the middle school personal finance elective, the Close Up trip and hiring. He thanked Mrs. Bernard and Mrs. Shea for teaching in the district. They are both leaving at the end of the year.

Mr. Porrovecchio gave a brief update on spring sports.

Student Council representative Nic Gustavson apprised the board of spring activities in the high school.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Mr. Stack said he's working on wrapping up the school year and will talk with the Facilities Committee about maintenance projects. He may schedule a board meeting before the May meeting for the board to consider new hires.

FUTURE MEETING SCHEULE

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

- 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 and **approved** by unanimous vote of the elementary and high school trustees.

Adjourned: 5:31 pm

District Clerk

Chairperson