

BOARD MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 9, 2019

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Fort Benton High School and Elementary School Districts was called to order April 9, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room by Joellyn Clark, Board Chairperson.

Members present: Joellyn Clark, Darin Arganbright, Angel Johnson, Brant Hasbrouck, Dean Schuler, Greg McGinnis, Mandy Wright, and Adam Olson. Members absent: none. A quorum was present.

ROLL CALL

Also present: Steve Hamel, Business Manager/Clerk; Russ Axtman, Maintenance Supervisor; Brian Wood, Transportation Supervisor; Nathan Dunham, Activities Director; Jamie Ball, Eldon Pfile, Corrine Davis, and Bethany DeBorde, reporter for the River Press.

Joellyn Clark opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

PLEDGE

It was moved by Dean Schuler, and seconded by Adam Olson, to approve the minutes of the March 12, 2019 regular meeting and March 12, 2019 special meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

MINUTES

It was moved by Angel Johnson, and seconded by Darin Arganbright, to approve payment of warrants. The motion passed unanimously.

WARRANTS

Payroll: 92844 - 92918
Claims: 57899 - 57943

Joellyn Clark asked if there was public comment on an issue not included on the agenda. There was none. Mrs. Clark shared a letters of resignation from Seth Barnes-Smith, Dee Brooks, and Eric Lenington.

PUBLIC COMMENT AND
COMMUNICATIONS

Steve Hamel presented one bid for \$500.00 for the old plasma cutter. It was moved by Brant Hasbrouck, and seconded by Mandy Wright, to accept the \$500.00 bid from Kali O'Hara for the plasma cutter. The motion passed unanimously.

PLASMA CUTTER BID

Activities Director, Nathan Dunham, reported on spring athletic season and the state FFA convention.

ACTIVITIES RECAP

Mr. Dunham recommended, and the Board acted on the following 2019-20 coaching positions:

2019-20 COACHES HIRED

It was moved by Darin Arganbright, and seconded by Mandy Wright, to hire Amy Hanson as Speech and Drama Coach. The motion passed unanimously.

SPEECH COACH
HIRED

It was moved by Darin Arganbright, and seconded by Angel Johnson, to approve Ross Hanson as a volunteer Speech and Drama Coach. The motion passed unanimously.

SPEECH COACH
VOLUNTEER APPROVED

It was moved by Mandy Wright, and seconded by Dean Schuler, to hire Cassie Pimperton and Kevin Shaw as Head Girls Basketball and Assistant Girls Basketball Coaches. The motion passed unanimously.

GIRLS BASKETBALL
COACHES HIRED

It was moved by Brant Hasbrouck, and seconded by Adam Olson, to hire Tyler Pasha as Head Boys Basketball coach. The motion passed unanimously.

HEAD BOYS
BASKETBALL COACH
HIRED

Mr. Dunham recommended that the Board appoint the following volunteer assistant coaches for the current spring sports:

SPRING VOLUNTEERS
APPROVED

It was moved by Adam Olson and seconded by Brant Hasbrouck, to appoint Jory Thompson as a volunteer assistant high school track coach. The motion passed unanimously.

VOLUNTEER TRACK

It was moved by Angel Johnson, and seconded by Mandy Wright, to appoint John Alexander as a volunteer assistant tennis coach. The motion passed unanimously.

VOLUNTEER TENNIS

Russ Axtman reported on the various maintenance issues including the O'Connor funeral arrangements and water leaks.

MAINTENANCE REPORT

Mr. Miller reported on: student interest surveys, the Principal's Cup in Fairfield, Honor Roll issues, Ag classes, Dual Enrollment, State FFA, the Seattle Art Trip, heart rate monitors, no drug testing next year, and researching using a modified block schedule next year.

7-12 PRINCIPAL REPORT

Steve Hamel presented and discussed the monthly and quarterly financial reports.

FINANCIALS

It was moved by Mandy Wright, and seconded by Angel Johnson, to approve Mr. Hamel's recommendation to delete 6 inactive funds from the FBAS activity accounts. The motion passed unanimously.

INACTIVE ACTIVITY
ACCOUNTS RETIRED

Mr. Hamel reported that there would be no school election since one of the candidates had dropped out of the race for the 2 open trustee seats. Since there are only 2 people running for 2 positions, those candidates will be declared elected by acclimation in May.

BOARD ELECTION
CANCELLED

It was moved by Angel Johnson, and seconded by Dean Schuler, to rehire the following high school teachers for the 2019-20 school year:

2019-20 HIGH SCHOOL
TEACHERS REHIRED

*=Non-Tenured

**= 4th contract with Tenure Status

Ray Allen *Nathan Dunham

Marta Ferguson

*Cassady Guinnane Megan Lords

Cassie Pimperton

*Kelly Rominger Kevin Shaw

*Wendy Truax

Carley Vielleux **Catherin Dorian

**Salena Spees

*Miranda Woodhouse

The motion passed unanimously

It was moved by Angel Johnson, and seconded by Mandy Wright, to rehire the following elementary teachers for the 2019-20 school year:

*=Non-Tenured

**= 4th contract with Tenure Status

Ray Allen	Anna Arganbright	Jamie Ball
*Roxie Benjamin	Tracy Debruycker	*Nathan Dunham
*Cassady Guinnane	Peggy Gannon	Jessica Hanford
*Mylo Lane	Megan Lords	Renee' McDonald
Cassie Pimperton	*Kelly Rominger	Mandy Rominger
*Wendy Truax	Carley Vielleux	*Miranda Woodhouse
*Molly Willson	**Catherine Dorian	**Salena Spees

The motion passed unanimously.

2019-20 ELEMENTARY
TEACHERS REHIRED

Move Mandy Wright, and seconded by Adam Olson, to renew membership in the Golden Triangle Curriculum Coop for the 2019-20 school year. The motion passed unanimously.

GOLDEN TRIANGLE
MEMBERSHIP RENEWED

Angel Johnson reported that there was a tentative agreement with the teacher's union for a 2 year contract. The tentative agreement includes: a 2% increase on the base for 2019-20 and a 1.5% increase for 2020-21, increasing the district share of health insurance by \$17 per month each year, awarding teachers on the advanced ed committee an additional paid personal day per year, creating 3 paid robotics coaching positions and 1 field trip position, and requiring teaching staff to be in the buildings at 7:50 am until 4:00 p.m. The Board will take action in May.

TENTATIVE AGREEMENT
WITH TEACHER'S UNION
ANNOUNCED

The Board discussed offering a retirement incentive for teachers who have been a teacher at Fort Benton Schools for 30 years. It was moved by Mandy Wright, and seconded by Adam Olson, to offer a one-time retirement incentive to any teacher with 30 years of teaching experience in the Fort Benton School District. The incentive is \$18,500 and having the district pay its share of a single health insurance premium for 6 months. Any employee accepting this offer will waive the sick leave buyout in the negotiated agreement as the maximum amount possible is built into the incentive. The incentive expires May 1, 2019. The motion passed unanimously.

RETIREMENT INCENTIVE
OFFERED

It was moved by Greg McGinnis, and seconded by Mandy Wright to hire Tabitha Truax Ringlor to teach in both the high school and elementary. The motion passed unanimously.

TABITHA RINGLOR
HIRED

It was moved by Dean Schuler, and seconded by Mandy Wright, to adjourn at 9:25 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURN

BOARD CHAIRPERSON _____

CLERK _____

ATTEST