

BOARD MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
April 13, 2021

Hanson for all her hard work.
State FFA was in Billings.
The students competed and
did a great job.

The meeting of the Board of Trustees of Fort Benton High School and Elementary School Districts was called to order April 13, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Library, by Joellyn Clark, Chairperson.

Members present: Joellyn Clark, Mandy Wright, Brent Hanford, Tyler Starman, Adam Olson, Angel Johnson, Dean Schuler and Brant Hasbrouck. A quorum was present.

Also present: Jory Thompson, Superintendent; Roxanne Benjamin, Elementary Principal; Cali O'Hara, Business Manager/Clerk; Russ Axtman, Maintenance Supervisor; Nathan Dunham, Activities Director; Brian Miller, 7 - 12 Principal; Jamie Ball, Lewis Johnson, Connor McKillop, Andrew Kilpatrick, Jason Byle, Christy Byle, Aspen Giese, William Ullery, Emerson Giese, Hayden Diekhans, Samantha Vielleux, Ashlee Wang, Jackson Schmele, Brock Hanford, Dave and Kelly Rominger, Kit & Denise Miller, Kyla Wright, Rob & Wendy Truax, Tabitha Ringler, Miranda Woodhouse, Cassady Guinnane, Debra Clark, Darren Arganbright, Marta Ferguson and Conlee Andreasen, reporter for the River Press

ROLL CALL

Joellyn Clark opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Joellyn Clark asked for public comment. Lewis Johnson would like the board to consider including non-enrolled students in driver's education.

Joellyn Clark, Board Chairman- No Report.

It was moved by Dean Schuler, and seconded by Brent Hanford, to approve the minutes of the March 9, 2021 regular meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

PLEDGE

PUBLIC COMMENT

It was moved by Dean Schuler, and seconded by Tyler Starman, to approve payment of warrants. The motion passed unanimously.

BOARD CHAIR

Payroll: 94795-94731

Claims: 59687-59753

MINUTES

Nathan Dunham, Athletic Director – Reported that spring sports are underway, High School track has 38 participants, High School tennis has 8 participants, High School golf has 8 participants. Middle School track has 42 participants. LIT program was a huge success, so thank you to Amy

WARRANTS

ATHLETIC DIRECTORS REPORT

It was moved by Brent Hanford, and seconded by Mandy Wright, to hire Cassidy Guinnane as Middle School Track Coach. The motion passed unanimously.

It was moved by Adam Olson, and seconded by Brent Hanford, to approve Andrew Kilpatrick for Middle School Track Volunteer. The motion passed unanimously.

Russ Axtman, Maintenance Supervisor- Reported SPRING CLEAN UP WORK HAS BEGUN. The final walk through has been completed and Loenbro and FICO will be out next week to complete all the remaining items. Working at building a summer project work list. All of the summer help will be returning again this year, Heydon Axtman, Jace Thompson, Maci Molinaro, Cassie Nack.

Roxie Benjamin, Elementary Principal- Reported that she has completed her classroom observations. It was good to see all the activity in the classrooms. They have been working on Longhorn Leaders; they are now having some 6th grade students tutoring 3rd graders. Missoula Children's Theater is here this week, so a huge thank you to Anna Arganbright. Testing is underway so thanks to Kelly Rominger for the help.

Brian Miller, 7-12 Principal- Reported that Prom was a success, the students and sponsors worked hard to make this happen. It was a fun night for the students and thanks again for everyone's hard work. Russ - thank you for all that you do for our students. Students have been working on testing this past week. Graduation plans are being discussed so that they can let the families of seniors know what the ceremony will look like.

Cali O'Hara, Business Manager/Clerk- Reported that budgets are on track with where they were last year. Projected 4th quarter numbers for the remainder of the year will be tight so we will need to watch our spending for the year-end. The school election is under way and ballots will be mailed out on April 16th, the election is by mail again this year, voters have until May 4th to either mail their ballot or return it to the ballot box at the business office.

