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 June 10, 2026, at 5:00 pm in the high school library.

Trustees in attendance: Carol Field, Alisa Kennedy, Deb Johnson, Ben Woods, Paul Sandry, Kate Averill Dan Elwell, Mac Kirk and Roy Burgess

Trustees absent: none

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Comments on non-agenda items: Carolyn Cosgrove, parent of a 2nd grader, spoke to the board about class sizes and expressed her concern with possibly having 2 third grade classrooms instead of 3 next year.

Mr. Stack explained class sizes and accreditation, enrollment numbers, school budgets and increasing costs and staffing expenses.

Board discussion followed. Sara McDonough shared her concerns about class sizes as well.

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

- Consideration of Board Meeting Minutes for May 20, 2026 Board Meeting
- Consideration of All Bill Approval Lists
- Consideration of Student Activity Reports – May, 2026
- Consideration of 2nd Semester Transportation Reimbursement Claims
- Consideration of 2026-27 Individual Transportation Contract – Pre-K Student
- Consideration of 2026-27 Transportation Interlocal Agreements for the Transportation of Students
    - Swan River School District
    - Salmon Prairie School District
    - Somers School District
- Consideration of Out of District Students Pursuant to Board Policy 3141
- Consideration of District Donations
    - Lowi Family Trust Donation to Baseball, $1000
    - Anonymous Donation to Cross Country, $4000
- 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. Summer IT Support Personnel Recommended for Consideration
        a. Stormy Taylor
    2. Extra-Curricular Personnel Recommended for Consideration
        a. Rick Baird, 7th Grade Volleyball Coach
        b. Jordan DeSpain, 8th Grade Volleyball Coach
        c. Manny Baldi, Middle School Football Coach
        d. Tristen Herd, Middle School Football Coach
    3. Extra-Curricular Volunteers Recommended for Consideration
        a. James Benn, Middle School Football
        b. Cormac Benn, Middle School Football
        c. Bryce Gilliard, Middle School Football
        d. Eli Thorness, Middle School Football

NEW BUSINESS

A. Consideration of 2026-27 Property & Casualty Insurance Renewal – Superintendent Stack told trustees the insurance renewal is similar to the prior year and recommended renewal.

A motion to approve the 2026-27 insurance renewal as recommended was made by Trustee Burgess, seconded by Trustee Woods, and approved with affirmative votes from Trustees Field, Johnson, Kennedy, Woods, Sandry, Elwell, Averill and Burgess. Trustee Kirk abstained.

B. Consideration of Board Policy Revisions, First Reading
   1. Policy 2410 High School Graduation Requirements
   2. Policy 3122 Attendance Policy

Mr. Hansen shared his desired changes to elective requirements. Discussion followed.

Mr. Appleby and Mr. Hansen talked through changes to the attendance policy. Sara McDonough asked the board to consider not penalizing for non-school related absences like theater and club sports. Discussion followed.

C. Consideration of Resolution to Move Funds from Elementary General Fund to the Interlocal Agreement Fund – Business Manager Porrovecchio asked the board to approve moving funds at fiscal year-end after payrolls and bills lists are complete. She will report back to the board in July.

A motion to approve the resolution to move funds from Elementary General Fund to the Interlocal Agreement Fund was made by Trustee Kirk, seconded by Trustee Burgess, and approved by unanimous vote of the elementary trustees.

D. Consideration of Resolution to Move Funds from High School General Fund to the Interlocal Agreement Fund – Business Manager Porrovecchio

A motion to approve the resolution to move funds from High School General Fund to the Interlocal Agreement Fund was made by Trustee Burgess, seconded by Trustee Woods, and approved by unanimous vote of the elementary and high school trustees.

E. Consideration of Cancellation of Outstanding Warrants – Business Manager Porrovecchio told board members the request to cancel old warrants is coming at the direction of the school auditor. Multiple attempts were made to contact payees. Checks less than 8 years old can be reissued at payee request.

A motion to cancel outstanding warrants as recommended was made by Trustee Kirk, seconded by Trustee Burgess, and approved by unanimous vote of the elementary and high school trustees.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no committee reports.

PRINCIPAL REPORTS

Mrs. Clarke shared student absence comparisons between this year and last year. Discussion followed. Mrs. Clarke also shared elementary counseling statistics.

Mr. Appleby shared student absence comparisons showing improvement this school year. He talked about 8th grade promotion and the last day of school.

Mr. Hansen also talked about student absences showing a significant improvement since implementing the stricter attendance policy. He reported on drivers ed, the band concert, the awards ceremony, graduation and dual enrollment. Trustee Elwell commended the administration for finding solutions to the lack of a driver education teacher and program.

Lili Suffia, 2026-27 Student Body President, introduced herself. She shared her campaign video per Chairperson Sandry's request.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Mr. Stack recapped the details regarding class sizes and enrollment and working with two different budgets. Numbers in the high school look good while elementary enrollment is declining. He commended administration, trustees and staff for the opportunities the district offers including dual enrollment, drivers ed, the cell phone and attendance policies and the high number of scholarships.

FUTURE MEETING SCHEULE

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

- Wednesday, July 8, 2026
- **Wednesday, August 19, 2026**
- Wednesday, September 9, 2026
- Wednesday, October 14, 2026
- Wednesday, November 11, 2026
- Wednesday, December 9, 2026

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

Adjourned: 6:13 pm

District Clerk

Chairperson