

BOARD MINUTES  
REGULAR AND FINAL BUDGET MEETING  
AUGUST 13, 2019

The regular and final budget meeting of the Board of Trustees of Fort Benton High School and Elementary School Districts was called to order August 13, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room by Joellyn Clark, Board Chairperson.

Members present: Joellyn Clark, Greg McGinnis, Darin Arganbright, Mandy Wright, and Adam Olson. Members absent: Dean Schuler, Brant Hasbrouck, and Eldon Pfile. A quorum was present.

ROLL CALL

Also present: Jory Thompson, Superintendent; Steve Hamel, Business Manager/Clerk; Russ Axtman, Maintenance Supervisor; Brian Wood, Transportation Supervisor; Nathan Dunham, Activities Director; Roxanne Benjamin, Jamie Ball, and Bethany DeBorde, reporter for the River Press.

Joellyn Clark opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

It was moved by Darin Arganbright, and seconded by Adam Olson, to approve the minutes of the July 9, 2019 regular meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

PLEDGE

MINUTES

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

Payroll: 93228 - 93253

Claims: 58286 - 58373

WARRANTS

Joellyn Clark asked if there was public comment on an issue not included on the agenda. There was none. Mrs. Clark shared a letter of resignation from Myrlinda Gray as Custodian, and a letter from Big Sandy allowing Fort Benton to drive a route bus into the Big Sandy district to pick up students.

BOARD CHAIRPERSON  
REPORT

Russ Axtman reviewed the summer maintenance projects, the greenhouse construction project and gym closure. Mr. Axtman reported on the state asbestos inspection and the inspector's high regard for the firm that the district is looking to employ for a possible abatement project. Mr. Thompson added that the MTSBA lawyers said that the abatement project and adding new return pipes to the boilers were two separate projects that should be handled separately. Mr. Axtman learned that, due to the age of the heating pipes in question, the state inspectors will not pass any project that is not overseen by an engineer.

MAINTENANCE AND  
BOILER ASBESTOS  
ABATEMENT PROCESS

Elementary Principal, Roxanne Benjamin, reported on aide hiring and searching, high trust training, and plans for a back-to-school carnival.

ELEMENTARY  
PRINCIPAL

Brian Miller, 7-12 Principal, discussed a book study, the new 7-12 class schedule that includes some block scheduling, and changes to the student handbook

7-12 PRINCIPAL

Mr. Dunham, Activities Director, reported that he had just concluded a coaches meeting, that fall sports would be starting Friday the 16<sup>th</sup> and that parent meetings would be held the following week.

ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR

Mr. Dunham recommended the following hires:

COACHING HIRES:

It was moved by Adam Olson, and seconded by Greg McGinnis, to approve Mike Snyder as a volunteer middle school football coach for the 2019 season, pending background check. The motion passed unanimously.

MIKE SNYDER MIDDLE SCHOOL FOOTBALL VOLUNTEER

It was moved by Mandy Wright, and seconded by Adam Olson, to hire both Susie Woodburn and Miranda Woodhouse as middle school tennis coaches for the 2019 season. The motion passed unanimously.

WOODBURN AND WOODHOUSE MIDDLE SCHOOL TENNIS

It was moved by Adam Olson, and seconded by Mandy Wright, to hire Jamie Ball, Peggy Gannon, and Kinsey Claassen as middle school volleyball coaches with the 3 coaches splitting the 2 stipends. The motion passed unanimously.

BALL, GANNON, AND CLAASSEN MIDDLE SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL

It was moved by Mandy Wright, and seconded by Darin Arganbright, to hire Tom Clark and Ross Hanson as high school robotics coaches, pending background checks. In favor: Darin Arganbright, Mandy Wright, Adam Olson, and Greg McGinnis. Against: none. Abstaining: Joellyn Clark. The motion passed 4-0.

CLARK AND HANSON HIGH SCHOOL ROBOTICS

It was moved by Darin Arganbright, and seconded by Mandy Wright, to approve Justin Ball as a volunteer high school robotics coach. The motion passed unanimously.

JUSTIN BALL VOLUNTEER ROBOTICS

It was moved by Mandy Wright, and seconded by Adam Olson, to approve Aaron Vaughn as middle school robotics coach, pending background check. The motion passed unanimously.

