

BOARD MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 9, 2019

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Fort Benton High School and Elementary School Districts was called to order July 9, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room by Joellyn Clark, Board Chairperson.

ROLL CALL

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

Also present: Jory Thompson, Superintendent; Steve Hamel, Business Manager/Clerk; Russ Axtman, Maintenance Supervisor; Brian Wood, Transportation Supervisor; Nathan Dunham, Activities Director; John Owen, Glen Reid, Justin Roudabush, and Bethany DeBorde, reporter for the River Press.

Joellyn Clark opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

PLEDGE

It was moved by Darin Arganbright, and seconded by Greg McGinnis, to approve the minutes of the June 26, 2019 regular meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

MINUTES

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

WARRANTS

Payroll: 93195 - 93227
Claims: 58246 - 58285

Joellyn Clark asked if there was public comment on an issue not included on the agenda. There was none. Mrs. Clark shared a letter of resignation from Tim Roberts as Custodian.

PUBLIC COMMENT AND
COMMUNICATIONS

Darin Arganbright reported that the Extracurricular Committee had met with representatives from Geraldine Schools and is recommending that Fort Benton Schools form a Middle School Activities Co-op, offering to allow Geraldine Middle Schoolers participate in all Fort Benton Middle School activities. It was moved by Darin Arganbright, and seconded by Dean Schuler, to offer the recommended Co-op to Geraldine. The motion passed unanimously.

GERALDINE MIDDLE
SCHOOL SPORTS CO-OP
REQUEST

It was moved by Darin Arganbright, and seconded by Eldon Pfile, to allow 8th graders to participate in High School Cheerleading with the administration given authority on who can participate, or if there will even be a cheerleading squad due to low numbers. In favor: Joellyn Clark, Brant Hasbrouck, Greg McGinnis, Eldon Pfile, and Darin Arganbright. Against: Dean Schuler. The motion passed 5-1

8TH GRADERS ALLOWED
TO CHEERLEAD

The Board and administration discussed the pro's and con's of a 4 day school week. A majority of the Board indicated they would like the administration to look into the issue more.

4-DAY SCHOOL WEEK
DISCUSSED

Russ Axtman reviewed the summer maintenance projects, the greenhouse construction project and gym closure. Mr. Axtman reported that the elementary boiler pipes would require asbestos abatement before new return pipes could be installed. The Board discussed the timing, costs, and procedures for abating asbestos, installing pipes, and re-insulating the new pipes.

MAINTENANCE AND
BOILER ASBESTOS
ABATEMENT PROCESS

Steve Hamel presented and discussed the monthly and quarterly financial reports.

FINANCIALS

It was moved by Greg McGinnis, and seconded by Brant Hasbrouck, to declare 7-4 drawer file cabinets obsolete for school purposes. The motion passed unanimously

OBSOLETE EQUIPMENT
SOLD

Mr. Thompson reported that the PEAK grant that was hosted by Highwood, yet benefited Fort Benton, was denied in the latest round of grant approvals. Mr. Thompson also noted that Mandy Lowe would not be a para-professional for the upcoming school year.

SUPERINTENDENT
REPORT

The administration presented the various 2019-20 handbooks for approval on first reading.

HANDBOOKS

It was moved by Dean Schuler, and seconded by Darin Arganbright, to approve policy changes on 2nd reading. The motion passed unanimously.

POLICY APPROVED ON
2ND READING

It was moved by Dean Schuler, and seconded by Darin Arganbright, to adjourn the meeting at 9:36 p.m.

ADJOURN

BOARD CHAIRPERSON _____

ATTEST

CLERK _____