

BOARD MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
May 10, 2022

The meeting of the Board of Trustees of Fort Benton High School and Elementary School Districts was called to order May 10, 2022 at 7:04 p.m. in the Board Room, by Joellyn Clark, Chairperson.

Members present: Joellyn Clark, Mandy Wright, Tyler Starman, Brant Hasbrouck, Angel Johnson and Adam Olson. A quorum was present.

ROLL CALL

Also present: Jory Thompson, Superintendent; Cali O'Hara, Business Manager/Clerk; Nathan Dunham, Activities Director; Paul Benhart, Transportation Supervisor; Russ Axtman, Maintenance; Roxie Benjamin, Elementary Principal; Bethany DeBorde- Reporter for River Press; Emily Wicks, Robyn Dickerson, Kyla Wright, Aspyn Bogart, Jaycob Dickerson, Eva Clark, Miranda Woodhouse, Dusty Schuler.

Joellyn Clark opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

PLEDGE

Joellyn Clark asked for public comment. There was no public comment.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Joellyn Clark, Board Chairman- Joellyn reported that there are several resignation letters which she passed around for the board to read. A thank you letter from the family of Doug Ferguson for flowers. Many condolences to the family of Doug Ferguson. With our new board members joining, there was concern around Kyla Wright counseling students at the school. The board reached out to MTSBA and Kleva Law to ensure they were following all the laws. Now that she is on the school board she will need to service her clients at the county health department offices. This rule also applies to volunteer coaches.

BOARD CHAIR

Dusty Schuler District # 59, Kyla Wright and Joellyn Clark District # 1 were sworn in as Trustees by Cali O'Hara, Clerk of District #1. Cali O'Hara was sworn in as Clerk by Joellyn Clark, Board Chairman.

SWEARING IN OF NEW BOARD MEMEBERS AND CLERK.

It was moved by Angel Johnson, and seconded by Mandy Wright, to nominate Joellyn Clark as Board Chairman. The motion passed unanimously.

It was moved by Angel Johnson, and seconded by Brant Hasbrouck, to nominate Mandy Wright as Board Vice-Chairman. The motion passed unanimously. Kyla Wright abstained.

It was moved by Mandy Wright, and seconded by Tyler Starman, to elect Cali O'Hara as Board Clerk. The motion passed unanimously.

It was moved by Tyler Starman, and seconded by Brant Hasbrouck, to approve the minutes of the April 12, 2022 regular meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

MINUTES

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

Payroll:95730-95797

Claims: 60566-60636

WARRANTS

Roxie Benjamin, Elementary Report- Reported that they held their preschool screening - there are 19 students registered. Thank you to the Parent Team for the teacher appreciation meal. The senior citizen lunch was a great day. It was fun to see how excited the kids were to perform for them. Thank you to Peggy Gannon and Andrew Kilpatrick for the great performances, they spent lots of time getting the kids ready for the program. The 5<sup>th</sup> grade canoe trip was a great success. Thank you to Mrs. McDonald for all her hard work organizing for all the trips she plans for the kids. Teachers completed the Right Brain Training conducted by Jamie Sommerfield. The year-end assembly and 6<sup>th</sup> grade graduation will be May 24<sup>th</sup>. There will be a summer school program for Title I and Special Ed students starting in July. See attached report.

ELEMENTARY  
PRINCIPAL REPORT

Russ Axtman, Maintenance- Reported that still working on bid packet for the elementary kitchen project, waiting on reporting items from OPI. Getting list ready for summer work to start, will be looking to hire summer help at the next meeting. See attached report

MAINTENANCE REPORT

Nathan Dunham, Athletic Director- Reported that all the track, golf, and tennis meets have been great. Longhorn Day was a great success; lots of work was done in the community. All the kids had a great time. Thank you to Paul and the bus drivers. The teams have been traveling a lot. Paul does a great job of keeping everyone on the road. Upcoming events for the last few weeks of school. District track 5/12, divisional tennis 5/14-5/15, middle school track last meet of the year 5/14, state golf in Sidney 5/16-5/18. May 24<sup>th</sup> is the Booster Club End-of-Year Activities Banquet.

ACTIVITY REPORT

It was moved by Angel Johnson, and seconded by Tyler Starman, to approve the MHSAs dues for the year 2022-2023 and concussion insurance. Motion passed unanimously.

MHSA DUES

It was moved by Brant Hasbrouck, and seconded by Mandy Wright, to approve Amy Hanson as Speech & Drama Coach. Motion passed unanimously.

SPEECH & DRAMA  
COACH

It was moved by Brant Hasbrouck, and seconded by Tyler Starman, to approve Shana Diekhans as Head Volleyball Coach and Kinsey Claassen as Assistant Volleyball Coach. Motion passed unanimously.

HIGH SCHOOL  
VOLLEYBALL COACHES

It was moved by Mandy Wright, and seconded by Angel Johnson, to approve Skip Ross and Connor McKillop as Assistant High School Football Coaches. Motion passed unanimously.

HIGH SCHOOL  
FOOTBALL ASSISTANT  
COACHES

Jory Thompson, HS/MS report – Reported that things are busy wrapping up the school year. If anyone would like to volunteer to hand out diplomas that would be great. It has been a great year with so many great things happening at our school. He will conduct interviews next week for the

7-12 PRINCIPAL REPORT

math position. Hoping to get some applications for the music position. See attached report.

It was moved by Mandy Wright, and seconded by Adam Olson, to approve the re-hire of the following elementary school classified employees.