Jory Thompson, Superintendent – Reported there have been lots of things going on with meetings, legislation and funding. They are receiving quotes

on some project items that they can use the ESSR funds. Thank you again to Russ for all his hard work getting the boiler project completed. Longhorns in Theater did a great job and was a super cool thing to have happen in our school. Girls Basketball state champions - what a great ride that was and so exciting for our girls. Thank you to Taylor Motors for all their support helping with basketball, theater, football. Always seeing what they can do to help our students. Golden Triangle dues are due next month. Insurance agent change for our health insurance, Kerry Arganbright is with HUB insurance.

HIRES:
MIDDLE SCHOOL TRACK
COACH

MIDDLE SCHOOL TRACK
VOLUNTEER

MAINTENANCE REPORT

ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL
REPORT

7-12 PRINCIPAL REPORT

It was moved by Brent Hanford, and seconded by Adam Olson, to re-hire tenured elementary school teachers (see attached list). The motion passed unanimously.

CLERKS REPORT

It was moved by Mandy Wright, and seconded by Brent Hanford, to re-hire non-tenured elementary school teachers (see attached list). The motion passed unanimously.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

It was moved by Mandy Wright, and seconded by Brent Hanford, to renew Roxie Benjamin as Part-time Elementary School Principal. The motion passed unanimously.

It was moved by Dean Schuler, and seconded by Mandy Wright, to re-hire all tenured high school teachers (see attached list). The motion passed unanimously.

It was moved by Dean Schuler, and seconded by Tyler Starman, to re-hire non-tenured high school teachers (see attached list). The motion passed unanimously.

It was moved by Angel Johnson, and seconded by Mandy Wright, for non-renewal of Brian Miller, High School/Middle School Principal. The motion failed. For: Angel Johnson, Mandy Wright, Dean Schuler and Joellyn Clark. Against: Brent Hanford, Tyler Starman, Brant Hasbrouck, Adam Olson.

It was moved by Brent Hanford, and seconded by Brant Hasbrouck, for renewal of Brian Miller, High School/Middle School Principal. The motion failed. For: Brent Hanford, Tyler Starman, Brant Hasbrouck, Adam Olson. Against: Angel Johnson, Mandy Wright, Dean Schuler and Joellyn Clark.

Mandy Wright, Personnel Committee – Reported that they are wanting to schedule another meeting after the teachers speak with the union. They met with the teacher negotiations committee, and are working towards completing negotiations.

Resignations of Jonna Bogart and Jaylynn Meyers were accepted by Jory. They will be greatly missed.

It was moved by Adam Olson, and seconded by Brent Hanford, to hire James Carlson and Michelle Sudan as substitutes. The motion passed unanimously.

It was moved by Mandy Wright and seconded by Adam Olson to hire Katie Likens as Kindergarten teacher. The motion passed unanimously.

It was moved by Brent Hanford and seconded by Mandy Wright to hire Colby Cline as 7/8 teacher and Drivers Ed instructor. The motion passed unanimously.

RE-HIRE TENURED HIGH SCHOOL TEACHERS

RE-HIRE NON-TENURED HIGH SCHOOL TEACHERS

NON-RENEWAL HS/MS PRINCIPAL

RENEWAL HS/MS PRINCIPAL

RE-HIRE TENURED ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TEACHERS

RE HIRE NON-TENURED ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TEACHERS

RENEWAL OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

RESIGNATIONS

SUBSTITUTES HIRED

KINDERGARTEN TEACHER

7/8 GRADE TEACHER DRIVERS ED INSTRUCTOR

Building and Grounds committee meeting is scheduled for May 11th at 6:00pm.

Transportation committee meeting is scheduled for May 6th at 8:00am

Policy committee meeting is scheduled for May 10th at 7:00pm

It was moved by Dean Schuler, and seconded by Brent Hanford, to adjourn the meeting at 8:18 p.m.

BOARD
CHAIRPERSON _____

CLERK _____

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

ADJOURN

ATTEST