

BOARD MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
October 12, 2021

The meeting of the Board of Trustees of Fort Benton High School and Elementary School Districts was called to order October 12, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room, by Joellyn Clark, Chairperson.

Members present: Joellyn Clark, Mandy Wright, Brent Hanford, Tyler Starman, Adam Olson, Brant Hasbrouck. A quorum was present.

ROLL CALL

Also present: Jory Thompson, Superintendent; Roxanne Benjamin, Elementary Principal; Cali O'Hara, Business Manager/Clerk; Russ Axtman, Maintenance Supervisor; Nathan Dunham, Activities Director; Jamie Ball, Paul Benhart, Transportation Supervisor; Bethany DeBorde-Reporter for River Press, Sheena Olson, Wendy Bird, Kistia Golie, Angela Thomas, Dawn Dunham, Leah Dunham, Brooklyn Olson, and Bridger Ball.

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- Joellyn wanted to take a moment and recognize Angela Thomas and Kistia Golie for their great job in the kitchen this year. Angela was recognized by the food service association with a WOW award. She was nominated by former head cook Lynn Cook.

BOARD CHAIR

It was moved by Brant Hasbrouck, and seconded by Tyler Starman, to approve the minutes of the September 14, 2021 regular meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

MINUTES

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

WARRANTS

Payroll: 95244-95307

Claims: 60130-60182

Roxie Benjamin, Elementary Principal- Reported along with the Elementary Student Council members: Bridger Ball, Leah Dunham, Brooklyn Olson, that the September student assembly went well. They are busy planning for the Red Ribbon Week celebration. There will be window painting for K-5 on October 26th. Roxie added that their YIIP meetings are going well, and that most of the students have been in attendance. They have seen less kids out due to contract tracing in the last couple of weeks. See attached.

ELEMENTARY
PRINCIPAL REPORT

Nathan Dunham, Athletic Director- Reported that FFA was at a meet in Chinook. Football, Cheer, Cross County honored the seniors this past week at home games. The Volleyball showcase went very well - special thank you to Carley and Jared Vielleux, Jamie Ball, Joellyn Clark and Trampus Corder for all their help. Middle School Volleyball tournament went well and thank you to Amy and Ross Hanson, Rachelle Molinario

ATHLETIC DIRECTORS
REPORT

for their help. Middle School basketball started this week - 25 girls and 19 boys. Upcoming events: Volleyball senior night, FFA Billings at the Nile, State Cross Country in Missoula, FFA will head to the national convention, and Band concert on November 1. The wrestling co-op with Big Sandy will not continue this year, as Big Sandy does not have any students wanting to participate at this time.

It was moved by Mandy Wright, and seconded by Joellyn Clark, to hire Cali O'Hara and Michelle Erickson as Middle School Girls Basketball coaches. The motion passed unanimously.

MIDDLE SCHOOL GIRLS
BASKETBALL COACHES

It was moved by Mandy Wright, and seconded by Angel Johnson, to approve Miranda Woodhouse as volunteer Middle School basketball volunteer. Motion passed unanimously

MIDDLE SCHOOL
BASKETBALL
VOLUNTEER

It was moved by Tyler Starman, and seconded by Brent Hanford, to approve Jack Wright as volunteer FFA coach. The motion passed unanimously. Mandy Wright abstained.

VOLUNTEER FFA COACH

It was moved by Brent Hanford, and seconded by Brant Hasbrouck, to hire Colby Cline as Head Wrestling Coach. The motion passed unanimously

HEAD WRESTLING
COACH

Russ Axtman, Maintenance Supervisor- Reported that they have conducted fire drills at both the elementary and high schools. Both drills went well and were assisted by the fire department. FICO has been back working to get the elementary system back in sync after the new wi-fi switches were installed. The system is having a hard time communicating with the boiler. Fall work is under way with leaf pick up, sprinkler blowout and other various items to prepare the buildings and grounds for winter. The kitchen remodel proposal will be ready for the February or March board meeting. We are still in need of an Elementary school janitor.

MAINTAINCE

Cali O'Hara, Business Manager/Clerk- Reported that the 1st quarter financial report is available, see attached. The yearly school audit will take place the Monday after the Thanksgiving break. The fall child count was completed, Elementary enrollment 164, the middle school 65, and the high school 92. For a total enrollment of 341. There has been no interest in the radial arm saw, we will run the ad one more time.

CLERKS REPORT

It was moved by Adam Olson, and seconded by Tyler Starman, to approve the clerk to open a new activity account for T & I. The motion passed unanimously.

OPEN NEW ACTIVITY
ACCOUNT FOR T & I

Jory Thompson, HS/MS report – Reported that they had a digital safety workshop with students. Belt and Highwood High Schools attended as well. Homecoming events were all well attended. Students have been busy with career and college fair as well as the TechNoExpo. It seems like COVID has slowed down for the moment. Thank you to Paul Benhart for doing a great job as the new transportation supervisor. A thank you from Cindy Lenington for helping out at the visitor center this summer. Thank you to Roxie Benjamin for helping with all the contract tracing this month, as well as Amy Hanson and Jolene Danbrook. Thank you to Nathan

7-12 PRINCIPAL REPORT

Dunham for all this time and efforts as the athletic director.

It was moved by Mandy Wright and seconded by Brent Hanford to approve renewing with the Golden Triangle CO-OP. The motion passed unanimously.

RENEWAL OF GOLDEN
TRIANGLE CO-OP

It was moved by Mandy Wright, and seconded by Tyler Starman to approve an MOA for COVID leave for our classified staff. The motion passed unanimously.

MOA COVID LEAVE
CLASSIFIED STAFF

It was moved by Mandy Wright, and seconded by Brent Hanford to approve an MOA for one-time payment to our classified and certified staff, for additional duties that were conducted outside of their contracted hours due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The motion passed unanimously.

MOA PAY FOR
ADDITIONAL DUTIES

Committee Reports –

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Transportation- Brent Hanford reported that they met to visit with Paul to see how the first month on the job was going. They also discussed the purchasing of new busses for the next year. As well as things that Paul would like to do different in the transportation department.

Policy- Mandy Wright reported on the first reading of attached policies. They scheduled a meeting for October 25th @ 7:00 pm

Future agenda items- Policy committee meeting, Cross Country.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

It was moved by Brent Hanford, and seconded by Brant Hasbrouck, to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

ADJOURN

BOARD CHAIRPERSON _____

ATTEST

CLERK _____