

BOARD MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
JUNE 26, 2019

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Fort Benton High School and Elementary School Districts was called to order June 26, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room by Joellyn Clark, Board Chairperson.

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

ROLL CALL

Also present: Jory Thompson, Superintendent; Steve Hamel, Business Manager/Clerk; Russ Axtman, Maintenance Supervisor; Brian Wood, Transportation Supervisor; Brian Miller, 7-12 Principal; Roxanne Benjamin, K-6 Principal; Nathan Dunham, Activities Director; Will Hucke, Angie Hucke, Sheryl McGinnis, John Owen, Glen Reid, Justin Roudabush, John Helberg, Lisa Helberg, and Bethany DeBorde, reporter for the River Press.

Joellyn Clark opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

PLEDGE

It was moved by Greg McGinnis, and seconded by Brant Hasbrouck, to approve the minutes of the May 14, 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: 93003 - 93194  
Claims: 58080 - 58245

Joellyn Clark asked if there was public comment on an issue not included on the agenda. There was none. Mrs. Clark shared a card from Elaine Hahn thanking the district for allowing her to work here for 11 years.

PUBLIC COMMENT AND  
COMMUNICATIONS

John Owen, Board Chair for Geraldine Public Schools, led a contingent of Geraldine parents and their Superintendent, Sheryl McGinnis, in requesting Fort Benton consider a middle school sports co-op. He reported that Geraldine will have 7 students in grades 6-8 next year and that a minority of them expressed interest in sports participation. The request was made for team sports only. Chairperson Clark referred the issue to the Extracurricular Committee.

GERALDINE MIDDLE  
SCHOOL SPORTS CO-OP  
REQUEST

Mr. Dunham recapped the spring activities, reported on coaching vacancies, and recommended the following hires, pending background checks:

ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR  
REPORT

It was moved by Adam Olson, and seconded by Mandy Wright, to hire Justin Ball and Nathan Dunham as middle school football coaches for the 2019-20 school year. Darin Arganbright expressed his opposition to administrators acting as coaches. In favor: Joellyn Clark, Brant

NATHAN DUNHAM AND  
JUSTIN BALL HIRED AS  
MIDDLE SCHOOL  
FOOTBALL COACHES

It was moved by Mandy Wright, and seconded by Hasbrouck, Greg McGinnis, Mandy Wright, Dean Schuler and Adam Olson. Against: Darin Arganbright. Motion passed 6-1. Darin Arganbright, to hire Connor McKillop as Assistant High School Football coach. The motion passed unanimously.

CONNOR MCKILLOP,  
ASSISTANT HS  
FOOTBALL COACH

It was moved by Adam Olson, and seconded by Mandy Wright, to hire Eric Lybeck as assistant high school football coach. The motion passed unanimously.

ERIC LYBECK,  
ASSISTANT HS  
FOOTBALL COACH

It was moved by Darin Arganbright, and seconded by Brant Hasbrouck, to re-hire Dawn Dunham as Fall Activities Manager. The motion passed unanimously.

DAWN DUNHAM HIRED  
AS FALL ACTIVITIES  
MANAGER

It was moved by Mandy Wright, and seconded by Darin Arganbright, to hire Darci Cylick as fall cheer coach pending there being a cheerleading squad. The motion passed unanimously. The issue of allowing 8<sup>th</sup> graders to be high school cheerleaders was referred to the extracurricular committee.

CHYLICK HIRED AS  
CHEER COACH PENDING  
TEAM

Brian Miller, 7-12 Principal, reported on end-of-year activities, graduation, and teacher exit interviews.

7-12 PRINCIPAL REPORT

Russ Axtman reported on the summer maintenance projects. And plans for Summer Celebration.

MAINTENANCE,

Roxanne Benjamin, Elementary Principal, reported on end-of-year activities, test results that increased across all grades, reading week, and professional development.

