

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 September 9, 2026, at 5:00 pm in the high school library.

Trustees in attendance: Carol Field, Alisa Kennedy, Deb Johnson, Ben Woods, Paul Sandry, Dan Elwell, Mac Kirk, Kate Averill, 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, Special Education Director/Activities Director Matt Porrovecchio, staff members, a student 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 Woods, seconded by Trustee Johnson, and approved by unanimous vote of the elementary and high school trustees.

- Consideration of Board Meeting Minutes for August 19, 2026 Board Meeting
- Consideration of All Bill Approval Lists
- Consideration of Student Activity Report for August, 2026
- Consideration of District Donations
 - Booster Club Donations
 - \$31,137 Football Uniforms
 - \$16,400 Pole Vault Pit
 - \$1,915 Volleyball Uniforms
 - \$2,500 Swim
 - \$2,500 Wrestling
 - \$2,500 Baseball
 - \$2,500 Soccer
 - \$2,500 Golf
 - \$2,500 Cross Country
 - Game Face Donation to Athletics, \$2,915
 - Vann Law Range Rider Package Donation to Baseball, \$1500 value
- Consideration of Out of District Students Pursuant to Board Policy 3141
- 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 Resignations for Consideration
 - a. Tara Clark, Paraprofessional
 - b. Jamie Slivka, Food Service
 2. Classified Personnel Recommended for Consideration
 - a. Rachael Hamilton, Life Skills Paraprofessional
 - b. Stueart Koch, Part-time Food Service/Part-time Custodian
 3. Substitute Personnel Recommended for Consideration
 - a. Dustyn Baethke, High School Substitute Teacher
 4. Extra-Curricular Personnel Recommended for Consideration
 - a. Andrea Roseno, Middle School Study Backs Advisor
 5. Extra-Curricular Volunteers Recommended for Consideration
 - a. Paul Henion, 6th Grade Boys Basketball Coach
 - b. Jordan Venezio, 5th Grade Boys Basketball Coach
 - c. Stew Willis, 5th Grade Boys Basketball Coach
 - d. Josh Lee, High School Soccer

- e. Park Schara, High School Soccer

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Consideration of Public Support for Request to Expedite Montana Department of Transportation Study of Intersection of Highways 82 and 35 – Trustee Averill shared the details of the DOT study. She introduced community member Bill Whitsitt, who is involved in the project as well. They talked about safety, traffic speed, community support and awareness. No action was necessary from the school board. Board discussion followed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

PRINCIPAL REPORTS

Mr. Hansen spoke to the board about going over the student handbook with students, Homecoming week and Senior Night.

Student Council Representative Lili Suffia apprised the trustees of student council business, including planning Homecoming week.

Mrs. Clarke gave a short report on student assessments and the fall carnival.

Mr. Porrovecchio spoke briefly about fall athletics. He talked about special education staffing and caseloads. Trustee Burgess asked about an incident regarding a concussion in athletics and had a follow up question regarding special education students who consistently need additional support. Discussion followed.

Mr. Appleby talked about new staff and new students. He will share staff SMART goals next month. He gave a brief update on middle school fall athletics, including an update regarding ref shortages.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Mr. Stack spoke about the ref shortage in high school athletics. He talked about special education and accreditation. He gave an update on open positions in the district. Lastly, he told the board the district will send a statement out regarding Indian Education. The statement is a result of a court case regarding OPI. All schools in Montana have been directed to post the notice and notify parents. Discussion followed.

Trustee Kennedy asked if the board workshop with Kaleva Law has been rescheduled. Mr. Stack will check and get back to the board.

FUTURE MEETING SCHEDULE

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

- o Wednesday, October 14, 2026
- o Wednesday, November 11, 2026
- o Wednesday, December 9, 2026
- o Wednesday, January 13, 2027
- o Wednesday, February 10, 2027
- o Wednesday, March 10, 2027
- o Wednesday, April 14, 2027

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

Adjourned: 5:51 pm

District Clerk

Chairperson