

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 January 13, 2021, at 5:00 pm in the high school library.

Trustees in attendance: Parish, Anderson, Kreiman, Sandry, Martinz, and Relyea

Trustees absent: Elwell

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

Pledge of Allegiance

There were no comments on non-agenda items.

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

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

- Consideration of Regular Board Meeting Minutes for December 9 & 16, 2020 and January 6, 2021
- Consideration of All Bill Approval Lists
- Consideration of Student Activity Report for November, 2020
- Consideration of Donation to High School Wrestling Program - \$10,000 from Bigfork Wrestling Club
- Consideration of Donation to High School Cave Club - \$1,000 from Bigfork Innovations Group
- Consideration of Surplus Property Resolution – Radial Studded Snow Tires
- 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. Extra-Curricular Volunteers Recommended for Consideration
 - a. Amy Lucke, 6th Grade Girls Basketball
 2. Substitute Personnel Recommended for Consideration
 - a. Joanne Mace, K-8 Substitute Teacher
 - b. Annie Peterson, 9-12 Substitute Teacher
 3. Extra-Curricular Personnel Recommended for Consideration
 - a. Jim Benn, Middle School Study Backs

REPORTS & PRESENTATIONS

Trustee Relyea spent a day in December observing at the elementary, middle school and high school. She spent time in classrooms and spoke with 10 district employees. She observed classes in each of the buildings. Classes in the middle school and high school had virtual and in person students. She reported that classrooms felt natural and students seemed happy to be there. She noted teachers with students learning online and in person would have an increase in work load. She felt teachers did a good job including virtual students and in person learners. All 10 employees she talked to felt they were supported by administration and had the technology they needed. They were thankful for pay for extra hours worked and the additional time without students to prepare lessons and for professional development. All ten people she talked to said they would like to keep the safety protocols in place for now. Staff members pointed out changes due to Covid that were for the better.

Mr. Jensen asked the rest of the trustees to schedule time to visit campus as well.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Fiscal Year 2020-21 General Fund Apportionment/Allocation – Mr. Jensen went over levy consideration spreadsheets the trustees have looked at before. He also briefly went over the preliminary general fund budgets for 2021-22. Enrollment has decreased with more families

electing to keep children at home and the inflationary increase from the state will be 1.5%. He recommended cutting paying for half of the cost of unfunded sports coaches to get the levy funds balanced.

There were no questions.

A motion to accept the fiscal year 2020-21 General Fund Apportionment/Allocation as recommended by administration was made by Trustee Anderson, seconded by Trustee Martinz, and approved by unanimous vote of the elementary and high school trustees.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Mr. Jensen talked to the board about low number of positive cases and students in quarantine. He explained mitigation strategies, and mass gatherings are the only thing still not allowed. The winter sports plan came from Flathead County Health Department. A subcommittee of school personnel, including Nurse Knopik, will review accommodation requests. He noted spectators are doing a good job. He also talked to the board about offering similar leave as the FFCRA to staff. He will have a recommendation to the board in February. The leave would expire at the end of the school year. Flathead County wants to vaccinate teachers and more information will be coming. Mr. Jensen reported on school related legislation including LR 130, which may allow guns on school property, school funding, HB 107, which would require a super majority to pass levies, and SB 72, which would allow homeschool participation in athletics. Trustee Kreiman expressed interest in advocacy at the state level. Mr. Jensen asked board members to let him know if they are interested in advocacy or if they want him to advocate. Mr. Jensen reminded members to return the board survey. He will compile it and provide information at the February board meeting. Lastly, he told trustees Business Manager, Lacey Porrovecchio, was selected as Region 1 Director for MASBO.

PRINCIPAL REPORTS

Mrs. Clarke briefly talked about SBAC testing and finishing winter assessments.

Mr. Hansen & Mr. Appleby spoke to the board about their staff professional development day. They handed out a flow chart and talked the trustees through it. They praised their staff for sharing, presenting and for the work they have achieved. Mr. Hansen shared the book, Blended Learning in Google, which Mrs. Heupel was published in. They are excited to get ACT Aspire data back.

Mr. Tracy reported the new drivers education vehicle is coming the end of the month.

Mr. Porrovecchio talked to the board about winter athletics. He reported wrestling is doing great and swim has the most challenges due to covid restrictions.

Trustee Sandry mentioned 2 community members, who have supported the school over the years, who would like to get back in the gym for athletics.

FUTURE MEETING SCHEULE

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

- Wednesday, February 10, 2021
- Wednesday, March 10, 2021
- Wednesday, April 14, 2021

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

Adjourned: 5:47 pm

District Clerk

Chairperson