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 October 14, 2026, at 5:00 pm in the high school library.

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

Trustees absent: Roy Burgess and Mac Kirk

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 a student.

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.

Trustee Johnson asked for clarification regarding non-paid volunteer coaches. In the future, Mr. Appleby will specify head coach volunteers and volunteer assistants.

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

- Consideration of Board Meeting Minutes for September 9 & October 1, 2026 Board Meetings
- Consideration of All Bill Approval Lists
- Consideration of Student Activity Reports for September, 2026
- Consideration of District Donations
    - Stockman Bank Donation to Wrestling, $8000
    - Vann Law Firm Donation to Baseball, $1030
    - Bigfork Rotary Foundation, Inc. Donations
        - $2500 Wrestling
        - $2500 Cross Country
- 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. Substitute Personnel Recommended for Consideration
        a. Abagail Sliter, K-8 Substitute Teacher
    2. Extra-Curricular Personnel Resignation for Consideration
        a. Dani Potts, Boys Soccer Assistant Coach
    3. Extra-Curricular Personnel Recommended for Consideration
        a. Tanya McAnally, 8th Grade Boys Basketball Coach
        b. Chase Breitbach, High School Choir Advisor
        c. Austin Savik, 7th Grade Boys Basketball Coach
        d. Kim Coleman, 7th Grade Girls Basketball Coach
        e. Adam Jordt, JV Boys Basketball Coach
        f. Brandon Piazzola, Freshman Boys Basketball Coach
        g. Zach Christiansen, Freshman Girls Basketball Coach
        h. Richalle Close, Speech and Drama Assistant Coach
        i. Mindy Castruita, Winter Special Olympics Coach
        j. Chad Cummins, Head Swim Coach
        k. Wayne Bennett, Assistant Wrestling Coach
    4. Extra-Curricular Volunteers Recommended for Consideration
        a. Paula Sullivan, 5th Grade Boys Basketball
        b. Nathan DeSpain, 6th Grade Girls Basketball

c. Quin Nissen, 7th Grade Girls Basketball
d. Lon Savik, 7th Grade Boys Basketball
e. Chuck Jantzen, Wrestling

REPORTS & PRESENTATIONS

A. Board Training Workshop Report – Trustees Johnson & Kennedy provided board members with the Kaleva Law Board Training packet they received at the training in Ronan. They each shared highlights from the workshop.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Consideration of Wrestling Mat Advertisement from Stockman Bank – Activities Director/Special Education Director Porrovecchio shared Stockman Bank's desire to support the wrestling program. Their $8000 donation, along with support from the Booster Club, enables the purchase of a new wrestling mat. Stockman Bank's logo will be on the mat. Board discussion followed.

B. Consideration of High School Out-of-State Field Trip, National History Day – Mrs. Wilondek, Ms. Sikon and high school senior Caton Fought shared 2025-26 NHD results and their vision for this school year. They requested permission for two out of state field trips, one to Washington state and one to Washington, D.C.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no committee reports.

PRINCIPAL REPORTS

Mr. Hansen reported on Homecoming week, Senior Parent Night, testing and Parent Teacher Conferences.

Mrs. Clarke talked to the board about the book fair and hiring a consultant to assess the elementary multi-tiered systems of support.

Mr. Porrovecchio gave a brief update on fall activities.

Mr. Appleby talked about the fire drill, bus evacuations, middle school fall athletics and working with Montana Digital Academy to look at AI in schools. He may have AI policies for the board to consider in the future. He also talked about Spirit week, Red Ribbon week, band and choir concerts, the vision screening and the upcoming dance. Lastly, he talked about volunteer coaches. He asked trustees to consider a volunteer coach approval process through administrators instead of the board or if they wanted to continue to schedule special board meetings when necessary. Board discussion followed. The process will stay the same as it is now.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Mr. Stack spoke about Montana Digital, AI, student screentime and possible Legislation limiting screentime. He talked about the Library Variance and Future Ready payments. He gave preliminary enrollment numbers showing a decrease in K-8 and an increase at the high school. He gave a brief Legislative update and said the district audit should be complete in December.

Formal Level 4 Board Complaint and Request for Review – Board Chair Sandry, Executive Session may be called pursuant to MCA 2-3-203(3) – Board Chair Sandry asked the audience to clear the room. The trustees will meet in executive session to consider matters of individual privacy.

Closed session began: 6:18 pm

Closed session ended: 7:00 pm

FUTURE MEETING SCHEULE

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

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

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

Adjourned: 7:00 pm

District Clerk

Chairperson