

BOARD MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
February 9, 2021

It was moved by Mandy Wright, and seconded by Tyler Starman to hire Megan Lords and Michelle Erickson as Elementary School Boys Basketball coaches. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting of the Board of Trustees of Fort Benton High School and Elementary School Districts was called to order February 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 and Angel Johnson. Dean Schuler and Brant Hasbrouck were absent. 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, Miranda Woodhouse, 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 Mandy Wright, and seconded by Angel Johnson, to approve the minutes of the January 12, 2021 regular meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

PLEDGE

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Payroll: 94607-94672

Claims: 59570-59635

BOARD CHAIR

MINUTES

Nathan Dunham, Athletic Director – Reported that FFA spring districts were held today, and that state will be in Billings. They have made the necessary COVID-19 modifications to the event. Wrestling and Basketball are busy and headed to games this week. The post season will start next week. The first rounds of the district basketball games will be held in Fort Benton. Ticket information will be forth coming. Dunham will send out an announcement to let parents and fans know how to get tickets to the post season events. Middle School Wrestling and Elementary Basketball will start February 22nd.

WARRANTS

ATHLETIC DIRECTORS
REPORT

HIRES:
ELEMENTARY BOYS BASKETBALL

It was moved by Adam Olson, and seconded by Tyler Starman, to hire Kim Kothoff and Kinsey Claassen as Elementary Girls Basketball coaches. The motion passed unanimously.

It was moved by Mandy Wright, and seconded by Brent Hanford, to hire Jamie Ball as Assistant Track Coach. The motion passed unanimously.

Russ Axtman, Maintenance Supervisor- Reported that they are working on getting the bugs worked out of the heating system at the elementary. They have a few heaters that aren't responding with the software. They have a few small items on the list to finish up and the project will be completed. After the power outages last week they discovered that there was some need for more emergency lighting in a few areas and they are currently working to complete that project; as well as installing more lighted exit signs. Working to fix the bottle filler next to the gym, thought it would be a quick fix, but, it turned into a major repair. Snow removal is going well and all machines are working properly. They have started building their summer work list, so if you know of something that needs repair, let Russ know so he can get it on the list.

Roxie Benjamin, Elementary Principal- Reported that they made it to the 100th day of school, this was a big milestone. They reached the 100th day of school with no shutdowns. Midterm was January 15, the 5th grade completed their ice-fishing trip and all had a great time despite the cold weather. They have completed their SBAC testing for students, the tests help teachers see what they need to be teaching to students. Therefore, those students are prepared. They are currently looking at updating the science curriculum, currently looking at the Foss system. They have three new students this week. The character theme for the month is Integrity. See attached testing data.

Brian Miller, 7-12 Principal- Teacher shout outs to Mr. Kilpatrick and Mr. Dunham. The AttaHorm award for staff members is a new award that staff members give to recognize each other for doing great things. Finals week went well with nearly perfect attendance. The staff and students met and discussed what went well and what they can work on for next year. They

had a meeting for the 7th graders and their parents. They named the meeting Longhorn Essentials Day, and discussed what it means to be a Longhorn. They had older students speak to the 7th graders, and worked on a service project. The dual enrollment classes are going well; there are several students that are taking advantage of this offering. See attached information on dual enrollment classes. Graduation is fast approaching and they are looking at different ideas to make sure that we are able to hold an event to celebrate our seniors and their families.

It was moved by Tyler Starman and seconded by Adam Olson to make a change to the Secondary School Reopening Plan by adjusting the lunch hour release times back to a single release time. The motion passed unanimously.

ELEMENTARY GIRLS
BASKETBALL

ASSISTANT HIGH
SCHOOL TRACK COACH

MAINTENANCE REPORT

ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL REPORT

7-12 PRINCIPAL REPORT

REVISION OF SECONDARY SCHOOL REOPENING PLAN

Cali O'Hara, Business Manager/Clerk- Reported that budgets are on track with where they were last year, we are in the 3rd quarter of the fiscal year and budget numbers look good. There is one board position open. As of today, there have been no candidates file for the position. Candidates have until March 25 to file.

It was moved by Brent Hanford, and seconded by Adam Olson, that the school election will take place May 4th for the one open board seat in District 1 and will be a mail ballot. The motion passed unanimously

Jory Thompson, Superintendent – Reported that they currently have around 30 students currently quarantined in the last two weeks. The Cohorts are a lot more work for our teachers but they have been working

hard to make this work. There have been some benefits of using the cohorts, the smaller class size seems to make the students be more engaged in the classroom. When a student is quarantined, depending on grade level, they have either been zooming into their classes or teachers send home a packet with a lesson plan for them to follow. This seems to have been working for the students, although is more work on our teachers. The teachers and staff received their 2nd COVID-19 vaccine shot. Would like to give a shout out to Amy Hanson and the Longhorns in Theater, as they are working to put on a play, huge thanks to Amy for putting on this production. Also to Mr. Kilpatrick for being so flexible with his classes, as he uses the auditorium for his classroom. The auditorium is used by others so he is constantly shifting things to make this work. Spring Student count was 180 for K-6, 55 for 7-8, 94 for 9-12.

Policy committee report from Mandy Wright- Shannon Grossman and Wendy Bird presented their concerns with the current dual enrollment process, and how we can offer our students access to different electives online. After discussion, it was agreed that there was really no need to make a change to our current policies. They reviewed the changes to

policies 3310, 4315, 4332, 5223, 5226 and recommend adopting all policies as written. Also, to make a change to the superintendent evaluation that the evaluation will be submitted to the board chair and to correct the calculations from a 0 to N/A if not able to score.

Personnel committee report from Mandy Wright – The teachers union presented the committee with an MOA.

It was moved by Mandy Wright and seconded by Angel Johnson, to accept the MOA from the teachers union. The motion passes unanimously.

The board moved to a closed session at 9:25

The board come out of closed session at 10:50

CLERKS REPORT

CALL FOR SCHOOL ELECTION

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

POLICY COMMITTEE

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

SUPERINTENDENT
EVALUATION – CLOSED
SESSION

Future Agenda Items – Stay
in School Plan and
Superintendent Contract

It was moved by Angel
Johnson, and seconded by
Mandy Wright, to adjourn the
meeting at 10:55 p.m.

BOARD
CHAIRPERSON _____

CLERK _____

END OF CLOSED SESSION

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

ADJOURN

ATTEST