

BOARD MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 13, 2018

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Fort Benton High School and Elementary School Districts was called to order November 13, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room by Joellyn Clark, Board Chairperson.

Members present: Joellyn Clark, Darin Arganbright, Angel Johnson, Brant Hasbrouck, Dean Schuler, Greg McGinnis, and Adam Olson. Members absent: Mandy Wright. A quorum was present.

ROLL CALL

Also present: Jory Thompson, Superintendent; Steve Hamel, Business Manager/Clerk; Russ Axtman, Maintenance Supervisor; Brian Wood, Transportation Supervisor; Jamie Ball, Corinne Davis, William Ullery, Nick Luoma, Tyler Pasha, Nathan Dunham, and Bethany DeBorde, reporter for the River Press.

Joellyn Clark opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

PLEDGE

It was moved by Dean Schuler, and seconded by Brant Hasbrouck, to approve the minutes of the October 9, 2018 regular meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

MINUTES

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

WARRANTS

Payroll: 92450 - 92530

Claims: 57432 - 57566

Joellyn Clark asked if there was public comment on an issue not included on the agenda. There was none.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Joellyn Clark discussed potential issues that were voted on at the MCEL convention. Chairperson Clark asked that the strategic plan be put on the December agenda.

BOARD CHAIR

Mr. Dunham reported on the winter activities, most activities have good participation except for girls basketball.

ACTIVITIES
DIRECTOR

Mr. Dunham reported on a proposal from Geraldine Schools to possibly form a sports (except track) co-op for the next 3 years. He and Mr. Thompson had met with Geraldine's Superintendent, Sheryl McGinnis and their Athletic Director, Brenda Clark. In that meeting Geraldine's only request was for 1 or 2 concessions earnings, they conceded that all practices and games would take place in Fort Benton. Several Board members felt that the proposal be pursued. A committee meeting will be scheduled to ascertain more details.

GERALDINE SPORTS
CO-OP DISCUSSION

Based on Mr. Dunham's recommendation, it was moved by Angel Johnson, and seconded by Darin Arganbright, to hire Darci Chylik as Cheerleading Advisor for the winter sports season. The motion passed unanimously.

CHYLIK HIRED AS
WINTER CHEER
ADVISOR

Mr. Dunham requested that the Board allow 8th grade girls to participate in high school basketball at a junior varsity level only. This is due to a lack of numbers in the high school program. This is the same issue that occurred last year and the request was approved then. It was moved by Adam Olson, and seconded by Brant Hasbrouck, to allow 8th grade girls to participate in high school basketball at a sub-varisty level only. In favor: Adam Olson, Brant Hasbrouck, Angel Johnson, Joellyn Clark, Greg McGinnis, and Darin Arganbright. Opposed: Dean Schuler. The motion passed 6-1.

8th GRADE
PARTICIPATION IN
SUB-VARSITY
BASKETBALL
APPROVED

Russ Axtman reported on various projects that have been completed and those that are on-going.

MAINTENANCE

Steve Hamel presented and discussed the monthly financial reports.

FINANCIALS

Mr. Miller reported that S.B.A.C testing had identified students in need of extra mentoring in math and that mentoring had begun.

7-12 PRINCIPAL REPORT

Mr. Miller and the Board discussed preliminary ideas regarding a drug testing policy/program that would not begin until the 2019-20 school year. It would affect only students in extra/co-curricular activities. The next steps would be to create a committee, gather more input, and submit a formal proposal.

PRELIMINARY DRUG
TESTING FOR
EXTRACURRICULAR
PARTICIPANTS

Mr. Hamel recommended the Board adjust Board Policy 7400, line 15 from a \$10,000 line of credit to a \$50,000 line of credit. The request was approved on first reading with no vote.

CREDIT LINE INCREASE

Mr. Thompson discussed: K-6 enrollment, attendance, past and up-coming activities, and custodial staffing. Mr. Thompson also stated his reservations regarding the proposed co-op in that it may not be the best for Fort Benton students.

ELEMENTARY
PRINCIPAL AND
SUPERINTENDENT
REPORT

It was moved by Darin Arganbright, and seconded by Adam Olson, to change the December Board meeting to December 20th at 10:30 a.m. and to give the Business office authority to pay bills and issue checks up to that point in December. In favor: Adam Olson, Brant Hasbrouck, Angel Johnson, Joellyn Clark, and Darin Arganbright. Opposed: Dean Schuler and Greg McGinnis. The motion passed 5-2.

DECEMBER BOARD
MEETING RESCHEDULED
TO THE 20TH

An Activities Committee meeting was scheduled for December 4th at 7:00 p.m. to discuss a possible sports co-op with Geraldine.

ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE
MEETING SCHEDULED

It was moved by Angel Johnson, and seconded by Adam Olson, to hire Jeanna Baum as a substitute teacher pending background check. The motion passed unanimously.

BAUM HIRED

It was moved by Darin Arganbright, and seconded by Angel Johnson, to hire Javan Christensen as elementary custodian pending background report. The motion passed unanimously.

CHRISTENSEN
HIRED

It was moved by Dean Schuler, seconded by Angel Johnson, to adjourn the meeting at 8:47 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURN

BOARD CHAIRPERSON _____

ATTEST

CLERK _____