

BOARD MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
May 12, 2020

The meeting of the Board of Trustees of Fort Benton High School and Elementary School Districts was called to order May 12, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in the boardroom, by Joellyn Clark, Chairman.

Members present: Joellyn Clark, Ray Allen (zoom), Dean Schuler, Brant Hasbrouck, Adam Olson, Greg McGinnis (via phone) and Mandy Wright (zoom). Members absent: Darin Arganbright. 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(zoom), Tyler Starman, Brent Hanford, Angel Johnson, Rick Cook, County Superintendent; and Bethany DeBorde, reporter for the River Press(zoom).

ROLL CALL

Joellyn Clark opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

PLEDGE

Joellyn Clark, Board Chairman, Wanted to thank the community for all the support on voting for the Elementary School Building Reserve Levy. There was a good voter turnout. She would also like to thank the outgoing board members for their time and serving our school.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Adam Olson, Angel Johnson, and Brent Hanford for District #1, Tyler Starman for District # 56, Brant Hasbrouck for District # 99, were sworn in as Trustees by Rick Cook, Chouteau County Superintendent of Schools.

BOARD CHAIRPERSON  
REPORT

It was moved by Brant Hasbrouck, and seconded by Adam Olson to approve the minutes for the April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020 regular meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

SWEARING IN OF NEW  
BOARD MEMBERS.

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

MINUTES

Payroll: 93843-93937

Claims: 58929-58993

WARRANTS

It was moved by Brant Hasbrouck, and seconded by Dean Schuler to nominate Joellyn Clark for Board Chairman. There were no other nominations. The motion passed unanimously.

It was moved by Brant Hasbrouck, and seconded by Joellyn Clark to nominate Dean Schuler as Board Vice- Chair. There were no other nominations. The motion passed unanimously.

It was moved by Dean Schuler, and seconded by Brent Hanford, to nominate Cali O’Hara as Board Clerk. There were no other nominations. The motion passes unanimously.

Joellyn Clark appointed Brent Hanford and Tyler Starman to the Buildings/ Grounds committee and Extra Curricular & Special Activities, And Transportation. Brent Hanford was appointed to the Country Transportation. Angel Johnson was appointed to Personnel committee and Curriculum & Policy, Special-Ed CO-OP.

Nathan Dunham, Athletic Director- Reported on the Athletic Banquet will be on NFHS, May 26 at 6:00 PM. After the awards banquet there will be a signing event for seniors who are moving on college athletics.

It was moved by Dean Schuler, and seconded by Adam Olson, to renew membership in the Montana High School Association for the 2020-2021 school year. The motion passed unanimously.

It was moved by Adam Olson and seconded by Brent Hanford, to hire Susie Woodburn as Head Middle School Tennis Coach and Miranda Woodhouse as Assistant Middle School Tennis Coach. The motion passed unanimously.

It was moved by Brent Hanford and seconded by Tyler Starman to hire Peggy Gannon, Jamie Ball and Kinsey Claassen as Middle school Volleyball coaches. The motion passed unanimously.

It was moved by Tyler Starman and seconded by Adam Olson to hire Dawn Dunham as Fall Activity Host. The motion passed unanimously.

Roxie Benjamin, Elementary Principal – Reported that they have conducted Pre-School screening for the next year. The elementary has moved to a Pass/Fail grading system for the remainder of the school year. The staff at the elementary have been continuing to meet weekly via Zoom. They have been doing some long-term planning so that if the need arises again to go to distance learning they are prepared to do so in the fall, Roxie has been working with the elementary teaching staff to have a summer book study.

CLARK VOTED AS  
BOARD CHAIR

SCHULER VOTED AS  
VICE-CHAIR

O’HARA HIRED AS  
CLERK

COMMITTEE  
ASSIGNMENTS

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR  
REPORT

MHSA RENEWED FOR 2020-2021

MIDDLE SCHOOL TENNIS COACHES HIRED

MIDDLE SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL COACHES HIRED

FALL ACTIVITY HOST HIRED

ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL REPORT

Brian Miller, 7-12 Principal- Reported that they have gotten the graduation plan approved by the Chouteau County Health officials. See attached Graduation Plan. He also reported that they have developed an end of year plan so that students can come return school work and collect their personal items from the school building. Students have been given times when they are able to enter the building and teacher will remain in their classrooms, to maintain proper social distancing guidelines. Brian also reported that they have had some positive interviews for potential teacher hires. He also reported that the majority of students have been checking in with teachers and getting their work completed. Staff has been reaching out to the students who have not been in contact to see if they can assist them.

