

BOARD MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 14, 2020

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Fort Benton High School and Elementary School Districts was called to order January 14, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room by Joellyn Clark, Board Chairperson.

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

ROLL CALL

Also present: Jory Thompson, Superintendent; Roxanne Benjamin, Elementary Principal; 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, , Tyler Sharman and Bethany DeBorde, reporter for the River Press.

Joellyn Clark opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

PLEDGE

It was moved by Dean Schuler, and seconded by Darin Arganbright, to approve the minutes of the December 10, 2019 regular meeting.

MINUTES

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

WARRANTS

Payroll: 93539 - 93608

Claims: 58628– 58700

Board Chair Clark asked for public comment on non-agenda items, there was none.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Board Chair Clark reminded the Board that she had emailed the Superintendent evaluations to the members and asked that they be returned to Mr. Hamel by February 6th so he can compile the scores before the February meeting.

BOARD CHAIRPERSON
REPORT

Mr. Dunham, Activities Director, reviewed the proposals to be considered at the annual Montana High School Association meeting. He reported how the proposals were viewed by the administration and the Northern C caucus.

ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR:
MHSA PROPOSALS

As per Mr. Dunham's recommendation:

COACHING HIRES:

It was moved by Mandy Wright, and seconded by Joellyn Clark, to hire Gage and Shannon Grossman as elementary boys' basketball coaches for the 2020 season. The motion passed unanimously.

BOYS' 5-6 BASKETBALL

It was moved by Mandy Wright, and seconded by Adam Olson, to hire Kim Cotthoff and Kinsey Claassen as elementary girls' basketball coaches for the 2020 season. The motion passed unanimously.

GIRLS' 5-6 BASKETBALL

It was moved by Adam Olson, and seconded by Mandy Wright, to hire Shawn Ball and Taylor DeBruyker as middle school wrestling coaches for 2020. The motion passed unanimously.

MIDDLE SCHOOL
WRESTLING COACHES
HIRED

Move Brant Hasbrouck, and seconded by Darin Arganbright, to hire Suzie Woodburn as varsity tennis head coach for the 2020 season. The motion passed unanimously.

HEAD TENNIS COACH
HIRED

It was moved by Mandy Wright, and seconded by Brant Hasbrouck, to approve Mike Schneider to be a volunteer wrestling coach for both the high school and junior high programs. The motion passed unanimously.

SCHNEIDER VOLUNTEER
COACH

Russ Axtman informed the Board that issues with leaking return lines were becoming a bigger issue at the elementary building. Cost bids for the total project should be available by the February meeting.

MAINTENANCE REPORT

Brian Miller, 7-12 Principal, new students, pre-Christmas activity successes, assemblies, a new teacher's ideas for increasing participation, and a fund raiser for the Lord's family who lost most of their belongings in a fire.

7-12 PRINCIPAL REPORT

It was moved by Mandy Wright, and seconded by Dean Schuler, to approve out-of-district trips for the science club to Oregon and the Smithsonian group to the east coast. The motion passed unanimously.

OUT-OF-STATE FIELD
TRIPS APPROVED

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 Mandy Wright to renew a 3-year agreement to participate and administer the Golden Triangle Curriculum Co-op. The motion passed unanimously.

CCJS 3-YEAR RENEWAL

It was moved by Adam Olson, and seconded by Brant Hasbrouck, to adopt the 2020 IRS mileage rate of \$.575/mile for the calendar year. The motion passed unanimously.

IRS MILEAGE RATE

Adam Olson reported that the transportation committee had met and decided to recommend that the Board purchase trade a 24 passenger bus in on an 80 passenger yellow bus. It was moved by Mandy Wright, and seconded by Ray Allen, to purchase the new bus as recommended. The motion passed unanimously.

BUS PURCHASE

Board Chair Clark read letters of resignation from two teachers, Catherine Dorian and Kevin Shaw. The Board and administration thanked both teachers for their service to the district and students.

DORIAN AND SHAW
RESIGNATIONS

Based on Mr. Thompson's recommendations:

It was moved by Adam Olson, and seconded by Mandy Wright, to hire Travis Donner as middle school custodian. The motion passed unanimously.

CUSTODIAN HIRED

It was moved by Brant Hasbrouck, and seconded by Mandy Wright, to hire the following substitutes: Sharleen Elliot, Jason Byle, Darci Darlington, and Cameron Button. The motion passed unanimously.

SUBSTITUTES HIRED

Mr. Thompson reviewed the ESEA Distinguished Schools Award, the Blue Ribbon Award, and the Jim Taylor Motors proposal to lease a pickup to the district but, ultimately pay the lease payments for the district as advertising. It was moved by Mandy Wright, and seconded by Adam Olson, to approve the proposed pickup lease agreement with Taylor Motors. The motion passed unanimously.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Board Chair Clark reported that the Board had interviewed 3 candidates for the Clerk/Business Manager position and that Cali O’Hara was the top candidate.

CLERK/BUSINESS MANAGER

It was moved by Dean Schuler, and seconded by Brant Hasbrouck, to offer the Clerk/Business Manager position to Cali O’Hara and grant Mr. Thompson authority to negotiate a compensation package with Ms. O’Hara. In favor: Dean Schuler, Brant Hasbrouck, Darin Arganbright, Mandy Wright, Joellyn Clark, and Adam Olson. Opposed: none. Abstaining: Ray Allen, father of the candidate. Motion passed.

O’HARA OFFERED

Should Ms. O’Hara not accept the offer, it was moved by Dean Schuler, and seconded by Darin Arganbright, to offer the Clerk/Business Manager position to Tanya Allen and grant Mr. Thompson authority to negotiate a compensation package with Ms. Allen. In favor: Dean Schuler, Brant Hasbrouck, Darin Arganbright, Mandy Wright, Joellyn Clark, and Adam Olson. Opposed: none. Abstaining: Ray Allen, husband of the candidate. Motion passed.

ALLEN CONTINGENT OFFER

It was moved by Dean Schuler, and seconded by Brant Hasbrouck, to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

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BOARD CHAIRPERSON _____

ATTEST

CLERK _____