

BOARD MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
November 9, 2021

The meeting of the Board of Trustees of Fort Benton High School and Elementary School Districts was called to order November 9, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room, by Joellyn Clark, Chairperson.

Members present: Joellyn Clark, Mandy Wright, Brent Hanford, Tyler Starman, Angel Johnson, Dean Schuler, Brant Hasbrouck. A quorum was present.

ROLL CALL

Also present: Jory Thompson, Superintendent; Roxanne Benjamin, Elementary Principal; Cali O'Hara, Business Manager/Clerk; Nathan Dunham, Activities Director; Jamie Ball, Paul Benhart, Transportation Supervisor; Conlee Gray- Reporter for River Press, Tyler Pasha, Kevin Shaw, and Dawn Dunham.

Joellyn Clark opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

PLEDGE

Joellyn Clark asked for public comment. There was none.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Joellyn Clark, Board Chairman- No report.

BOARD CHAIR

It was moved by Brant Hasbrouck, and seconded by Tyler Starman, to approve the minutes of the October 12, 2021 regular meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

MINUTES

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

WARRANTS

Payroll: 95308-95441

Claims: 60183-60247

Nathan Dunham, Athletic Director– Reported things have been very busy and Paul has been doing a great job of getting the buses. The kids are all doing great things in the classroom and on the field. FFA participated in the national convention in Indianapolis. District Volleyball all the students were well behaved at all events, received many complements on how well our students behaved. Volleyball send-off will be this Wednesday at Mountain View CO-OP. Football will play in the semifinals at home on Saturday. Speech and Drama will have their first meet Saturday at CJL. Kevin Shaw spoke that Cross Country had a successful season and he would like to see the program continue and to possibly add a middle school program as well. Boys basketball may need the 8th grade boys to step up to the high school program so that they will have the numbers to complete a full JV schedule.

ATHLETIC DIRECTORS
REPORT

It was moved by Tyler Starman, and seconded by Dean Schuler, to hire Aaron Jones as Assistant Wrestling coach. The motion passed unanimously.

ASSISTANT WRESTLING
COACH

It was moved by Brant Hasbrouck, and seconded by Tyler Starman, to approve Rheanna Fultz as Girls basketball volunteer. Motion passed unanimously

GIRLS BASKETBALL
VOLUNTEER

Roxie Benjamin, Elementary Principal- Reported that attendance has been good despite a small COVID group being contract traced. Missoula Children's theater will be here next week to perform Jonny Appleseed. Big thank you to Anna Arganbright for all her help with putting on this performance. Justin Cartwright is doing great things in the SpEd room they are starting to test students and he is doing a great job. There will be a Veterans Day parade, all of the elem. students will walk down Front Street and then meet at the Veterans Memorial in the park for a small ceremony to honor our veterans. A special thank you to Renee McDonald for organizing the parade in honor of our veterans. They will be busy the rest of the month getting ready for all the holiday happenings. Please see attached report.

ELEMENTARY
PRINCIPAL REPORT

Cali O'Hara, Business Manager – Reported that they budget are on track with what they were last year. The annual audit will be November 29th.

CLERKS REPORT

Jory Thompson, HS/MS report – Reported that the COVID stipend will be given out to the staff with the November payroll, as a thank you for all the extra time they were required to but in over their normal contracted hours. It has been a busy month with lots going on. At the end of the first quarter there were no ineligible student athletes in the high school and only one in the middle school, so that is great. See attached report.

7-12 PRINCIPAL REPORT

Committee Reports –

Transportation- Brent Hanford reported that they met to visit about purchasing a different style of traveler. Paul has located some and if we wait to order a new one with the supply chain being so backed up it could be over a year before the bus is delivered, so the committee's recommendation is to purchase the used bus that is available.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

It was moved by Brent Hanford and seconded by Tyler Starman, to approve the purchase of a new traveler bus. The motion passed unanimously.

Policy- Dean Schuler reported that all policies that were under review are listed in attached packet, this will be the second reading.

It was moved by Dean Schuler, and seconded by Brent Hanford, to approve, with changes, the policies listed in the attached packet. The motion passed unanimously.

It was moved by Brent Hanford, and seconded by Dean Schuler, to approve hiring Amanda Lewis as a kitchen substitute. The motion passed unanimously

HIRES

It was moved by Mandy Wright, and seconded by Brent Hanford, to approve hiring Mark Ayers as a high school SpEd aide. The motion passed unanimously.

It was moved by Tyler Starman, and seconded by Mandy Wright, to approve hiring Mel Donner as an Elem. Custodian. The motion passed unanimously.

Future agenda items- Policy committee meeting, Cross Country, 2nd reading of policy.

It was moved by Dean Schuler, and seconded by Brent Hanford, to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

BOARD CHAIRPERSON _____

CLERK _____

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

ADJOURN

ATTEST