AARON VAUGHN MIDDLE SCHOOL ROBOTICS

It was moved by Adam Olson, and seconded by Mandy Wright, to hire Michah Barton as fall activities manager to replace Dawn Dunham who resigned. The motion passed unanimously.

MICAH BARTON FALL ACTIVITIES MANAGER

Steve Hamel presented the monthly financial reports.

FINANCIALS

It was moved by Adam Olson, and seconded by Darin Arganbright, to declare 25 gym lights (\$50.00 each), 8 file cabinets, and 4 tables obsolete for school purposes with intent to sell these items after proper notice. The motion passed unanimously.

OBSOLETE PROPERTY

Steve Hamel reviewed the 2018-19 Trustee's Financial Summaries for Fort Benton Elementary, Fort Benton High School, and the Chouteau County Joint Services.

TRUSTEE'S FINANCIAL  
SUMMARIES REVIEWED

Steve Hamel presented proposed budgets for the Fort Benton Elementary, Fort Benton High School, and Chouteau County Joint Services (retirement fund only).

BUDGETS DISCUSSED

It was moved by Mandy Wright, and seconded by Adam Olson, to set and approve the following Fort Benton Elementary budgets for the 2019-20 fiscal year:

2019-20 FORT BENTON  
ELEMENTARY BUDGETS  
APPROVED

General	\$1,603,041.43
Transportation	52,300.00
Tuition	26,336.00
Retirement	250,000.00
Adult Education	10,000.00
Technology	45,634.31
Flexibility	26,770.65
Building Reserve	101,885.40

The motion passed unanimously.

It was moved by Darin Arganbright, and seconded by Mandy Wright, to set and approve the following Fort Benton High School budgets and the Chouteau County Joint Services Retirement Fund) for the 2019-20 fiscal year:

2019-20 FORT BENTON  
HIGH SCHOOL BUDGETS  
(AND CCJS RETIREMENT)  
APPROVED

General	\$1,344,857.15
Transportation	400,000.00
Bus Depreciation	392,792.28
Tuition	21,933.00
Retirement	275,000.00
Adult Education	10,000.00
Technology	43,029.44
Flexibility	92,657.79
Building Reserve	620.18
Retirement	12,000.00 Chouteau County Joint Services

The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Thompson reported on hiring challenges, themes and goals for the upcoming school year, and the Chouteau County Joint Services yearly meeting and staffing.

SUPERINTENDENT  
REPORT

It was moved by Mandy Wright, and seconded by Adam Olson, to approve a list of 11 students for Early Kindergarten for the 2019-20 school year. The motion passed unanimously.

EARLY KINDERGARTEN  
STUDENTS APPROVED

It was moved by Darin Arganbright, and seconded by Mandy Wright, to approve all the handbooks on 2<sup>nd</sup> reading. The motion passed unanimously.

HANDBOOKS

Mr. Thompson reminded the Board of the resignations of Dawn Dunham and Myrlinda Gray.

RESIGNATIONS

Acting upon recommendations from Superintendent Thompson, the Board took the following actions for the 2019-20 school year, subject to background checks:

HIRING:

It was moved by Mandy Wright, and seconded by Greg McGinnis, to hire Jonna Bogart as an elementary aide for at .2 FTE. The motion passed unanimously.

BOGART AIDE

It was moved by Adam Olson, and seconded by Mandy Wright, to hire Margie Schuler as a .6 FTE elementary teacher. The motion passed unanimously.

SCHULER PART-TIME  
TEACHER

It was moved by Mandy Wright, and seconded by Darin Arganbright, to hire Christine Byle as the 7-12 Administrative Assistant. The motion passed unanimously.

BYLE ADMINISTRATIVE  
ASSISTANT

It was moved by Adam Olson, and seconded by Mandy Wright, to hire Andrea Judeman as an elementary custodian. The motion passed unanimously.

JUDEMAN CUSTODIAN

It was moved by Darin Arganbright, and seconded by, Adam Olson, to adjourn at 8:46 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

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BOARD CHAIRPERSON \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST

CLERK \_\_\_\_\_