

BOARD MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
November 08, 2022

The meeting of the Board of Trustees of Fort Benton High School and Elementary School Districts was called to order November 8, 2022 at 7:03 p.m. in the Board Room, by Joellyn Clark, Chairperson.

Members present: Joellyn Clark, Angel Johnson, Brant Hasbrouck, Tyler Starman, Will Scott and Dusty Schuler. A quorum was present.

Also present: Jory Thompson, Superintendent; Cali O'Hara, Business Manager/Clerk; Nathan Dunham, Activities Director; Roxie Benjamin, Elementary Principal; Courtney Hoshour - Reporter for River Press, Jamie Ball, Connor McKillop, Maci Ort, Ava Dunham, Kara Clark, Von Donner, Sophia Dana.

Joellyn Clark opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Joellyn Clark, Board Chairman- Reported that she would like to share the highlights of Red Ribbon Week. Connor McKillop presented a short skit that the high school kids produced in honor of Red Ribbon Week. The high school and middle school gym classes created drug awareness posters that they hung at the elementary school. Thank you to Denise at the county health department for all her help and for the fun giveaways for the students. The Fort Benton Fire Department would also like to speak to the board about the purchase of the land near the current fire department. This was discussed several months ago, they now have a plan and funding so they would like to move ahead with their project.

It was moved by Brant Hasbrouck, and seconded by Tyler Starman, to approve the minutes of the October 10, 2022 regular meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Payroll: 96193-96234

Claims: 60998-61058

Roxie Benjamin, Elem report – Reported with the assistance of the elementary student council: Ava Dunham, Maci Ort, Von Donner, Sophia Dana and Kara Clark. Red Ribbon Week was a success, so a thank you to all that worked to make this a fun week. Thank you to all who came to speak to the kids. Thank you to Farm Bureau and Lions Club for the fun window painting. MASS testing will start soon, this is the pilot testing program that OPI is conducting, that will replace the current testing

program, they will test 4 times a year, so it is more testing but less intensive than the current 2 times a year. Roxie attended MCEI days and found many of the meetings very beneficial. There was lots of information

ROLL CALL

PLEDGE

PUBLIC COMMENT

BOARD CHAIR

MINUTES

CLAIMS

ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL REPORT

about the upcoming legislative season. They will be holding a Right Brain training again for any one who is interested, encouraging all the members of CCJS to attend. Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held Nov 28 - Dec 1. See attached.

Nathan Dunham, Athletic Director– Reported that the volleyball team finished their season, they brought home the 3rd place trophy from Divisional. Band, Cheer and our students came to Chinook to support our team, it was great to see all the support. Football season ended well. Winter sports will start November 17th. FFA is headed to the John Deere Expo in Bozeman this week. The new score boards were installed over teachers convention, big thank you to Russ, Brian Scott and crew. They were able to get them installed before we hosted the District 9C volleyball tournament. Thank you to all who helped to make the tournament run smoothly, things went well and the tournament was well attended.

Russ Axtman, Maintenance- (reported by Jory Thompson) Reported that a big thank you to Brian Scott and crew for getting new score boards installed. Thank you to the City crew for getting the bleachers removed from the track, also for getting the snow removed along our sidewalks, the school tractor is still in for repairs so the city has been helping out with getting the sidewalks plowed. Thank you to Larry, Amanda, Travis, Mel and Wendy for all the hard work making sure our buildings are clean.

Cali O'Hara, Business Manager- Reported that the annual audit is nearly complete, there were a few findings. The full report will be presented to the board when completed by the auditor. The fall ANB count was completed, our numbers are up from last year. There is one bid on the obsolete property. See attached report.

It was moved by Tyler Starman, and seconded by Dusty Schuler, to accept the bid from Kirk Reichelt on old fridge doors for \$100.00. Motion passed unanimously.

Jory Thompson, HS/MS report – Reported that there will be another Right Brain training session for teachers and staff. They welcome all teachers and staff from surrounding schools to join them. Thank you to Denise at

the county health for all her help with Red Ribbon Week as well as getting help to set up a presentation on the dangers of Vape. Policy review, this will be the first reading, Jory encouraged all the board member to take some time to review this prior to the next meeting, if they have any questions to let him know. MCEL was very informative, many great discussions with superintendents from around the state.,

Committee Reports –

Personnel Committee-
Meeting November 21 at
7:00 in the board room.

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

MAINTENANCE REPORT

BUSINESS MANAGER REPORT

CLERK _____

OBSOLETE PROPERTY BID

7-12 PRINCIPAL REPORT

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Resignations –

The following resignation was accepted by Jory Thompson:
Sandra Nelson – Elem Special Education Aide.

The following resignation was accepted by Joellyn Clark:
Jory Thompson – Superintendent and MS/HS Principal

Future Agenda Items-

Fort Benton Fire Department – Land proposal
2nd Reading on Policy
Next board meeting will be December 8th at 10:30 am in the elementary
multipurpose room.

It was moved by Mandy Wright, and seconded by Dusty Schuler, to
adjourn at 8:21 pm. Motion passed unanimously.

RESIGNATIONS:
NELSON

THOMPSON

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

BOARD CHAIRPERSON _____

ADJOURN

ATTEST