

BOARD MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 8, 2019

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Fort Benton High School and Elementary School Districts was called to order January 8, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the Elementary Board Room by Joellyn Clark, Board Chairperson.

Members present: Joellyn Clark, Darin Arganbright, Angel Johnson, Brant Hasbrouck, Greg McGinnis, Mandy Wright, and Adam Olson. Members absent: Dean Schuler. 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; Jamie Ball, and Bethany DeBorde, reporter for the River Press.

Joellyn Clark opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

PLEDGE

It was moved by Angel Johnson, and seconded by Mandy Wright, to approve the minutes of the December 20, 2019 regular meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

MINUTES

It was moved by Angel Johnson, and seconded by Adam Olson, to approve payment of warrants. The motion passed unanimously.

WARRANTS

Payroll: 92609 - 92676

Claims: 57670 - 57722

Joellyn Clark asked if there was public comment on an issue not included on the agenda. There was none.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Joellyn Clark reported that the union had presented a letter asking to open negotiations, she then led the Board in a discussion evaluating each of the final 3 goal areas of the district's strategic plan, the first two sections were reviewed in December.

BOARD CHAIR:
NEGOTIATIONS
STRATEGIC PLAN

Brian Wood, Transportation Director, recommended that the Board continue its practice of replacing a bus each year. He presented a quote for a new 80 passenger bus to replace the current Pleasant Valley bus. The new bus would cost \$103,250 and the district would receive \$13,500 in trade for their current bus for a net purchase price of \$89,750. It was moved by Greg McGinnis, and seconded by Adam Olson, to purchase the new bus based on the quote from Hartley Busses. The motion passed unanimously.

BUS PURCHASE

Russ Axtman reported on various maintenance objects and presented the Board with several items to declare as obsolete. It was moved by Darin Arganbright, and seconded by Brant Hasbrouck, to declare an upright piano and 5 tables as obsolete for school use with the intent to sell or discard the items. The piano is to be sold via sealed bid with a minimum value of \$250.00. The motion passed unanimously.

MAINTENANCE
REPORT

OBSOLETE
EQUIPMENT

Mr. Thompson presented Mr. Dunham's Activities Director recommendations:

ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR

It was moved by Brant Hasbrouck, and seconded by Darin Arganbright, to hire Dawn Dunham as Winter Activities Host. The motion passed unanimously.

WINTER HOST HIRED
DAWN DUNHAM

It was moved by Angel Johnson, and seconded by Mandy Wright, to approve Kellee Wallace as a volunteer cheerleading advisor pending background check. The motion passed unanimously.

WALLACE APPROVED AS
VOLUNTEER CHEER
ADVISOR

Mr. Miller reported that the Junior Class will be attending "College in a Day" in Great Falls.

HIGH SCHOOL
PRINCIPAL

Steve Hamel presented and discussed the monthly financial reports.

FINANCIALS

It was moved by Angel Johnson, and seconded by Mandy Wright, to adjust the mileage reimbursement rate for 2019 travel to \$.58 per mile. The motion passed unanimously.

2019 MILEAGE RATE SET

It was decided to have a Personnel Committee meeting on January 29th at 7:00 p.m. to discuss negotiations and the Superintendent evaluation process.

PERSONNEL MEETING
SET

It was moved by Angel Johnson, and seconded by Mandy Wright, to approve Karen Wellman as a substitute teacher. The motion passed unanimously.

WELLMAN APPROVED
AS SUB TEACHER

Mr Thompson reported on various elementary activities, exploring the possibility of early kindergarten, and that the audit of the 2017-18 year had been completed and there were no findings.

THOMPSON REPORT

The Board went into closed session to discuss the Superintendent Evaluation at 8:20 p.m. The Board came out of closed session at 9:30 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION
SUPERINTENDENT
EVALUATION

It was moved by Adam Olson, and seconded by Darin Arganbright, to approve the minutes of the closed session. The motion passed unanimously.

CLOSED MINUTES
MEETING APPROVED

It was moved by Brant Hasbrouck, and seconded by Mandy Wright, to adjourn the meeting at 9:32 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

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BOARD CHAIRPERSON _____

ATTEST

CLERK _____