

BOARD MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
DECEMBER 10, 2019

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Fort Benton High School and Elementary School Districts was called to order December 10, 2019 at 3:00 p.m. in the Elementary Work Room by Joellyn Clark, Board Chairperson.

Members present: Joellyn Clark, Greg McGinnis, Ray Allen, Darin Arganbright, Dean Schuler, Brant Hasbrouck, Mandy Wright, and Adam Olson. Members absent: 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; Brian Miller, 7 - 12 Principal; Jamie Ball, Brent Hanford, and Bethany DeBorde, reporter for the River Press.

Joellyn Clark opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

PLEDGE

It was moved by Darin Arganbright, and seconded by Brant Hasbrouck, to approve the minutes of the November 12, 2019 regular meeting.

MINUTES

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

WARRANTS

Payroll: 93462 - 93538

Claims: 58572- 58627

Amy Hanson addressed the Board regarding the upcoming Speech and Drama Meet and asked for volunteer judges.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Joellyn Clark shared a letter of resignation from Paula Young, custodian and a letter from a Belt parent regarding the District Volleyball Tournament. Mr. Miller read a letter of thanks from Amy Hanson for the Boards support of the recent Speech and Drama meet held in Fort Benton.

BOARD CHAIRPERSON  
REPORT

Mr. Dunham, Activities Director, reported on the fall activities, that 1 Geraldine middle schooler participated in volleyball, that the football team had stayed overnight Saturday after their semi-final game at no cost to the district, and recommended that the Board once again allow 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls to participate in Junior Varsity Basketball only due to a low number of high school girls participating in volleyball

ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR:  
COACHING HIRES:

It was moved by Darin Arganbright, and seconded by Mandy Wright, to allow 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls to participate in Junior Varsity Basketball for the 2019-2020 season. The motion passed unanimously

8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE GIRLS  
ALLOWED TO  
PARTICIPATE IN JUNIOR  
VARSITY BASKETBALL

Brian Wood, Transportation Supervisor reviewed the bus routes and distances, reported that there were now 13 drivers available for activities and transporting students to and from school, and on the age of the busses, anticipating recommending that the Board purchase a new bus next month.

TRANSPORTATION  
SUPERVISOR

Russ Axtman updated the Board on the Elementary boiler project, staffing, gym speakers, snow removal, and Christmas break cleaning plans.

MAINTENANCE REPORT

Brian Miller, 7-12 Principal, discussed the PIR day activities, the Snowball dance, Swivel Cameras for teacher self-evaluations, and the library grant.

7-12 PRINCIPAL

Steve Hamel presented the monthly financial reports and reported that anyone may now apply to run for the Board of Trustees.

FINANCIALS

It was moved by Dean Schuler, and seconded by Brant Hasbrouck, to sell the metal lathe to the only bidder, Brian Wood, for \$600.00. The motion passed unanimously.

METAL  
LATHE SOLD

Mr. Thompson reported on the elementary enrollment and attendance, the book fair, assemblies and pre-break activities. The Personnel Committee need to meet on January 7<sup>th</sup> to screen applicants for the Clerk position. He also reported that the district will have an accreditation deviation but that deviation has no funding penalty.

SUPERINTENDENT/ELEM  
ENTARY PRINCIPAL  
REPORT

Mr. Thompson announced that he had been asked to coach in the 8-Man All Star Football game in June. He asked if the Board had any objections to him doing that, there were none.

THOMPSON TO COACH  
IN 8-MAN ALL STAR  
FOOTBALL GAME

Board Chair Clark scheduled the following Committee meetings: Policy, January 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 p.m.; Transportation January 14<sup>th</sup> prior to the regular Board meeting at 6:30 p.m.; and a community meeting regarding a 4-day school week on January 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS  
SCHEDULED

It was moved by Mandy Wright, and seconded by Adam Olson, to hire Patrice McDonald as a high school special education aide. The motion passed unanimously.

MCDONALD HIRED AS  
SPECIAL ED. AIDE

It was moved by Greg McGinnis, and seconded by Dean Schuler, to adjourn the meeting at 4:14 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

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

ATTEST

CLERK \_\_\_\_\_