

BOARD MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
September 14, 2021

The meeting of the Board of Trustees of Fort Benton High School and Elementary School Districts was called to order September 14, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. in the Board Room, by Joellyn Clark, Chairperson.

Members present: Joellyn Clark, Mandy Wright, Brent Hanford, Tyler Starman, Adam Olson, Brant Hasbrouck, and Dean Schuler. 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, Brian Wood, Paul Benhart, Bethany DeBorde- Reporter for River Press, Sheena Olson, William Vischer, Mary Ellen Vischer, Rachelle Molinario and Brooke Carlson.

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 Dean Schuler, and seconded by Brant Hasbrouck, to approve the minutes of the August 10, 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: 95177-95243

Claims: 60055-60130

Roxie Benjamin, Elementary Principal- Reported along with the Elementary Student Council members: Bridger Ball, Leah Dunham, Grace Heryford, Brooklyn Olson. The back to school carnival was super fun and all the kids had a great time. Iready testing has been underway for the fall test scores. Students like to be able to play together again on the play ground. See attached.

ELEMENTARY  
PRINCIPAL REPORT

Nathan Dunham, Athletic Director– Fall sports are underway, Homecoming is this week with lots going on. Senior night for football will be October 1 with 11 seniors being honored. Volleyball showcase will be October 2<sup>nd</sup>. Tennis courts are being refinished in conjunction with the city. Robotics kick off will be this Saturday.

ATHLETIC DIRECTORS  
REPORT

It was moved by Mandy Wright, and seconded by Brent Hanford, to approve Emily Wicks as volunteer 4/5 Robotics Coach. The motion passed unanimously.

4/5 ROBOTICS COACH

It was moved by Brent Hanford, and seconded by Mandy Wright, to approve Darren Arganbright and Aaron Vaughn as volunteer Middle School Robotics coaches. Motion passed unanimously

MIDDLE SCHOOL  
ROBOTICS COACH

It was moved by Adam Olson, and seconded by Brent Hanford, to approve Jess Wood as volunteer High School Robotics coach. The motion passed unanimously.

HIGH SCHOOL ROBOTICS  
COACH

It was moved by Mandy Wright, and seconded by Tyler Starman, to hire Megan Lords and Shannon Grossman as Middle School Boys Basketball Coaches. The motion passed unanimously

MIDDLE SCHOOL BOYS  
BASKETBALL

It was moved by Mandy Wright, and seconded by Tyler Starman, to hire Marta Ferguson as Middle School Girls Basketball Coach. The motion passed unanimously

MIDDLE SCHOOL GIRLS  
BASKETBALL

It was moved by Adam Olson, and seconded by Tyler Starman to hire Cali O'Hara and Jeannine Rodriguez as Fall High School Cheer Coaches. The motion passed unanimously.

FALL CHEER COACH

Russ Axtman, Maintenance Supervisor- Reported FICO was here last week and did the fall check of the boilers, they started them and ran them for a little while to ensure they are ready to be turned on when needed. The online controls seem to be working as expected. Dusty's Sprinklers was here to fix the draining issue on the sprinklers. Lots of events with homecoming, window painting and the senior and junior classes will be painting the FB this week.

MAINTAINCE

Cali O'Hara, Business Manager/Clerk- Reported that budgets are on track - we are spending at the same rate as last year, we will have to watch our budget this year, as with COVID we may encounter some unexpected payroll increases with the need for subs.

CLERKS REPORT

It was moved by Brant Hasbrouck, and seconded by Dean Schuler, to approve the clerk to void year-old outstanding FBAS warrants. The motion passed unanimously.

It was moved by Brent Hanford, and seconded by Dean Schuler, to approve changing the opening bid on the radial arm saw to \$0. The motion passed unanimously.

Jory Thompson, HS/MS report – Reported that the start of the school year has been excellent. The staff and kids seem excited to be in school. The first day of school they had a breakfast for all the students and the student council was there to assist as well as Mr. Dunham. There are lots of new

7-12 PRINCIPAL REPORT

students, as well as several foreign exchange students. Amy Hanson has been doing a great job as the new high school secretary. So a big thank you to her for all that she has been doing. COVID plan as of now is that masks are optional at this point. Contact tracing will continue; we have 6 positive cases as of now. They are working with county health to establish a list, then Jory and Roxie will contact the parents along with county health to let them know they have been a close contact. County Health then gives the parents the CDC recommendations.

It was moved by Tyler Starman and seconded by Brent Hanford to approve the early kindergarten students. The motion passed unanimously.

EARLY KINDERGARDEN

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

MOA COVID LEAVE

Committee Reports –

Policy meeting scheduled for September 27<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 pm

Transportation meeting scheduled for October 11 @ 7:00 am

COMMITTEE REPORTS

It was moved by Brant Hasbrouck, and seconded by Tyler Starman, to hire Paul Benhart as the Transportation Supervisor. The motion passed unanimously.

TRANSPORTATION SUPERVISOR

It was moved by Mandy Wright, and seconded by Brent Hanford, to hire Krystal Kottoff as part time MS/HS Counselor. The motion passed unanimously.

HS/MS COUNSELOR

It was moved by Brent Hanford and seconded by Adam Olson, to hire Sandra Nelson as part time elementary SPED aide. The motion passed unanimously.

HIRE ELEM PARAPROFESSIONAL

It was moved by Adam Olson and seconded by Tyler Starman, to hire Mike MacDonald as HS SPED aide substitute. The motion passed unanimously.

HS SUBSTITUTE PARAPROFESSIONAL

It was moved by Brent Hanford and seconded by Mandy Wright, to hire Megan Galbaugh as Elem. Custodian. The motion passed unanimously.

ELEM CUSTODIAN

Future agenda items- Transportation committee meeting, Policy committee meeting, COVID Plan.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

It was moved by Brent Hanford, and seconded by Dean Schuler, to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

ADJOURN

BOARD CHAIRPERSON \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST

CLERK \_\_\_\_\_