

BOARD MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
January 11, 2022

The meeting of the Board of Trustees of Fort Benton High School and Elementary School Districts was called to order January 11, 2022 at 7:01 p.m. in the Board Room, by Joellyn Clark, Chairperson.

Members present: Joellyn Clark, Mandy Wright, Brent Hanford, Tyler Starman, Angel Johnson, Dean Schuler, Brant Hasbrouck and Adam Olson. 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, Jamie Ball, Aaron Jones, Angie Hucke, Justin Roudebush, Cory Clark, Blaine Juedeman, Rod Tweet, Cody and Kaitlyn Joyce.

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- Reported that they had received a letter of resignation from Renee MacDonald, she will be retiring at the end of the school year. The board also received a thank you letter from the 7th grade class thanking them for allowing them to go on the river trip. The board also received a thank you note from the Lima, MT students as well for allowing them to join the river trip. The superintendent evaluations are due back to the board chair by January 28th.

BOARD CHAIR

It was moved by Dean Schuler, and seconded by Brant Hasbrouck, to approve the minutes of the December 14, 2021 regular meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

MINUTES

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

WARRANTS

Payroll: 95499-95548

Claims: 60323-60356

Roxie Benjamin, Elementary Principal- Reported they are excited to be back in school after the Christmas break. They currently have lots of kids out sick as well as staff. Adam Jacques was in last week to visit with staff about lockdown procedures. They had a staff meeting to discuss new reading and math curriculum for grades K-6. Mid-term will be January 14, and they will have winter benchmark testing at that time. See attached report.

ELEMENTARY
PRINCIPAL REPORT

Nathan Dunham, Athletic Director– Reported wrestling is going well, Brock Hanford placed 1st at the Cut Bank Invitational. Speech and Drama team is performing and competing well. Basketball teams are both doing well. New MHSA proposals are attached.

ATHLETIC DIRECTORS
REPORT

It was moved by Tyler Starman, and seconded by Brent Hanford, to approve Colby Cline Middle School Wrestling coach. Motion passed unanimously.

MIDDLE SCHOOL
WRESTLING COACH

It was moved by Adam Olson, and seconded by Brent Hanford, to approve Shawn Ball Middle School Wrestling Volunteer coach. Motion passed unanimously.

MIDDLE SCHOOL
WRESTLING
VOLUNTEER COACH

It was moved by Brent Hanford, and seconded by Adam Olson, to approve Logan Tweet Middle School/ High School Wrestling Volunteer coach. Motion passed unanimously.

It was moved by Mandy Wright and seconded by Tyler Starman, to approve Megan Lords and Michelle Erickson 5/6 grade boy's basketball coaches. Motion passed unanimously.

5/6 GRADE BOY'S
BASKETBALL

It was moved by Mandy Wright and seconded by Brent Hanford, to approve Kim Kotthoff and Kinsey Claassen 5/6 grade girl's basketball coaches. Motion passed unanimously.

5/6 GRADE GIRL'S
BASKETBALL

It was moved by Tyler Starman and seconded by Mandy Wright, to approve Rheanna Fultz 5/6 grade girls basketball volunteer coach. Motion passed unanimously.

5/6 GRADE GIRL'S
BASKETBALL
VOLUNTEER COACH

It was moved by Mandy Wright and seconded by Brent Hanford, to approve Miranda Woodhouse Tennis coach. Motion passed unanimously.

TENNIS COACH

It was moved by Brent Hanford and seconded by Tyler Starman, to approve a per diem increase for extracurricular meals to \$9(breakfast) \$12(lunch) and \$18(dinner). Motion passed unanimously.

PER DIEM INCREASE

Russ Axtman, Maintenance Supervisor- Reported that there was lots of work done over the Christmas break. The flooring in the elementary hallways was all replaced. The English room in the high school has new flooring as well. There was a water main break, which the city crew very quickly managed to get repaired. Special thank you to the city crew for such a timely response. The kitchen project is just starting to take place, will have more information at the next meeting.

MAINTENANCE REPORT

Cali O'Hara, Business Manager – Reported that budgets are on track at the end of the 2nd quarter, we will have to just watch our spending to ensure that we have full reserves.

CLERKS REPORT

It was moved by Mandy Wright and seconded by Adam Olson, to approve new federal mileage increase to \$0.585. Motion passed unanimously.

FEDERAL MILEAGE
RATE INCREASE

It was moved by Angel Johnson and seconded by Mandy Wright, to conduct a mail election. Motion failed. For- Mandy Wright, Joellyn Clark, Angel Johnson. Against- Adam Olson, Dean Schuler, Brent Hanford, Tyler Starman, Brant Hasbrouck.

MAIL ELECTION

It was moved by Brent Hanford and seconded by Tyler Starman, to conduct an in-person election. Motion passed. For- Adam Olson, Dean Schuler, Brent Hanford, Tyler Starman, Brant Hasbrouck. Against- Mandy Wright, Joellyn Clark, Angel Johnson.

IN-PERSON ELECTION

Jory Thompson, HS/MS report – Reported semester finals will begin next week. Thank you to Russ, Nathan and the city crew for how well the water main break was handled. They will have a staff meeting with the high school staff to discuss new lockdown. All the Christmas activities went well, it’s always nice to see the high school kids interact with the elementary students.

7-12 PRINCIPAL REPORT

Committee Reports –

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Tyler Starman, Extracurricular Chair – Reported that they have reviewed the MHSA proposals. They also discussed honoring former students for athletic achievements, but decided that they would only honor kids while they are currently enrolled in school, as this could open the door to lots of other honors of former students. They discussed the co-op with Geraldine Schools.

EXTRACURRICULAR COMMITTEE

It was moved by Brent Hanford, and seconded by Angel Johnson, to approve, a co-op with Geraldine Schools with the following provisions, the co-op would only be for fall and winter sports (cross country, football, volleyball, fall cheer, boys and girls basketball, wrestling, speech and drama, and winter cheer. Fort Benton will provide all coaches, practice and games will take place in Fort Benton, they will follow the Fort Benton athletic schedule. A bus will run up to the scenic turn out in the Geraldine school district. The motion passed unanimously.

GERALDINE CO-OP

Future agenda items- Building and Grounds committee meeting. Superintendent evaluation.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

It was moved by Tyler Starman, and seconded by Brent Hanford, to adjourn the meeting at 8:53 p.m.

ADJOURN

BOARD CHAIRPERSON _____

ATTEST

CLERK _____