

BOARD MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
June 8, 2021

The meeting of the Board of Trustees of Fort Benton High School and Elementary School Districts was called to order June 8, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Library, by Joellyn Clark, Chairperson.

Members present: Joellyn Clark, Mandy Wright, Brent Hanford, Tyler Starman, Angel Johnson. A quorum was present.

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, Shy Griffin and Bethany Deborde, reporter for the River Press

Joellyn Clark opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Joellyn Clark asked for public comment.

Joellyn Clark, Board Chairman- No report.

It was moved by Tyler Starman, and seconded by Brent Hanford, to approve the minutes of the May 11, 2021 regular meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Payroll: 94857-95077

Claims: 59817-59906

Nathan Dunham, Athletic Director – Reported that all spring sports went well. Casha Corder placed at state golf; tennis had five athletes compete at state, track boys 1st at state and girls track 3rd at state. He will be attending the class c caucus in Fairmont later this month.

It was moved by Brent Hanford, and seconded by Mandy Wright, to hire Amy Hanson as Head Speech and Debate coach and Ross Hanson as assistant Speech and Debate coach. The motion passed unanimously.

It was moved by Tyler Starman, and seconded by Brent Hanford, to hire Monte Giese and Nick Schmele as Middle School Football coaches The motion passed unanimously.

ROLL CALL

PLEDGE

PUBLIC COMMENT

BOARD CHAIR

MINUTES

WARRANTS

ATHLETIC DIRECTORS
REPORT

HIRE SPEECH & DEBATE
COACHES

HIRE MIDDLE SCHOOL
FOOTBALL COACHES

It was moved by Mandy Wright, and seconded by Tyler Starman, to hire Peggy Gannon and Jamie Ball as Middle School Volleyball coaches. The motion passed unanimously.

MIDDLE SCHOOL
VOLLEYBALL COACHES

It was moved by Mandy Wright, and seconded by Brent Hanford, to hire Eddie Fultz as Head Girls Basketball Coach. The motion passed unanimously

GIRLS BASKETBALL
COACH

Russ Axtman, Maintenance Supervisor- Reported that the summer crew is busy with all the summer projects. They have begun deep cleaning classrooms. Moving forward with new carpet and laminate flooring in the elementary school.

MAINTENANCE REPORT

Jory Thompson, HS/MS report – Reported that they are continuing to work on the class schedule, with the help of Kelly Rominger and Roxie Allen.

7-12 PRINCIPAL REPORT

Roxie Benjamin, Elementary Principal- Reported it was a busy month at the elementary school. They have had lots of field trips and the SBAC and DIBELS testing went well, see attached results. Track and field day was a great way to end the school year.

ELEMENTARY
PRINCIPAL REPORT

Cali O'Hara, Business Manager/Clerk- Reported that budgets are on track to complete the year with full reserves. There was one bid for obsolete property. The individual transportation contracts will be tabled til the next meeting. MCEL will take place in Helena this year in October, please let clerk know if you plan on attending.

CLERKS REPORT

It was moved by Angel Johnson and seconded by Mandy Wright, to accept the bid from Tyler Starman on the Spray Booth. The motion passed unanimously. Tyler abstained.

OBSOLETE PROPERTY

It was moved by Mandy Wright and seconded by Brent Hanford to allow the Business Manager transfer up to \$100,000 to the inter-local agreement. The motion passed unanimously.

INTER-LOCAL TRANSFER

Jory Thompson, Superintendent – Reported that it has been a busy last few months. There have been lots of new students touring school. The 7-12 principal job has been posted, there have been a few applicants. There have been lots of new teacher applicants.

SUPERINTENDENT
REPORT

It was moved by Tyler Starman and seconded by Brent Hanford to Ratify Certified CBA. The motion passed unanimously.

RATIFIED CBA

Mandy Wright, Personal Committee- Reported that they had a meeting to discuss the 7-12 principal position. There have been a few applicants and the committee has asked Jory to develop a plan B if there are no suitable applicants. They will meet again June 22nd at 8 pm. They would like to call a special board meeting for June 23rd at 7:30 am.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Brent Hanford, Transportation Committee- Reported that they had a meeting last week to review options of replacing Brian Wood. They are going to post Brian's position and see what they get for applicants they will also explore the option of having a bus mechanic for minor repairs and have another individual to assist with the HR side of the job. They also discuss the purchase of a new bus.

TRANSPORTATION
COMMITTEE

It was moved by Brent Hanford and seconded by Tyler Starman to purchase a new bus. The motion passed unanimously.

PURCHASE OF NEW BUS

Extracurricular Committee will meet June 14th at 7:30 am

Policy Committee will meet sometime in July to review new policies.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE
TRANSPORTATION
COMMITTEE

Transportation will meet June 24th at 7:30 am

Resignations of Myrlinda Gray

RESIGNATIONS

It was moved by Mandy Wright, and seconded by Brent Hanford, to hire Damon Gilbreth as High School English teacher. The motion passed unanimously.

HIRE ENGLISH TEACHER

It was moved by Brent Hanford, and seconded by Tyler Starman, to hire Rheanna Fultz as Science teacher and Elementary Counselor. The motion passed unanimously.

HIRE SCIENCE/ELEM
COUNSELOR

It was moved by Mandy Wright and seconded by Angel Johnson, to hire Beth Jones and Theresa Ghekerie as elementary paraprofessionals. The motion passed unanimously.

HIRE ELEMENTARY
PARA PROFESSIONALS

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 _____