Russ Axtman, Maintenance Supervisor – Reported that they have been working on pre summer work. They will be holding off cleaning the elementary school until the boiler project is in its final stages. Russ also stated that the grounds are looking good this spring and they will begin with the outdoor work as the weather allows. He also stated that he conducted interviews for summer help and that they will have some help that will be returning. They will start the end of May. Russ, Jory and Brant will meet with the Engineer to go over the final approval for the elementary project, they will then start the bidding process.

Cali O’Hara, Business Manager/Clerk- Reported that all the paper work for the Intercap loan is in place. We are just waiting on bids to submit. She

also presented and discussed the monthly financials. Cali also reported that a late June meeting would be needed to approve transfer amounts to the Multi-District fund and Transportation fund, as well as to finalize the loan process.

It was moved by Adan Olson and seconded by Brant Hasbrouck to change the June meeting to Tuesday June 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. The motion passes unanimously.

Jory Thompson, Superintendent- Reported that the school building reserve levy passed by a wide margin. He also reported that the CCJS was able to interview and make an offer to a potential Physiologist, Lisa Stroh. Jory wanted to let the board know that the booster club so generously donated senior banners that have been hung on Front Street to honor our graduating seniors. He has been following the MTSB and OPI notices on new COVID-19 policies and procedures closely to ensure that we are doing our best to stay compliant with the ever changing rules.

Jory Thompson, Superintendent – Accepted the resignations from Martha Vlieger, Cindy Fritz and Kaitlyn Bird

It was moved by Adam Olson and seconded by Brent Hanford to rehire the following classified staff for 2020-2021

Roxie Allen                      Sue Brodock                      Micah Barton

2020-2021 CLASSIFIED  
STAFF HIRED

7-12 PRINCIPAL REPORT

Arik Lybeck                      Patrice  
MacDonald      Vickie O’Hara  
Jolene Danbrook      Dawn  
Dunham      Jonna Bogart  
Christy Byle                      Mindy  
Evans                      Peggy Gannon  
Amy Hanson                      Brenna  
Hasbrouck      Landra Lucas  
Jonna Smith                      Mark  
Smith                      Sarah Smith  
Esme Teeters                      Lori  
Ullery                      Connie Walker  
Travis Donner                      Larry  
McGarvey      Yvonne  
Zimmerman  
Lynn Cook  
Myrlinda Gray                      Angela  
Thomas

MAINTENANCE REPORT

The motion passed  
unanimously.

CLERKS REPORT

It was moved by Brant  
Hasbrouck and seconded by  
Dean Schuler, to hire Russ  
Axtman as Head  
Maintenance. The motion  
passed unanimously.

JUNE BOARD MEETING CHANGED

It was moved by Adam Olson  
and seconded by Brent  
Hanford, to hire Brian Wood  
as Bus Maintenance. The  
motion passes unanimously.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

It was moved by Brent  
Hanford and seconded by  
Brant Hasbrouck, hire Brian  
Miller as 7-12 Principal. The

RESIGNATIONS

motion passed, Angel Johnson was opposed. Motion passed 7-1

7-12 PRINCIPAL HIRED

It was moved by Brent Hanford and seconded by Adam Olson, to hire Roxie Benjamin as Elementary Principal. The motion passed unanimously.

ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL HIRED

Joellyn Clark reported that the Policy Committee had met and approved policy changes 1900 & 1904 submitted by the Montana School Boards Association. This reporting acts as approval on first reading, second reading will occur at the June Meeting.

POLICY CHANGES APPROVED ON 1<sup>ST</sup> READING

The board acted on the following hiring recommendations made by Superintendent Thompson:

It was moved by Dean Schuler and seconded by Angel Johnson to hire Robert Truax as 1/2 time Science teacher. The motion passed unanimously.

TRUAX AS SCIENCE TEACHER

It was moved by Brant Hasbrouck and seconded by Tyler Starman to hire Maci Molinario, Heydon Axtman, Jace Thompson and Cassie Nack as summer maintenance help. The motion passed unanimously. Angel Johnson abstained.

SUMMER MAINTENANCE HIRES

Future Agenda Items- Policy 2<sup>nd</sup> reading.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

It was moved by Dean Schuler and seconded by Brant Hasbrouck to adjourn the meeting at 9:14 p.m.

ADJOURN

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

ATTEST

CLERK \_\_\_\_\_

HEAD MAINTENANCE HIRED

BUS MAINTENANCE HIRED