ELEMENTARY  
PRINCIPAL REPORT

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

FINANCIALS

Two bids were received for the John Deere mower declared obsolete at the May meeting. The bids were: Joe Schumacher, \$1,211.99 and Dean Schuler \$1451.00. Steve Hamel referenced 20-9-204 which allows trustees to bid on "merchandise sold to the highest bidder at public auctions" It was moved by Darin Arganbright, and seconded by Mandy Wright, to accept the bid from Dean Schuler. In favor: Joellyn Clark, Brant Hasbrouck, Greg McGinnis, Mandy Wright, Adam Olson, and Darin Arganbright. Against: none. Abstaining: Dean Schuler.

OBSOLETE EQUIPMENT  
SOLD

At Mr. Hamel's request, it was moved by Adam Olson, and seconded by Dean Schuler, to allow Mr. Hamel to pay bills through the rest of the month of June. The motion passed unanimously.

PAYING BILLS THROUGH  
JUNE

It was moved by Mandy Wright, and seconded by Adam Olson, to issue individual transportation contracts to the Tyler Starman, Jeanna Giese, and Brent Hanford families. The motion passed unanimously.

INDIVIDUAL  
TRANSPORTATION  
CONTRACTS

Mr. Thompson reported on recruiting for para-professionals, interviewing for a new administrative assistant position in July, that Rob Truax has begun work as a Tech Assistant, and that Elaine Hahn was retiring.

SUPERINTENDENT  
REPORT

Steve Hamel reported that he would like Board action to transfer cash and budget authority of \$100,000 from the elementary general fund, \$70,000 from the high school general fund, and \$100,000 from the Bus Depreciation Fund to the Multi-District (Inter-local) Fund. He explained that the monies from the general funds were earmarked for various project and equipment that would be purchased/completed during the summer. Normally, most of these purchases would be “encumbered” but paying for them out of the Multi-district agreement fund would be cleaner accounting-wise. The monies from the Bus Depreciation fund would be dedicated to repairs to the elementary boiler system. Russ Axtman reported that, in order to replace boiler pipes, asbestos abatement would need to be done to existing pipes. It was moved by Darin Arganbright, and seconded by Mandy Wright, to approve transfers of up to \$100,000 from the Elementary General Fund, \$70,000 from the high school general fund, and \$100,000 from the Bus depreciation fund, to the Multi-District Agreement. The motion passed unanimously.

MULTI-DISTRICT  
TRANSFER AMOUNTS

Mr. Thompson reported that one of the projects earmarked for the transferred funds was replacement of security cameras in both school buildings. Since the total projected cost was just over \$50,000, the project needed Board approval. Brant Hasbrouck suggested that money be saved for the asbestos abatement project. Russ Axtman added that school staff would be pulling wires for the cameras to keep costs down. Other concerns regarding cost of the project, server control, and access to the video footage was discussed. It was moved by Darin Arganbright, and seconded by Mandy Wright, to approve the security camera project at both buildings. In favor: Mandy Wright, Joellyn Clark, Darin Arganbright, Adam Olson, and Greg McGinnis. Opposed: Brant Hasbrouck, and Dean Schuler. The motion passed 5-2.

SECURITY VIDEO  
CAMERAS APPROVED

Joellyn Clark tabled the second reading of the policy changes and scheduled an extracurricular committee meeting for 5 p.m. on July 9<sup>th</sup>.

COMMITTEES

It was moved by Mandy Wright, and seconded by Adam Olson, to hire Connor McKillop as a K-12 PE teacher for the 2019-20 school year, pending background check. The motion passed unanimously.

MCKILLOP HIRED AS PE  
TEACHER

It was moved by Mandy Wright, and seconded by Adam Olson, to hire Jayne Meeks and Cyndy Fritz to share an Assistant Cook position for the 2019-20 school year. The motion passed unanimously.

MEEKS AND FRITZ AS  
ASSISTANT COOKS

It was moved by Adam Olson, and seconded by Mandy Wright, to hire Mandy Lowe, Martha Vlieger, and Darci Chylick as elementary para-professionals for the 2019-20 school year, pending background checks. The motion passed unanimously.

LOWE, VLIEGER, AND  
CHYLICK HIRED AS  
PARA PROFESSIONALS

Future agenda items: Handbook updates and Policy changes on 2<sup>nd</sup> reading.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

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 \_\_\_\_\_