

BOARD MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
July 16, 2024

Joellyn Clark, Chairperson, called the meeting of the Board of Trustees of Fort Benton High School and Elementary School Districts to order July 16, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Board Room.

Members present: Joellyn Clark, Will Scott, Kyla Wright, Darin Arganbright, Jenni Starman, Kayle Axtman, Dusty Schuler via phone, and Brant Hasbrouck. A quorum was present.

ROLL CALL

Also present: Pat Hould, Superintendent; Cali O'Hara, Business Manager/Clerk; Russ Axtman, Maintenance Supervisor; Bethany DeBorde, reporter for the River Press; Jamie Ball, Athletic Director.

Joellyn Clark opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

PLEDGE

It was moved by Brant Hasbrouck, seconded by Will Scott, to approve the minutes of the June 11, 2024 regular meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

MINUTES

It was moved by Will Scott and seconded by Jenni Starman, to approve payment of warrants. The motion passed unanimously.

WARRANTS

Payroll: 97573-97586

Claims: 62366-62420

Joellyn Clark asked for public comment. There was no comment.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Joellyn Clark, Board Chairman- The board received a Thank you from First Bank of Montana for the use of the grill and tables for their community BBQ. The audit report is completed if anyone wants a copy please let Joellyn or Cali know.

BOARD CHAIR REPORT

Jamie Ball, Athletic Director – Reported that she is looking into updating old equipment. Getting price quotes and will also be reaching out to the Booster Club to see if they are able to assist with the purchase of some of the new items. Getting geared up for the start of the sports seasons with some new hires.

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

It was moved by Darin Arganbright, and seconded by Kayle Axtman, to hire Amanda Brown and Shannon Grossman as Middle School Volleyball coaches. The motion passed unanimously.

MIDDLE SCHOOL
VOLLEYBALL COACHES

It was moved by Kayle Axtman and seconded by Kyla Wright to hire Shannon Grossman and Kim Hibl Middle School Girls Basketball coaches. The motion passed unanimously

MIDDLE SCHOOL GIRLS
BASKETBALL COACHES

It was moved by Kayle Axtman and seconded by Joellyn Clark to hire Megan Lords and Cali O'Hara as Middle School Boys Basketball coaches. The motion passed unanimously.

FALL HOST

It was moved by Darin Arganbright and seconded by Brant Hasbrouck to hire Jeff Kloetzer as Fall Host. The motion passed unanimously.

MAINTENANCE

Russ Axtman, Maintenance – Would like to thank Larry, Brooke and Corey for all their hard work. Corey has done a great job, the elementary is as clean as it has been for a long time. The gym will be closed the first part of August for the sealing of the gym floors and the installation of the new fob/camera system. Thank you to the city crew for their hard work on getting the water lines fixed and back on. Plumbing in the kitchen has started and look to have it completed by Friday. Working on moving stuff out of the building at the fairgrounds back to the storage building behind the T & I shop. State boiler inspector was back and we have some repairs that he wants to see fixed before they are certified. When the big rain storm came through there were some roof leaks that will need to be repaired, roof leaks are hard to pin point where the water is coming from as we have a two roof system in the high school.

ELEMENTARY
PRINCIPAL

Roxie Benjamin, Elementary Principal- Roxie was not at the meeting but see attached report. Report was emailed to all trustees.

SUPERINTENDENT

Pat Hould, Superintendent – Reported that Carley and Russ have been working to get the new fob system in place before the start of school. The new system will allow the school to have better control of access to the building. This will aid in controlled access of the buildings; the old system was outdated. The security camera system update will also provide better views of the exterior of our buildings as well as fix some of the blind spots that were discovered on the interior of the buildings. See attached quotes. Carley is also working on getting a quote for an updated phone system; the old system is outdated. The accreditation report is back from OPI and we have been given regular status. The new accreditation process is a two-year cycle. We have hired 5 new teachers and 3 have moved into their classrooms. Excited to have the new members on board for this coming school year and all have been able to find housing. Roxie and Pat went on a plumbing tour with Russ to see the scope of the work that needs to be completed in both buildings. There are definitely profound challenges that we will face to get these projects completed. Roxie would like to wait til the next meeting to discuss the changes to the Early literacy program before we approve students.

KEY FOB SYSTEM

It was moved by Will Scott and seconded by Darin Arganbright, to purchase new door fob/card access system. The motion passed unanimously.

SECURITY CAMERA
SYSTEM ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL

It was moved by Darin Arganbright and seconded by Will Scott, to purchase new security camera system for the Elementary School. The motion passed unanimously.

MIDDLE SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL COACHES

It was moved by Kayle
Axtman and seconded by
Jenni Starman, to purchase

new security camera system for the High School. The motion passed unanimously.

Cali O'Hara, Business Manager/ Clerk – Reported they have closed fiscal year 23-24 and have started their new fiscal year. Will begin work on the TFS and budget reports. Plan to have the budget meeting at the August board meeting. We need to clean up some inactive activity accounts that are no longer in use. There needs to be a correction to the May minutes.

It was moved by Kyla Wright and seconded by Brant Hasbrouck, to correct the May minutes to add the hires of Paul Benhart, Russ Axtman and Cody Evans. The motion passed unanimously.

It was moved by Kyla Wright and seconded by Jenni Starman, to remove inactive activity accounts. The motion passed unanimously.

It was moved by Brant Hasbrouck and seconded by Will Scott, to accept the bid on obsolete property, see attached. The motion passed unanimously

Committees –

Buildings and Grounds Committee Report

It was moved by Brant Hasbrouck and seconded by Kayle Axtman, to apply for a \$500,000 Intercap loan for building maintenance. The motion passed unanimously

Policy Committee

It was moved by Will Scott and seconded by Kayle Axtman, to approve the Gym use policy. The motion passed unanimously

It was moved by Jenni Starman and seconded by Brant Hasbrouck, to approve classified, elementary parent/student, elementary school faculty, high school faculty handbooks. The motion passed unanimously

Personnel-

Resignations

Larry McGarvey – Custodian

Hires

It was moved by Darin Arganbright and seconded by Will Scott to hire Larry McGarvey as Substitute Teacher. The motion passed unanimously.

It was moved by Kyla Wright and seconded by Will Scott to hire Anna Arganbright as an Elementary Paraprofessional. The motion passed unanimously. Darin Arganbright abstained.

Future Agenda Items-
Budgets

SECURITY CAMERA SYSTEM HIGH SCHOOL

BUSINESS MANAGER

MAY MINUTES
CORRECTION

INACTIVE ACTIVITY
ACCOUNTS

OBSOLETE PROPERTY
BID

COMMITTEES

INTERCAP LOAN
APPLICATION

GYM USE POLICY

HANDBOOKS

RESIGNATION

HIRES

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

It was moved by Will Scott, and seconded by Brant Hasbrouck, to adjourn the meeting at 8:19 p.m.

ADJOURN

BOARD CHAIRPERSON _____

ATTEST

CLERK _____