

BOARD MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
December 14, 2021

The meeting of the Board of Trustees of Fort Benton High School and Elementary School Districts was called to order December 14, 2021 at 12:00 in the Multipurpose Room, by Joellyn Clark, Chairperson.

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

ROLL CALL

Also present: Jory Thompson, Superintendent; Roxanne Benjamin, Elementary Principal; Cali O'Hara, Business Manager/Clerk; Nathan Dunham, Activities Director; Paul Benhart, Transportation Supervisor; Bethany DeBorde- Reporter for River Press, Grace Heryford, Bridger Ball, Brooklyn Olson, Leah Dunham, Justin Roudebush, Cory Clark, Blaine Juedeman.

Joellyn Clark opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

PLEDGE

Joellyn Clark asked for public comment. Cory Clark-superintendent of Geraldine Schools again asked the boards consideration of the inclusion of Geraldine High School students to participate in fall and winter athletics in Fort Benton.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Joellyn Clark, Board Chairman- Wanted to remind the board that the superintendent evaluation form will be emailed to them if they would take a second to complete and send back to her. They will review at the February meeting.

BOARD CHAIR

It was moved by Dean Schuler, and seconded by Adam Olson, to approve the minutes of the November 9, 2021 regular meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

MINUTES

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

WARRANTS

Payroll: 95442-95498

Claims: 60248-60322

Nathan Dunham, Athletic Director– Reported that the middle school basketball season has ended and that there were 35 students that participated. The boys team ended their season undefeated. All the Christmas concerts were well attended. The high school winter sport season is well underway. The wrestlers participated in a tournament in Glasgow - 5 placed in the tournament. They will head to Shepherd and Huntley Project this next week. Basketball teams attended a tournament in Lewistown. All teams did a great job. MHSA proposals for the next year will be out this next week, and the annual meeting will be January 16-17. There are 8 proposals that will need reviewed.

ATHLETIC DIRECTORS
REPORT

It was moved by Tyler Starman, and seconded by Adam Olson, to hire Erich Wellman as Girls Basketball assistant coach. Motion passed unanimously.

GIRLS BASKETBALL
ASSISTANT COACH

It was moved by Mandy Wright, and seconded by Angel Johnson, to approve Cross Country for High School and Middle School. Motion passed unanimously.

HIGH SCHOOL/MIDDLE
SCHOOL CROSS
COUNTRY

Roxie Benjamin, Elementary Principal- Reported that parent-teacher conference was well attended by parents. The Christmas program and Christmas concerts were also well attended. The kids did an excellent job. Special thank you to Peggy Gannon and Andrew Kilpatrick for all their hard work on the programs. The YIIP meetings have been completed. They are super thankful for counselors Rheanna Fultz and Kyla Wright. The kids are all receiving the help and guidance they need from these ladies. There will be an online safety and dangers activity assembly for the students before the break. See attached report.

ELEMENTARY
PRINCIPAL REPORT

Paul Benhart, Transportation Supervisor- Reported that he has returned from Oklahoma, and the bus looks good. He will plan to go down and get it after the break. He would like the board to consider getting a smaller bus or vehicle for traveling.

TRANSPORTATION
REPORT

Russ Axtman, Maintenance Supervisor; Reported that the city crew has removed the bleachers from the track. New flooring will be installed in the elementary and the high school over the Christmas break. Brock Miller from B&B tree trimming has started work on the trees and will continue as long as the weather allows.

MAINTENANCE REPORT

Cali O'Hara, Business Manager – Reported that the budgets are on track with what they were last year. The audit went well with very few findings, which are all correctable. Trustee filing is open until March 24, the candidates up for election are Joellyn Clark, Brent Hanford, and Dean Schuler.

CLERKS REPORT

Jory Thompson, HS/MS report – Reported that things have been going very well at the high school and in the district. They are looking at scheduling some training for staff regarding transgender awareness. He would like to thank Roxie Benjamin, Jolene Danbrook and Karina Labuschagne for planning the Christmas party. See attached.

7-12 PRINCIPAL REPORT

Committee Reports –

COMMITTEE REPORTS

It was moved by Dean Schuler, and seconded by Brent Hanford, to approve, with changes, the policies listed in the attached packet. This was the second reading. The motion passed unanimously.

It was moved by Brent Hanford, and seconded by Tyler Starman, to approve hiring Kim Taylor as a substitute. The motion passed unanimously.

HIRES

Future agenda items- Extracurricular meeting January 4 @ 6:00 pm in the board room.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

It was moved by Dean Schuler, and seconded by Brent Hanford, to adjourn the meeting at 1:35 p.m.

ADJOURN

BOARD CHAIRPERSON _____

ATTEST

CLERK _____