

BOARD MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 7, 2019

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Fort Benton High School and Elementary School Districts was called to order October 7, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room by Joellyn Clark, Board Chairperson.

Members present: Joellyn Clark, Greg McGinnis, Darin Arganbright, Mandy Wright, Dean Schuler, Brant Hasbrouck, and Adam Olson.
Members absent: None. A quorum was present.

ROLL CALL

Also present: Jory Thompson, Superintendent; Steve Hamel, Business Manager/Clerk; Russ Axtman, Maintenance Supervisor; Brian Wood, Transportation Supervisor; Nathan Dunham, Activities Director; Roxanne Benjamin, Elementary Principal; Brian Miller, High School Principal; Jamie Ball, Brent Hanford, Ray Allen, Keith Ballantyne, and Teresa and Bo Sparks.

Joellyn Clark opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

PLEDGE

It was moved by Dean Schuler, and seconded by Darin Arganbright, to approve the minutes of the September 10, 2019 regular meeting with changes addressing Adam Olson seconding his own motion, and misspelling Brent Hanford's first name. The motion passed unanimously.

MINUTES

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

WARRANTS

Payroll: 93329 - 93357
Claims: 58424 – 58488

Bo Sparks complained that music was played too loudly during two-a-day football practices. He asked that the coaches remember that there are close neighbors.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Board Chair report:

BOARD CHAIRPERSON
REPORT

Joellyn Clark shared the results of the 4-day school week survey. Of the 259 responses to the on-line survey, 76.8% said YES, that the topic should be explored further, 23.2% said NO, that the topic should not be explored further. Mrs. Clark said that, based on the feedback received, the Board should move forward to get more information, both pro and con, from people and districts currently using a 4-day week...and researching any who may have experimented with a 4-day week but switched back to a 5 day week. There were no objection from the rest of the Board.

4-DAY SCHOOL WEEK
SURVEY RESULTS AND
PLANS

Joellyn Clark announced that Ray Allen and Brent Hanford had written letters expressing interest to fill the vacancy on the Board created by Eldon Pfile's resignation.

ALLEN CHOSEN TO FILL
VACANT TRUSTEE
POSITION

Both candidates spoke to their qualifications and desire to serve on the Board. There were no questions from the Board. Voting for Ray Allen: Greg McGinnis, Darin Arganbright, Mandy Wright, Dean Schuler, and Brant Hasbrouck. Voting for Brent Hanford: Joellyn Clark and Adam Olson. Ray Allen was voted to till the position until the May elections by a 5-2 vote.

RAY ALLEN
(CONTINUED)

Ray Allen was sworn in as Trustee by Steve Hamel, Board Clerk.

Mr. Dunham, Activities Director, reported on the fall activities and recommended the following coaches be hired:

ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR:
COACHING HIRES:

It was moved by Greg McGinnis, and seconded by Mandy Wright, to hire Marta Ferguson as a middle girls' basketball coach. The motion passed unanimously

FERGUSON – MIDDLE
SCHOOL GIRLS BB

It was moved by Mandy Wright, and seconded by Greg McGinnis, to hire Miranda Woodhouse as a volunteer to both the middle school boys' and girls' basketball coaching staffs. The motion passed unanimously.

WOODHOUSE – MIDDLE
SCHOOL BB VOLUNTEER

Russ Axtman reported that Falls Mechanical Engineering had begun measuring the elementary school rooms and that Fitzpatrick Abatement was scheduled to begin work on June 1st, 2020. He also discussed the tree cleanup from the recent storm and that the custodial staff was down 1 person due to a medical procedure.

MAINTENANCE REPORT

Brian Miller, 7-12 Principal, discussed homecoming and reported that the district was above the state average on the Smarter Balanced Testing results.

7-12 PRINCIPAL

Roxie Benjamin, K-6 principal, discussed elementary events, RTI and Title I schedules, and Red Ribbon week. Mrs. Benjamin also announced that the K-6 students scored very well on the Dibbles and SBAC testing.

K-6 PRINCIPAL

Steve Hamel presented the monthly financial reports.

FINANCIALS

Superintendent Thompson spoke about the great school climate, the pride and spirit shown by the student body, and increased academic prowess.

SUPERINTENDENT
REPORT

It was moved by Dean Schuler, and seconded by Adam Olson, to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

BOARD CHAIRPERSON _____

ADJOURN

CLERK _____

ATTEST