

THE REGULAR MEETING of the BOARD OF TRUSTEES of Bigfork Elementary School and Bigfork High School, District No 38, Flathead and Lake Counties, was called to order by Chairperson Sandry on October 7, 2020, at 5:04 pm in the high school library.

Trustees in attendance: Kreiman, Elwell, Relyea, Martinz, Sandry, Anderson (via Google Meet), and Parish (via Google Meet)

Also in attendance were Superintendent Matt Jensen, Business Manager Lacey Porrovecchio, Principals Mark Hansen and Charlie Appleby, staff members and community members.

Pledge of Allegiance

There were no comments on non-agenda items.

A motion to approve the agenda and addendum was made by Trustee Elwell, seconded by Trustee Relyea, and **approved** by unanimous vote of the elementary and high school trustees.

A motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Trustee Kreiman, seconded by Trustee Relyea, and **approved** by unanimous vote of the elementary and high school trustees.

- Consideration of Regular Board Meeting Minutes for September 9 & September 25, 2020
- Consideration of All Bill Approval Lists
- Consideration of Student Activity Report – August, 2020
- Consideration of Surplus Property Resolution – Field Line Marking Machines
- Consideration of Personnel – *Any offer of employment is contingent upon receipt of satisfactory criminal history background check and for some positions receipt of satisfactory pre-employment screening.*
 1. Substitute Personnel Recommended for Consideration
 - a. Natalie McGarry, 6-12 Substitute Teacher
 - b. Bob Hand, Transportation Substitute
 - c. Kasey Koch, Transportation Substitute
 2. Classified Personnel Recommended for Consideration
 - a. Susan Cleverly, Transportation Driver
 3. Extra-Curricular Personnel Recommended for Consideration
 - a. Elizabeth Fetterhoff, Middle School Student Council
 - b. Randi Tunnell, High School Pep Band Advisor
 - c. Lon Savik, 7th Grade Boys Basketball Coach
 - d. Lou Jessop, 8th Grade Boys Basketball Coach
 4. Extra-Curricular Volunteers Recommended for Consideration
 - a. Scott Reichner, 6th Grade Boys Basketball

Mr. Jensen told trustees he would like to pay Susan Cleverly, the new transportation driver, at the route driver rate back to the beginning of school, in lieu of the substitute rate, per her request.

Trustee Elwell made a motion to pay Susan Cleverly the route driver rate since the first day of school, motion seconded by Trustee Kreiman, and approved by unanimous vote of the elementary and high school trustees.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Mr. Jensen told the board Mrs. Munson volunteered to coach 5th grade boys basketball. The season starts before the November board meeting, so he asked that the board allow him to administratively approve her for now.

Mr. Jensen talked to the trustees about Covid 19 in the county and in schools. He told them the positive cases are trending in the wrong direction. Schools and hospitals are seeing a lower rate of positives than the greater community and could be due to masking and hand washing. Bigfork staff members may be trending at a higher rate. As of the date of the board meeting, 14% of the school population had been quarantined. He said we are very thin on substitutes and covering classes for staff who have tested

positive for Covid or who have been placed in quarantine. Staff members are covering classes during their prep time and it is exhausting and not sustainable. He asked the board to consider setting metrics for when the high school or middle school would switch to 100% virtual delivery. He explained a portion of the student population is virtual and static, a portion is virtual due to quarantine, and there are students who decide each day if they want to attend school or if they are going to stay home and do classes online. If a third to one half of the students choose to go virtual, Mr. Jensen would like to switch to virtual learning short term to ease the burden on teaching staff.

Board discussion followed including discussing student athletes choosing to go virtual to avoid quarantines and making sure parents are communicated with clearly. Mr. Jensen told trustees per MHSA and MTSBA student athletes can choose virtual and continue to participate in activities.

Mr. Jensen also told trustees he would like to temporarily increase substitute pay by \$10 for teacher subs who facilitate classes for teachers who are quarantined and teaching from home. The board did not have a problem with that and he will advertise for substitutes.

Trustee Relyea asked about the website Covid banner. She would like to see active cases and total cases.

Trustee Kreiman asked about deputized contact tracers. Mr. Jensen is working on a contract with the county. Right now administrators are contact tracing.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Bus Route 19D – Rob Tracy asked the board to approve a route to Evergreen School District. It is the same route as last school year.

A motion to approve Bus Route 19D was made by Trustee Elwell, seconded by Trustee Martinz, and approved by unanimous vote of the elementary and high school trustees.

- B. Drivers Education Vehicle Purchase – Rob Tracy told board members he sent out bids for a new drivers education vehicle after Mr. Hansen and Mr. Thompson requested a newer, safer vehicle. The lowest bid was from Don Aadsen Ford for a 2021 Ford Explorer. Business Manager, Lacey Porrovecchio, told the trustees the funds come from the Drivers Education Fund and there is approximately \$70,000.

A motion to approve the Drivers Education Vehicle Purchase as proposed was made by Trustee Kreiman, seconded by Trustee Martinz, and approved by unanimous vote of the elementary and high school trustees.

Trustee Martinz asked Mr. Tracy how things were going on the school buses and about the activity bus. Mr. Tracy reported there were a few issues with students not wearing masks on the bus, but students have adapted. He said the activity bus has had many problems. He is looking at replacing it with a used charter bus and trustees will see it on a future agenda.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Board Chair Sandry reported the Negotiations Committee will meet with a mediator from the Department of Labor on October 21 and hopes to make progress with the BAEA union.

PRINCIPAL REPORTS

Mr. Hansen talked to the board about ACT testing and his appreciation for his staff members who are subbing for their coworkers.

Mr. Appleby told trustees his staff was thankful to have the extra PIR day to work on technology and planning. He said the PLC process is starting to turn a corner. He and Mr. Hansen talked to the board about W.I.N. time reteaching, and how RTI and intervention are different. Reteaching will start with ELA with the goal of reteaching in all subjects.

Trustee Relyea asked for clarification regarding W.I.N time and the goal of targeting students at both ends of the learning spectrum. She also asked about adding additional days for teacher PIR since it was so helpful. Mr. Hansen told her reaching both ends of the spectrum is the goal, the process is still evolving. Mr. Jensen told her there are some built in days in the calendar, but additional days may be suggested later in the year.

Mr. Jensen reminded trustees to schedule a visit to campus. Trustee Kreiman already did her visit.

FUTURE MEETING SCHEULE

All School Board meetings are held at 5 pm in the high school library, unless otherwise noted.

- o Wednesday, November 11, 2020
- o Wednesday, December 9, 2020
- o Wednesday, January 13, 2021
- o Wednesday, February 10, 2021
- o Wednesday, March 10, 2021
- o Wednesday, April 14, 2021

A motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Elwell, seconded by Trustee Relyea, and **approved** by unanimous vote of the elementary and high school trustees.

Adjourned: 6:28 pm

District Clerk

Chairperson