

BOARD MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
March 10, 2020

The special meeting of the Board of Trustees of Fort Benton High School and Elementary School Districts was called to order March 10, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in the boardroom, by Joellyn Clark, Chairman.

Members present: Joellyn Clark, Ray Allen, Darin Arganbright, Dean Schuler, Brant Hasbrouck(via phone), and Adam Olson . Members absent: none. A quorum was present.

Also present: Jory Thompson, Superintendent; Roxanne Benjamin, Elementary Principal; Steve Hamel, Business Manager/Clerk; Cali O'Hara, Business Manager/Clerk; Russ Axtman, Maintenance Supervisor; Brian Wood, Transportation Supervisor; Nathan Dunham, Activities Director; Brian Miller, 7 - 12 Principal: Jamie Ball, Dr. Jace Bird, Angel Johnson, Kit Miller, Christy Byle, Jason Byle, and Bethany DeBorde, reporter for the River Press.

Joellyn Clark opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Joellyn Clark asked for public comment on non-agenda items, there was none.

Angel Johnson- Chouteau County Health department. Came to present information on COVID-19. Testing is completed at the state level. County health officials with seek guidance from the state as to next steps in insuring public safety.

Board received a letter from Harry Buckingham stating that the classified staff was ready for negotiations.

Mr. Dunham, Activities Director, Stated that the Boys Basketball game is still scheduled to start March 11. FFA had a successful fund raiser what was well supported by the community. Amy Hanson, Speech and Drama coach has started a new group, LIT(Longhorns in Theater) they have begun to practice for a play that they will perform on the last day of school. 5th/6<sup>th</sup> grade Basketball has begun, they have had a great turnout and with such large numbers have added additional games.

ROLL CALL

PLEDGE

PUBLIC COMMENT

BOARD CHAIRPERSON  
REPORT

CLASSIFIED  
NEGOTIATIONS

ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR:

Cali O'Hara presented the monthly financial reports, general funds are on track with were they were last year.

As per Mr. Dunham's recommendation:

It was moved by Brant Hasbrouck, and seconded by Daren Arganbright, to hire Kinsey Claassen as assistant varsity tennis coach for the 2020 season. The motion passed unanimously.

It was moved by Ray Allen, and seconded by Joellyn Clark, to hire Jamie Ball and Dawn Dunham as Middle School Track coaches for the 2020 season. The motion passed unanimously.

It was moved by Ray Allen, and seconded by Joellyn Clark, to hire Sheena Olson as Middle School Track coach, if more than 30 kids are present for the 2020 season. The motion passed unanimously.

It was moved by Dean Schuler, and seconded by Darin Arganbright to hire Shana Diekhans as head coach and Selena Spees as assistant coach HS Volleyball coaches for the 2020 season. The motion passed unanimously.

It was moved by Brant Hasbrouck, and seconded by Joellyn Clark to hire Jory Thompson as head coach and Conner McKillop as assistant coach varsity football coaches

Russ Axtman reviewed the elementary boiler pipe situation. Russ stated that there was an OSHA inspection. With 9 deficiency's found. All have been corrected. They have started on spring work.

Brant Hasbrouck reported that they building committee has met and decided to recommend that the board move forward with the boiler project, to send it out for bid. It was moved by Ray Allen, and second by Dean Schuler. The motion passed unanimously.

Brian Miller, 7-12 Principal reported: that the 7-12 staff is brainstorming ideas for continuing classroom instruction should the school be closed due to COVID-19. Also discussed how they are prepping students for ACT testing

It was moved by Brant Hasbrouck, and seconded by Dean Schuler to run a building reserve levy for \$498,000 over 5 years. The motion passed unanimously.

#### COACHING HIRES:

HS TENNIS

MIDDLE SCHOOL TRACK

HS VOLLEYBALL

HS FOOTBALL

MAINTENANCE REPORT

BUILDING COMMITTEE

7-12 PRINCIPAL REPORT

CLERK REPORT

BUILDING RESERVE ELECTION AMOUNT

It was moved by Brant Hasbrouck, and seconded by Darin Arganbright, to advertise the anticipated permissive levies below: The motion passed unanimously.

HIGH SCHOOL

Fund	Estimated \$ \$ Change in Levies	Estimated Change in Mills	Estimated \$\$ impact of \$100,000 Home	Estimated \$\$ impact of \$200,000 Home
General	-\$20,914.88	-2.00	-\$2.70	-\$5.40
Transportation	\$0.00	0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Bus Depreciation	\$11,650.00	1.11	\$1.50	\$3.00
Tuition	\$8,030.66	0.77	\$1.04	\$2.08
Adult Education	\$0.00	0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Technology	\$0.00	0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Building Reserve	\$0.00	0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Totals	-\$1,234.22	-0.12	-\$0.16	-\$0.32

ELEMENTARY

Fund	Estimated \$ \$ Change in Levies	Estima Chang Mil
General	-\$14,870.78	-
Transportation	\$0.00	0
Tuition	\$9,579.02	1
Adult Education	\$0.00	0
Technology	\$0.00	0
Building Reserve	\$2,500.00	0
Totals	-\$2,791.76	-

Roxanne Benjamin, K-6 Principal reported: that in the Elementary they have one new 6<sup>th</sup> grade student. Creating the need to now hire an overload aid as the 6<sup>th</sup> grade is now at classroom capacity. They hosted the county spelling bee and have started 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> grade basketball. Upcoming events are pre-school screening.

Mr. Thompson reported that the teachers have been working on creating the school calendar for the upcoming year. Burnt Image has been filming and working to create a teacher recruiting video that will be used to highlight our school and community at hiring events. April 4<sup>th</sup> is Test Drive a Ford and earn \$20 for your school, Jim Taylor Motors will have vehicles for people to test drive and Ford will donate \$20 to our school.

There are 2 para positions open one in the Elementary and one for MS/HS.

ANTICIPATED PERMISSIVE LEVIES IDENTIFIED

It was moved by Dean Schuler, and second by Joellyn Clark, to approve Policies: 1015Fe, 1016FE, 3650, 3550, 7215, 8550, 1005FE, 1006FE, 1009FE, 1014FE, 1014FE-F1, 1110, 1120, 1402, 1420, 1420F, 1441, 1512F, 1700, 2150, 2151F, 2161P, 3110, 3130, 3520, 3600P, 3600F2, 4315, 4320, 4332, 4410, 5120, 5223, 5232, 5329, 5329P, 5330, 5430F, 7260, 7520, 8225, 5328P, and 8301 on second reading. The motion passed unanimously.

It was moved by Darin Arganbright and seconded by Dean Schuler to hire Jaylen Myers as Secondary English teacher. The motion passed unanimously.

It was moved by Darin Arganbright and seconded by Joellyn Clark to hire the following substitutes: Madison Thompson and Amy Gessaman. The motion passed unanimously.

Joellyn Clark asked to schedule a Personal committee meeting, Monday March 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm.

ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL REPORT

It was moved by Dean Schuler, and seconded by Ray Allen, to adjourn the meeting at 9:02 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

BOARD  
CHAIRPERSON \_\_\_\_\_

ADJOURN

CLERK \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST

POLICY REVIEW

ENGLISH TEACHER HIRED

SUBSTITUTES HIRED

COMMITTEE MEETING