

BOARD MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING
March 23, 2023

The meeting of the Board of Trustees of Fort Benton High School and Elementary School Districts was called to order March 23, 2023 at 6:00p.m. in the High School/Middle School Board Room, by Joellyn Clark, Chairperson.

Members present: Joellyn Clark, Mandy Wright, Kyla Wright, Angel Johnson, Will Scott, Brant Hasbrouck, Tyler Starman (via phone), and Dusty Schuler. A quorum was present.

Also present: Jory Thompson, Superintendent; Cali O'Hara, Clerk; Russ Axtman, Maintenance; Devon Pettit

ROLL CALL

Joellyn Clark opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Russ Axtman, Maintenance- Russ explained that there are two boilers at the elementary, Red, being the oldest and Blue the newest. The red boiler has cracks in the firebox, and the blue also has cracks which were the cause of all the Glycol that has leaked out. FICO tried to seal the cracks in the Blue boiler, which failed. Pumps have gone out on both boilers so there is no heat in the elementary building. Teachers and staff are currently heating classrooms with small electric heaters.

PLEDGE

MAINTENANCE REPORT

Russ presented the board with two different boiler replacement options, both will replace the old boilers with completely new boilers. One option is to replace them with a new version of what we have now, this would most likely be the lower cost option. The other option is to go with a newer, high efficiency boiler, which would require some more work to refit the current piping system.

Cali explained that due to the cost of boilers the replacement would have to go out to a sealed bid process regardless of what option the board chose. The lower cost option of replacing what we currently have would financially be the best option with the funding we have available.

It was moved by Will Scott, and seconded by Mandy Wright, to move ahead with replacement of elementary school boilers through a sealed bid process. Motion passed unanimously.

Jory reported that he is still working through the process with MTSBA on what is needed to assist the Fire Department with the land exchange. There will be a process we will need to follow to ensure that we have followed all the policies and procedures since it is land and they want to exchange the lots for a new building on school grounds.

It was moved by Dusty Schuler, and seconded by Mandy Wright, to adjourn at 7:14 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

BOARD CHAIRPERSON _____

ADJOURN

CLERK _____

ATTEST