Jolene Danbrook	Travis Donner	Mel Donner
Kalli Haynes	Lindsey Langer	Sandra Nelson
JoAnna Smith	Mark Smith	Sarah Smith
Esme Teeters	Lori Ullery	Fusae Vaughn

Motion passed unanimously.

RE-HIRE ELEMENTARY  
CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEES

It was moved by Tyler Starman, and seconded by Angel Johnson, to approve the re-hire of the following high school classified employees.

Roxie Allen	Mark Ayers	Harry Buckingham
Michelle Erickson	Amy Hanson	Wendy Krovoza
Larry McGarvey	Vickie O'Hara (Aide/bus driver)	
Patrice MacDonald	Wes Skerritt	Connie Walker

Amanda Wolfe (Aide/custodian)  
Motion passed unanimously.

RE-HIRE HIGH SCHOOL  
CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEES

It was moved by Angel Johnson, and seconded by Brant Hasbrouck, to approve re-hire of Paul Benhart, Transportation Supervisor. Motion passed unanimously.

RE-HIRE OF  
TRANSPORTATION

It was moved by Mandy Wright, and seconded by Brant Hasbrouck, to approve re-hire of Russ Axtman, Maintenance Supervisor. Motion passed unanimously.

RE-HIRE OF  
MAINTENANCE  
SUPERVISOR

It was moved by Mandy Wright, and seconded by Joellyn Clark, to approve re-hire of Roxie Benjamin, Elementary Principal. Motion passed unanimously.

RE-HIRE OF  
ELEMENTARY  
PRINCIPAL

It was moved by Mandy Wright, and seconded by Adam Olson, to approve re-hire of Cali O'Hara, Business Manager. Motion passed unanimously.

RE-HIRE OF BUSINESS  
MANAGER

Cali O'Hara, Business Manager – Reported that the general fund budget for the current school year is sitting about the same level as last year. The transportation budget is tighter than it has been in years past with the increase in fuel costs. The school election has been completed with the elementary school levy passing, Kyla Wright and Joellyn Clark winning the election in District # 1 and new board member Dusty Schuler for District #56.

CLERKS REPORT

It was moved by Mandy Wright, and seconded by Tyler Starman, to approve allowing the business manager to pay bills through June. Motion passed unanimously.

PAY BILLS THROUGH  
JUNE

It was moved by Brant Hasbrouck, and seconded by Dusty Schuler, to approve obsolete property of: Grizzly 52" Precision foot/shear cap mild steel. Minimum bid of \$500. Motion passed unanimously.

OBSOLETE PROPERTY

## Committee Reports –

Policy Committee- Mandy Wright reported that they recommended the following policy changes. 3100- required changes option B, 1520- required changes, 2161P- required changes, 2167- required changes, 2168- required changes, 2170- No, 2312- required changes, 2510- required changes, 3121- required changes, 3305- not adopted, 3310- Yes, 3413F1- Yes, 3413F2- Yes, 3416- required change, 3612,3612F,3612P- Yes, 5121- No, 5223- required changes, 5228P- Yes, 5314- Yes, 5312-Yes, 5450- Yes, 5450F-Yes, 5450P- Yes, 7265- No, 8300- No, 8502- No. This will be the first reading. She also recommends the attached performance evaluation for the business manager/clerk, to be performed annually in April/May.

Extra-Curricular Committee- Tyler Starman reported that they have reviewed the rule changes from MHSA. The rule change regarding the 8<sup>th</sup> graders to play high school sports. They will continue to follow the board policy of no 8<sup>th</sup> graders are allowed to play individual high school sports, but will be allowed to join a team if there is less than 15 high school participants.

Personnel Committee- Mandy Wright reported that they have settled with the classified employees for a 1-year contract with a 6% pay increase, and an additional \$100 towards insurance. As well as the language change regarding emergency leave.

It was moved by Angel Johnson, and seconded by Mandy Wright, to approve the Classified negotiation of 6% increase for 2022-2023, with \$100 additional for insurance; and the language change around emergency leave. Motion passed unanimously.

It was moved by Mandy Wright, and seconded by Adam Olson, to approve a salary increase for Cali O'Hara, Business Manager. Motion passed unanimously.

It was moved by Adam Olson, and seconded by Angel Johnson, to approve a salary increase for Roxie Benjamin, Elementary Principal. Motion passed unanimously.

Resignations – Jory Thompson reported the following resignations: Marjorie Schuler, Tabitha Roth, Andrew Kilpatrick, Bailey Bahnmler.

It was moved by Mandy Wright, and seconded by Tyler Starman, to hire Jace Thompson and Amanda Wolfe as Summer Maintenance. Motion passed unanimously.

It was moved by Mandy Wright, and seconded by Adam Olson, to hire Elizabeth Southard as Elementary Title 1/Student Safety Teacher. Motion passed unanimously

It was moved by Mandy Wright, and seconded by Tyler Starman, to hire Eleanor Bowers as a substitute. Motion passed unanimously.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### POLICY COMMITTEE

### EXTRA CURRICULAR COMMITTEE

### PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

### CLASSIFIED PAY INCREASE

### BUSINESS MANAGER SALARY INCREASE

### ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL SALARY INCREASE

### RESIGNATIONS

### HIRES: SUMMER MAINTENANCE

### TITLE 1 / STUDENT SAFETY TEACHER

### SUBSTITUTE

Future agenda items- 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Policy.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

It was moved by Adam Olson, and seconded by Tyler Starman, to adjourn the meeting at 9:02 p.m.

ADJOURN

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

ATTEST

CLERK \_\_\_\_\_