

BOARD MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
August 10, 2021

The meeting of the Board of Trustees of Fort Benton High School and Elementary School Districts was called to order August 10, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room, by Joellyn Clark, Chairperson.

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

ROLL CALL

Also present: Jory Thompson, Superintendent; Roxanne Benjamin, Elementary Principal; Cali O'Hara, Business Manager/Clerk; Russ Axtman, Maintenance Supervisor; Nathan Dunham, Activities Director; Jamie Ball, Brian Wood, Harry Buckingham, Bethany DeBorde- Reporter for River Press, Bruce MacDonald, Renee MacDonald, Kyla Wright, Karen Wellman, Bev O'Hara.

Joellyn Clark opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

PLEDGE

Joellyn Clark asked for public comment. There was none

PUBLIC COMMENT

Joellyn Clark, Board Chairman- No report.

BOARD CHAIR

It was moved by Tyler Starman, and seconded by Brant Hasbrouck, to approve the minutes of the July 13, 2021 regular meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

MINUTES

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

WARRANTS

Payroll: 95128-95176

Claims: 60019-60054

Roxie Benjamin, Elementary Principal- Reported they have several new students. They are now fully staffed and ready for next year. Important dates August 17th Kinder party in the park 6-7, August 23rd back to school open house 5-6, August 25th first day of school, August 27th back to school carnival.

ELEMENTARY
PRINCIPAL REPORT

Russ Axtman, Maintenance Supervisor- Reported that the summer crew is starting to complete their list of projects. Thank you to the cleaning staff for all their hard work this summer in getting the schools cleaned and ready for students. They have updated the sprinkler heads to be more efficient and hopefully plug less.

MAINTENANCE REPORT

Nathan Dunham, Athletic Director– Fall sports will start this Friday. There was a coaches meeting tonight before the board meeting. Everything is ready for fall sports to begin; the cross county track schedule is complete and they are ready to start. FFA kids had a great showing at the Montana State Fair. Several of the projects received ribbons. They are going to open up the FFA trip to the underclassman as well, to see if they would like to attend this fall.

ATHLETIC DIRECTORS
REPORT

It was moved by Adam Olson, and seconded by Brent Hanford, to hire Kinsey Claassen as assistant Volleyball Coach. The motion passed unanimously.

HIRE ASSISTANT
VOLLEYBALL COACH

It was moved by Brent Hanford, and seconded by Tyler Starman, to hire Cassady Guinnane as volunteer middle school Volleyball Coach. The motion passed unanimously.

MIDDLE SCHOOL
VOLLEYBALL

It was moved by Adam Olson, and seconded by Brent Hanford, to hire Dawn Dunham as the Fall Host. The motion passed unanimously.

FALL HOST

It was moved by Mandy Wright, and seconded by Brent Hanford, to hire Andrew Kilpatrick as a volunteer Cross Country Coach. The motion passed unanimously.

CROSS COUNTRY
COACH

It was moved by Mandy Wright, and seconded by Tyler Starman, to hire Marta Ferguson as middle school Tennis Coach. The motion passed unanimously.

MIDDLE SCHOOL TENNIS

Cali O'Hara, Business Manager/Clerk- Reported that the Budget and Trustees Financial reports are completed and ready to be approved. Taxable revenue is down a little, but our student count is up, so the budget will remain nearly the same as last year.

CLERKS REPORT

It was moved by Adam Olson, and seconded by Mandy Wright, to approve the elementary school budget for fiscal year 2021-2022. The motion passed unanimously.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
BUDGET

It was moved by Dean Schuler, and seconded by Brant Hasbrouck, to approve the high school budget for fiscal year 2021-2022. The motion passed unanimously.

HIGH SCHOOL BUDGET

Jory Thompson, HS/MS report – Reported he has been busy interviewing for the open positions. They will have a welcome back dinner on August 20th at the Thompson house. Excited for the school year to start. Important date - the booster club will have a welcome back dinner August 24th at 5. Continued discussion on filling the transportation supervisor position, the one candidate that applied has withdrawn his application. Jory has checked with our liability insurance provider about having a contracted employee working in our buildings, and the liability would be the same as if they were on the payroll. He also checked with the school lawyer to see if it was ok to pay an hourly employee an additional stipend for additional duties. The transportation committee still supports their original

7-12 PRINCIPAL REPORT

recommendation of hiring Brian Benjamin for mechanic work on the busses and Jory and Jolene for the scheduling/management of the bus drivers.

It was moved by Angel Johnson and seconded by Dean Schuler to extend Brian Woods contract to October 31, 2021. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Reports –
Policy meeting scheduled for September 27th @ 7:00 pm
Transportation meeting scheduled for August 17th @ 10 am

Resignations- Kelly Rominger

It was moved by Mandy Wright, and seconded by Brent Hanford, to hire Tanara Martin as MS/HS Counselor. The motion passed unanimously.

It was moved by Dean Schuler, and seconded by Angel Johnson, to hire Mark Ayers as a substitute teacher. The motion passed unanimously.

It was moved by Mandy Wright and seconded by Tyler Starman, to hire Amy Hanson as MS/HS Secretary. The motion passed unanimously.

It was moved by Adam Olson and seconded by Brent Hanford, to hire Amanda Wolfe as HS Paraprofessional. The motion passed unanimously.

It was moved by Mandy Wright and seconded by Brent Hanford, to hire Kelly Johnson and Kalli Haynes as Elementary Paraprofessionals. The motion passed unanimously.

Future agenda items- Transportation committee meeting, policy committee meeting, bus route extension, Extracurricular committee meeting.

It was moved by Dean Schuler, and seconded by Tyler Starman, to adjourn the meeting at 9.15 p.m.

BOARD CHAIRPERSON _____

CLERK _____

TRANSPORTATION

COMMITTEE REPORTS

RESIGNATIONS

HIRE MS/HS COUNSELOR

HIRE SUBSTITUTE

HIRE MS/HS SECRETARY

HIRE HS
PARAPROFESSIONAL

HIRE ELEM
PARAPROFESSIONALS

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

ADJOURN

ATTEST