BOARD MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 12, 2019

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Fort Benton High School and Elementary School Districts was called to order February 12, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room by Joellyn Clark, Board Chairperson.

ROLL CALL

Members present: Joellyn Clark, Darin Arganbright, Angel Johnson, Brant Hasbrouck, Dean Schuler, Greg McGinnis, Mandy Wright, and Adam Olson. Members absent: none. 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; Jamie Ball, Wendy Bird, Salena Spees, and Bethany DeBorde, reporter for the River Press.

PLEDGE

Joellyn Clark opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES

It was moved by Angel Johnson, and seconded by Brant Hasbrouck, to approve the minutes of the February 12, 2019 regular meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

WARRANTS

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

Payroll: 92756 - 92843
Claims: 57824 - 57899

PUBLIC COMMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS

Joellyn Clark asked if there was public comment on an issue not included on the agenda. There was none. Mrs. Clark shared letters of resignation from Carlotta McGarvey and Wendy Bird. She also reported that a lawyer had requested a copy of the district's policy regarding photographing students and school events.

ACTIVITIES RECAP

Activities Director, Nathan Dunham, reported on the beginning of the spring athletic season.

SPRING COACHES HIRED

Mr. Dunham recommended, and the Board acted on the following spring 2019 coaching positions:

ASSISTANT TRACK

It was moved by Greg McGinnis, and seconded by Angel Johnson, to hire Ray Allen as Assistant High School Track Coach. The motion passed unanimously.

JUNIOR HIGH TRACK ADDITIONAL COACH TENTATIVELY HIRED

It was moved by Angel Johnson, and seconded by Mandy Wright, to tentatively hire Sheena Olson as a Middle School Track Coach should the number of participants warrant a 3rd coach, as per the negotiated agreement. In favor: Greg McGinnis, Angel Johnson, Mandy Wright, and Joellyn Clark. Against: none. Abstaining: Adam Olson. The motion passed 4-0. (District 1 voters only).

Brian Woods, Transportation Supervisor, reported that the seating configuration for the route bus that the Board approved in February was not what the district usually orders. In order to seat older students more comfortably, the district usually has one row of seats removed and has the remaining seats set farther apart. In order to have the new bus configured in this manner will cost the district approximately $1,000.00. It was moved by Greg McGinnis, and seconded by Angel Johnson, to approve the reconfiguration of the bus for $1,000.00. The motion passed unanimously.

BUS ORDER MODIFIED

Russ Axtman reported on the various maintenance issues including snow removal on the track, broken pipes, and city streets being cleaned.

MAINTENANCE

Miss Spees, Art Teacher, requested permission to take students on art field trip to Washington State. After a short description of the trip and possible itinerary, it was moved by Mandy Wright, and seconded by Brant Hasbrouck, to grant permission for the art field trip. The motion passed unanimously.

7-12 PRINCIPAL REPORT

ART TRIP

Mr. Miller discussed Smarter Balance Testing, Ed Ready, PIR days, a Principal's Cup competition in Fairfield, and the teachers' desire to eliminate cell phone usage.

The Board went into closed session at 7:37 to discuss a student discipline issue regarding a student identified as 2019-1.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board came out of closed session at 8:15. It was moved by Adam Olson, and seconded by Mandy Wright, to approve the minutes of the closed session.

It was moved by Angel Johnson, and seconded by Mandy Wright, to follow Mr. Miller's recommendation and expel student 2019-1 for one calendar year. The motion passed unanimously, voting done by District 1 Elementary voters only.

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

FINANCIALS

Mr. Hamel reported that, according to preliminary budget sheets from the Office of Public Instruction, there would only be a need for a $70 levy for the Elementary General Fund Budget and he recommended not holding a levy election. It was moved by Adam Olson, and seconded by Mandy Wright, to cancel any levy elections for the May 7, 2019 school elections. The motion passed unanimously. There may still be a trustee election depending on how many people apply by March 28.

LEVY ELECTION CANCELLED

Mr. Hamel shared his estimates for possible increases or decreases in permissive levies for the 2010-20 school year.

ESTIMATED PERMISSIVE LEVIES APPROVED

HIGH SCHOOL				
Fund	Estimated Change in Levies	Estimated Change in Mills	Estimated impact of $100,000 Home	Estimated impact of $200,000 Home
General	$(35,294.64)	-4.13	$ (5.58)	$ (11.16)
Transportation	$ -	0	$ -	$ -
Bus Depreciation	$ 3,650.00	0.36	$ 0.49	$ 0.98
Tuition	$ 1,675.00	0.16	$ 0.22	$ 0.44
Adult Education	$ 2,040.00	0.21	$ 0.28	$ 0.56
Technology	$ -	0	$ -	$ -
Building Reserve	$ -	0	$ -	$ -
Totals	$(27,929.64)	-3.4	$ (4.59)	$ (9.18)

ELEMENTARY				
Fund	Estimated Change in Levies	Estimated Change in Mills	Estimated impact of $100,000 Home	Estimated impact of $200,000 Home
General	$ 1,650.00	0.25	$ 0.34	$ 0.68
Transportation	$ -	0	$ -	$ -
Tuition	$ 30,000.00	4.74	$ 6.40	$ 12.80
Adult Education	$ 2,151.00	0.34	$ 0.46	$ 0.92
Technology	$ -	0	$ -	$ -
Building Reserve	$ -	0	$ -	$ -
Totals	$ 33,801.00	$ 5.33	$ 7.20	$ 14.40

It was moved by Mandy Wright, and seconded by Darin Arganbright, to adopt the High School permissive levy estimates as provided by Mr. Hamel. The motion passed unanimously.

It was moved by Adam Olson, and seconded by Mandy Wright, to adopt the estimated Elementary permissive levies as provided by Mr. Hamel. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board Discussed the interview with Roxie Benjamin held earlier in the evening. Wendy Bird expressed budget concerns and concerns that Mrs. Benjamin would be overburdened with Principal duties, RTI duties, and coaching. Mr. Thompson state that specific duties were an ongoing discussion and that he was confident that Mrs. Benjamin could do the job. It was moved by Angel Johnson, and seconded by Mandy Wright, to hire Roxie Benjamin as half-time principal for the 2019-20 school year with salary and insurance to be negotiated by Mr. Thompson. The motion passed unanimously 5-0 (elementary only vote).

BENJAMIN HIRED AS HALF-TIME PRINCIPAL FOR 2019-20

It was moved by Mandy Wright, and seconded by Adam Olson, to adopt the superintendent evaluation tool on 2nd reading. The motion passed unanimously.

SUPERINTENDENT EVALUATION ADOPTED

A policy committee meeting was scheduled for Monday, April 29th at 7:00 p.m.

POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING SET

Mr. Thompson reported that Carlotta McGarvey had resigned as assistant cook and that Wend Bird had resigned as part-time Spanish Teacher/Aide.

MCGARVEY AND BIRD RESIGNATIONS

It was moved by Angel Johnson, and seconded by Mandy Wright, to hire Paula Young as a kitchen sub, pending background check. The motion passed unanimously.

PAULA YOUNG HIRED FOR KITCHEN

It was moved by Dean Schuler, and seconded by Adam Olson, to adjourn at 9:12 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

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BOARD CHAIRPERSON_____

ATTEST

CLERK_____

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS