

BOARD MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
March 9, 2021

It was moved by Dean Schuler, and seconded by Tyler Starman, to hire Marta Ferguson as Head Golf coach. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting of the Board of Trustees of Fort Benton High School and Elementary School Districts was called to order March 9, 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, Adam Olson, Angel Johnson, Dean Schuler and Brant Hasbrouck. 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; Brian Miller, 7 - 12 Principal; Jamie Ball, Hayden Axtman, Connor McKillop, Micah Barton, Jason Byle, Josie Miller and Ava Nelson, reporter for the River Press.

ROLL CALL

Joellyn Clark opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Joellyn Clark asked for public comment. There was none.

Joellyn Clark, Board Chairman- No Report.

It was moved by Adam Olson, and seconded by Tyler Starman, to approve the minutes of the February 9, 2021 regular meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

PLEDGE

PUBLIC COMMENT

BOARD CHAIR

MINUTES

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

Payroll: 94673-94730

Claims: 59636-59686

WARRANTS

Nathan Dunham, Athletic Director – Reported that winter sports have had successful seasons. State wrestling was last week with 7 qualifiers and 2 placing, Trevor O'Hara and Brock Hanford. Basketball teams head to state this week, girls start on Wednesday and boys on Thursday. FFA state will be held in person this year with 3 teams qualifying. The Longhorns in Theater will have their play next week so make sure to come support them.

ATHLETIC DIRECTORS  
REPORT

It was moved by Tyler Starman, and seconded by Mandy Wright to allow the seniors to have an overnight senior trip, pending student behavior and the addition of more chaperones. The motion passed unanimously.

## SENIOR TRIP

### HIRES:

#### HIGH SCHOOL GOLF COACH

It was moved by Mandy Wright, and seconded by Brant Hasbrouck, to hire Dave Rominger as Assistant Golf Coach. The motion passed unanimously.

It was moved by Mandy Wright and seconded by Brent Hanford to approve Colby Cline as middle school wrestling volunteer. The motion passed unanimously.

It was moved by Dean Schuler and seconded by Tyler Starman to hire Dawn Dunham as the Winter Sports Host. The motion passed unimously.

It was moved by Tyler Starman and seconded by Brent Hanford to approve Jory Thompson as volunteer high school track coach. The motion passed unimously.

It was moved by Mandy Wright and seconded by Brent Hanford to hire Dawn Dunham and Sheena Olson as middle school track coaches. The motion passed unimously. Adam Olson abstained.

It was moved by Tyler Starman and seconded by Brant Hasbrouck to approve the agreement with Signal Point Golf Course for use during golf season. The motion passed unimously.

Russ Axtman, Maintenance Supervisor- Reported that the final walk through of the boiler project will be April 2<sup>nd</sup>. They have worked all the bugs out with the control system, and things seem to be working smoothly. They will start setting up the spring sports equipment. They have ordered the greenhouse materials and he will help Ms. Guiannane with construction as needed. Working on compiling a summer to do list.

Roxie Benjamin, Elementary Principal- Reported that they had parent-teacher conferences last week and it is always so nice to share with parents the growth that their student has achieved over the course of the school year. The latest dibels report shows that the students have made more growth. 5/6 grade basketball has started and they had their first game

and there was a larger crowd at the games than there has been in the past. They have had some great assembles with the “Longhorns Got Talent”. They have conducted a lock down drill to show the students that sometimes we need to leave the building to be safe and sometimes we need to stay in place to remain safe. Testing has been scheduled, and they have shortened the schedule. Preschool screening will take place soon, and looking at the numbers they are looking to hire an additional Kindergarten teacher. See attached data sheet.

Brian Miller, 7-12 Principal-Teacher shout outs to Mrs. Truax she does a great job of being available to our students. Mrs. Sykes has been subbing for Mrs. Ringler. She has been doing an amazing job. ACT update, OPI is again requesting a waiver for students. This will provide students with some flexibility. They are also offering flexibility with testing.

#### ASSISTANT HIGH SCHOOL GOLF COACH

#### MIDDLE SCHOOL WRESTLING VOLUNTEER

#### WINTER SPORTS HOST

HIGH SCHOOL TRACK VOLUNTEER

MIDDLE SCHOOL TRACK COACHES

GOLF AGREEMENT

MAINTENANCE REPORT

ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL REPORT

7-12 PRINCIPAL REPORT

Letters have been sent out to parents of seniors as to how graduation will look this year. They are continuing to work through the student and staff handbooks. See attached report.

Cali O'Hara, Business Manager/Clerk- Reported that budgets are on track with where they were last year, we are in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of the fiscal year and budget numbers look good. The 2021-2022 Preliminary Budget reports are available and both schools look to receive a small increase in funding pending legislative action.

It was moved by Mandy Wright, and seconded by Dean Schuler, to approve the Notice of Intent to increase non-voted levies. The motion passed unanimously

Jory Thompson,  
Superintendent – Reported that the schools have been busy with all of the state sporting events. It is exciting to see so many students excelling in the classroom and on the field. The seniors and juniors seem to set the tone of our school and we are very lucky to have such a great group of kids doing great things. In a year where so many schools have had a hard year, we have been lucky to have a great year, we are lucky to have many great teachers, staff, students and families. There are currently no COVID cases or quarantine's in our school. Asked the boards thoughts on allowing all administration to attend the tournaments this weekend

It was moved by Tyler Starman and seconded by Adam Olson to approve the school calendar for 2021-2022. The motion passed unanimously.

It was moved by Brent Hanford and seconded by Angel Johnson to not continue discussions with Sunny Brook Hutterite Colony about the addition of an attendance center. The motion passed unanimously

It was moved by Adam Olson and seconded by Tyler Starman to make masks optional for students, staff and visitors at our school. The motion passed. 6 to 3. For- Brent Hanford, Adam Olson, Tyler Starman, Dean Schuler, Brent Hasbrouck. Against- Mandy Wright, Angel Johnson, Joellyn Clark.

It was moved by Brent Hanford, and seconded by Adam Olson, to remove contract tracing from the school. The motion failed. For- Brent Hanford, Adam Olson, Tyler Starman. Against- Angel Johnson, Mandy Wright, Brant Hasbrouck, Dean Schuler.

It was moved by Mandy Wright and seconded by Angel Johnson to approve policies on the second reading: 3310, 4315, 4332, 5223, and 5226. The motion passed unanimously.

Resignations of Wendy Krovoza and Micah Barton were accepted by Jory. They will be greatly missed.

CLERKS REPORT

NOTICE OF INTENT TO INCREASE NON-VOTED LEVIES

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

2021-2022 SCHOOL CALENDAR

SUNNYBROOK ATTENDANCE CENTER

MASKS OPTIONAL

REMOVAL ON  
CONTRACT TRACING

2<sup>ND</sup> READING OF POLICY  
CHANGES

RESIGNATIONS

It was moved by Dean Schuler, and seconded by Tyler Starman, to Hire Katie Zarybnicky and Beth Jones as substitutes. The motion passed unanimously.

Personnel committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, at 7 pm, to review Teacher and Superintendent negotiations

It was moved by Dean Schuler, and seconded by Brent Hanford, to adjourn the meeting at 8:53 p.m.

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

ATTEST

SUBSTITUTES HIRED

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

ADJOURN