

BOARD MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 9, 2018

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Fort Benton High School and Elementary School Districts was called to order January 9, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room by Dean Schuler, Board Chairperson.

Members present: Joellyn Clark, Angel Johnson, Darin Arganbright, Dean Schuler, Monte Giese, Brant Hasbrouck, and Greg McGinnis. Members absent: Adam Olson. A quorum was present.

ROLL CALL

Also present: Jory Thompson, Superintendent; Steve Hamel, Business Manager/Clerk; Russ Axtman, Maintenance Supervisor; Brian Wood, Transportation Supervisor; Claire Baer, Marta Ferguson, Allysa Price, Danny Hill via skype, and Bethany DeBorde, reporter for the River Press.

Dean Schuler opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

It was moved by Darin Arganbright, and seconded by Brant Hasbrouck, to approve the minutes of the December 12, 2017 regular meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

PLEDGE

MINUTES

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

WARRANTS

Payroll: 91612 - 91685
Claims: 56199 - 56277

Dean Schuler asked if there was any public comment regarding issues not on the agenda, there was none.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Board Chair, Dean Schuler yielded the floor to Angel Johnson who reported that due to policy changes regarding smoking and vaping, the district had been given an Award of Excellence. She displayed banners and plaques that will be displayed throughout the district.

BOARD CHAIR REPORT
TOBACCO AWARENESS
RECOGNITION

It was moved by Joellyn Clark, and seconded by Angel Johnson, to accept Mr. Dunham's recommendations to hire Taylor DeBrucker as Little Guy Wrestling Coach and Susie Woodburn as Head High School Tennis Coach. The motion passed unanimously.

ELEMENTARY WRESTLING,
HIGH SCHOOL TENNIS
COACHES HIRED

Mr. Dunham reported that there were two MHSA proposals on which Fort Benton would be reporting at the upcoming annual meeting. The first would give local school boards the ability to decide if 8th graders could compete in individual sports, that the matter wouldn't have to be approved by the MHSA. The consensus of the Board was to vote against this issue. The second issue was a proposal to increase the fines imposed on schools for various violations. The board consensus was to support this proposal.

MHSA PROPOSALS
DISCUSSED

Mr. Bowers set up a skype link that allowed Danny Hill, the creator of the ICU approach, to give a presentation regarding ICU. The Board asked questions of Mr. Hill then discussed ICU with the administration and several teachers. Issues discussed were: if the program was working, that teachers are now able to assess student achievement since work is being done, teachers are teaching to standards, parents are immediately aware of a student's status, lack of consequences if many chances are given, teacher workload, testing and pre-testing to monitor progress, possibly not including seniors in the future but using the process to teach younger students organization and work ethic.

PRINCIPAL REPORT
ICU PRESENTATION
AND DISCUSSION

Steve Hamel presented and reviewed the various monthly financial reports.

FINANCIAL REPORT

It was moved by Angel Johnson, and seconded by Monte Giese, to increase the district mileage reimbursement to match the federal rate of 54.5 cents per mile. The motion passed unanimously.

MILEAGE RATE
INCREASED FOR 2018

Mr. Thompson reported on: lockdown drill, the elementary public address system repairs, little dribblers, the Christmas programs, the Shop With the Sheriff program, and the Donor's choice program that helps with classroom supplies and equipment through donations, Advanced ED, classified staff negotiations, Speech Therapy using tele-therapy, and a lunch equipment grant.

SUPERINTENDENT AND
ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL
REPORT

Mr. Thompson reported that he had accepted Mrs. Pottenger's resignation and thanked her for her many years of service to Fort Benton Schools.

POTTENGER RESIGNATION

The Board went into closed session to conduct the Superintendent's evaluation at 9:45. The Board came out of closed session at 10:35 p.m. It was moved by Monte Giese, and seconded by Angel Johnson, to approve the minutes of the closed session. The motion passed unanimously.

CLOSED SESSION

Angel Johnson announced that she would be scheduling a Personnel Committee meeting and would let everyone know the date and time.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE
MEETING SCHEDULING

It was moved by Monte Giese, and seconded by Angel Johnson, to adjourn the meeting at 10:40 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

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BOARD CHAIRPERSON _____

ATTEST

CLERK _____