

BOARD MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
December 08, 2022

Payroll: 96235-96308  
Claims: 61059-61116

The meeting of the Board of Trustees of Fort Benton High School and Elementary School Districts was called to order December 8, 2022 at 10:31 a.m. in the Multipurpose Room, by Joellyn Clark, Chairperson.

Members present: Joellyn Clark, Tyler Starman, Mandy Wright, Kyla Wright, and Dusty Schuler. A quorum was present.

Also present: Jory Thompson, Superintendent; Cali O'Hara, Business Manager/Clerk; Nathan Dunham, Activities Director; Roxie Benjamin, Elementary Principal; Russ Axtman, Maintenance, Courtney Hoshour - Reporter for River Press, Ames Heryford, Charlie Bogart, Maci Ort, Ava Dunham, Kara Clark, Von Donner, Sophia Dana.

ROLL CALL

Joellyn Clark opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Joellyn Clark asked for public comment. There was no public comment.

Joellyn Clark, Board Chairman- Reported that they won't conduct the superintendent evaluation as they have done in the past this year. Angel Johnson is the chair of the personal committee, they met and decided to post the position as superintendent with principal duties. They have posted the job internally and externally. MTSBA wanted \$5,000 to post the position so they have posted it to other sites to see what the response is before spending the funds to post with MTSBA. The base salary is \$88,000 with full health insurance. The committee will create an interview list, so if you have any questions you would like added, please reach out. If you would like to review applications, please stop by the business office. The fire department is eager to begin the process of expanding their building, but need to know about the land swap, before they can proceed with anymore fund raising activities. The fire department would like the lots near the current fire hall, and in exchange would build a new storage building on land currently owned by the school.

PLEDGE

PUBLIC COMMENT

BOARD CHAIR

It was moved by Tyler Starman, and seconded by Dusty Schuler, to approve the land swap, on the lots located next to the fire hall. The motion passed unanimously.

It was moved by Tyler Starman, and seconded by Dusty Schuler, to approve the minutes of the November 8, 2022 regular meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

FIRE HALL LAND  
EXCHANGE

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

MINUTES

## CLAIMS

Nathan Dunham, Athletic Director– Reported that the winter sports season is underway. Middle school basketball completed their season, girls finished in 6<sup>th</sup> place and the boys finished in 3<sup>rd</sup> place. The wrestling team had their first meet in Cascade with Trevor O’Hara placing 5<sup>th</sup>. They will be headed to Glasgow next week; they have good numbers this year with the addition of several girls. Speech and Drama will also be competing this week in Malta. December 15<sup>th</sup> is a home wrestling meet, basketball will be home the 17<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>. FFA winter districts will be Tuesday, the 13<sup>th</sup>, they are looking for volunteers. Congratulations to Emmerson Giese, Kylie Danbrook, Hailee Wang for receiving all-conference in volleyball; and Nathan Dunham, Landis Arganbright, Cade Ball – all-conference in football.

It was moved by Tyler Starman, and seconded by Dusty Schuler, to allow 8<sup>th</sup> graders to participate in high school wrestling, effective immediately. Motion passed unanimously.

It was moved by Tyler Starman, and seconded by Dusty Schuler, to approve Damon Gilbreth, as winter host. Motion passed unanimously.

It was moved by Mandy Wright, and seconded by Tyler Starman, to approve Damon Gilbreth and Colby Cline as Middle School Wrestling Coaches. Motion passed unanimously.

Roxie Benjamin, Elem report – Maci Ort, Sophia Dana, Charlie Bogart, Ames Heryford, Von Donner, Ava Dunham presented the attached elementary school report. Roxie reported that it has been a busy month with lots of holiday happenings. The staff has completed a Right Brain training session and they have implemented the teaching strategies. They have already seen some progress with students. Thank you to all the teachers for the extra work that goes into making the holidays special for our students, with the Thanksgiving feast, Christmas program and Christmas parties.

Russ Axtman, Maintenance- Thank you to the city crews for all the help removing the snow. Thank you to Carley and Rob for all their tech support on placing sensors on the boiler, freezer and refrigeration systems. New sensors are part of a program through MSGIA. The sensors will send an error message if the temperatures are outside the recommended guidelines. The kitchen hood will be replaced over the Christmas break; this will

complete the kitchen remodel.

Cali O’Hara, Business Manager- Reported that they have the new computers for the accounting software. This will provide additional security to our system. The trustee filing is now open, there are 4 seats up for election. Angel Johnson and Will Scott in Fort Benton district #1, Tyler Starman in Carter district #56, Brant Hasbrouck in Benton Lake district #99. Candidates are able to file until March 23, 2023.

Jory Thompson, HS/MS report – Reported things have been busy. Student attendance has been hit with some cases of strep. Parent-Teacher Conferences were better attended than they have been in the past. The  
ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE WRESTLING PARTICIPATION

WINTER HOST

MIDDLE SCHOOL WRESTLING COACHES

2nd reading on Emergency Handbook

ELEM. PRINCIPAL REPORT

It was moved by Mandy Wright, and seconded by Dusty Schuler, to adjourn at 12:16 pm. Motion passed unanimously.

MAINTENANCE REPORT

BOARD  
CHAIRPERSON \_\_\_\_\_  
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CLERK REPORT

CLERK \_\_\_\_\_  
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HS/MS REPORT

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

winter sports parent meeting was also during this time, and may have helped with attendance of the conferences as parents were in the building for the sports meeting. See attached report

Committee Reports –

Personnel Committee-

Interviews January 26<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>

Resignations –

The following resignation was accepted by Jory Thompson:

Kim Singer- Bus Driver

Angela Thomas- Head Cook

Jolene Danbrook – Elem Secretary

Future Agenda Items-

COMMITTEE REPORTS

RESIGNATIONS:

SINGER

THOMAS

DANBROOK

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

ADJOURN

ATTEST