

BOARD MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
July 13, 2021

The meeting of the Board of Trustees of Fort Benton High School and Elementary School Districts was called to order July 13, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room, by Joellyn Clark, Chairperson.

Members present: Joellyn Clark, Mandy Wright, Brent Hanford, Tyler Starman, Adam Olson, Brant Hasbrouck, Dean Schuler, and Angel Johnson. A quorum was present.

ROLL CALL

Also present: Jory Thompson, Superintendent; Roxanne Benjamin, Elementary Principal; Cali O’Hara, Business Manager/Clerk; Russ Axtman, Maintenance Supervisor; Nathan Dunham, Activities Director; Jamie Ball, Brian Wood, Harry Buckingham, Cory Clark, Blaine Juedeman, Katlin Joyce

Joellyn Clark opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

PLEDGE

Joellyn Clark asked for public comment. Blane Juedeman asked that the board consider a co-op with Geraldine for High School sports in the future.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Joellyn Clark, Board Chairman- No report.

BOARD CHAIR

It was moved by Angel Johnson, and seconded by Tyler Starman, to approve the minutes of the June 8, 2021 regular meeting and the minutes of the June 23, 2021 special meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

MINUTES

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

WARRANTS

Payroll: 95078-95127

Claims: 59894-59998

Nathan Dunham, Athletic Director – Reported that June has seen lots of summer open gyms and summer camps. Monday – Thursday the gym is open for students. Fall sports season will begin on August 13th there will be a parent meeting August 16th. The fall schedules are up on the website.

ATHLETIC DIRECTORS
REPORT

It was moved by Dean Schuler, and seconded by Tyler Starman, to hire Tyler Pasha as head coach and Hardy O’Hara as assistant boys basketball coach. The motion passed unanimously.

HIRE BOYS
BASKETBALL COACHES

It was moved by Adam Olson, and seconded by Brent Hanford, to hire Damon Gilbreth as Middle School Football Coach. The motion passed unanimously.

MIDDLE SCHOOL
FOOTBALL COACHES

It was moved by Mandy Wright, and seconded by Tyler Starman, to hire Miranda Woodhouse as Middle School Tennis Coach. The motion passed unanimously

MIDDLE SCHOOL TENNIS
COACH

It was moved by Adam Olson, and seconded by Tyler Starman, to hire Dawn Dunham and Kevin Shaw as Cross Country Coaches. The motion passed unanimously

CROSS COUNTY
COACHES

It was moved by Angel Johnson, and seconded by Brent Hanford, to allow the FFA to travel to Indianapolis for The National Convention. The motion passed unanimously

TRAVEL TO THE
NATIONAL FFA
CONVENTION

It was moved by Brent Hanford, and seconded by Joellyn Clark, to allow the Geraldine Middle School students to participate in Fort Benton Schools extracurricular activities for the 2021-2022 school year. The motion passed unanimously.

GERALDINE MIDDLE
SCHOOL SPORTS

It was moved by Brent Hanford, and seconded by Adam Olson, to decline the request of Highwood Schools to participate in Middle School Volleyball. The motion passed unanimously.

HIGHWOOD SCHOOLS
VOLLEYBALL

Russ Axtman, Maintenance Supervisor- Reported that the summer crew is starting to complete their list of projects. FICO will be out in August to check the boilers.

MAINTENANCE REPORT

Jory Thompson, HS/MS report – Reported that they are continuing to work on the class schedule, with the help of Roxie Allen. They have been advertising for a MS/HS secretary.

7-12 PRINCIPAL REPORT

It was moved by Brent Hanford, and seconded by Tyler Starman, to approve the 2nd reading of the handbooks. The motion passed unanimously.

2nd READING OF
HANDBOOKS

Roxie Benjamin, Elementary Principal- Reported that they have been busy planning for next year. They are needing to hire Special Ed para professionals. The theme for next year is Good Vibes Only.

ELEMENTARY
PRINCIPAL REPORT

Cali O'Hara, Business Manager/Clerk- Reported at year end a transfer to the inter-local was \$100,000. The school will go into the next fiscal year with full reserves in all allowed funds.

CLERKS REPORT

It was moved by Mandy Wright, and seconded by Adam Olson, to approve the elementary school individual transportation contracts. The motion passed unanimously. Tyler Starman abstained.

ELEMENTARY
INDIVIDUAL
TRANSPORTATION
CONTRACTS

It was moved by Adam Olson, and seconded by Mandy Wright, to approve the high school individual transportation contracts. The motion passed unanimously. Brent Hanford abstained.

HIGH SCHOOL
INDIVIDUAL
TRANSPORTATION
CONTRACTS

It was moved by Mandy Wright, and seconded by Brant Hasbrouck, to remove the following accounts Class of 2021 and Football camps. The motion passed unanimously.

REMOVAL OF
ACCOUNTS

It was moved by Brent Hanford, and seconded by Brant Hasbrouck, to advertise 12” Dewalt radial arm saw as obsolete property. The motion passed unanimously.

OBSOLETE PROPERTY

It was moved by Brent Hanford, and seconded by Brant Hasbrouck, to split the transportation job into two duties, a contract for the maintenance portion to be conducted by Longhorn Truck and Tractor and a stipend for the administrative duties to be given to Jory Thompson and Jolene Danbrook. The motion failed. For- Brent Hanford, Brant Hasbrouck, Tyler Starman, Adam Olson. Against- Joellyn Clark, Mandy Wright, Angel Johnson, Dean Schuler.

TRANSPORTATION

Resignations of Kristen Lehman, Theresa Ghekerie and Christy Byle.

RESIGNATIONS

It was moved by Brent Hanford, and seconded by Adam Olson, to hire Nathan Dunham as Dean of Students. The motion passed unanimously.

HIRE DEAN OF
STUDENTS

Future agenda items- Transportation Contracts, 7-12 principal applicants, Final reading of handbooks and committee reports.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

It was moved by Brent Hanford, and seconded by Tyler Starman, to adjourn the meeting at 8:16 p.m.

ADJOURN

BOARD CHAIRPERSON _____

ATTEST

CLERK _____