

**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 April 14, 2021, at 4:59 pm in the high school library.

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

Trustees absent: Elwell & Relyea

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.

Mr. Jensen asked trustees to approve the agenda without the addendum. The Network Administrator recommended on the addendum withdrew his name after looking into the housing market in the area. The position will be reposted.

A motion to approve the agenda without the addendum was made by Trustee Anderson, seconded by Trustee Parish, and **approved** by unanimous vote of the elementary and high school trustees.

Board Chair Sandry and Superintendent Jensen thanked Joy Manicke for her many years of service to the district. She filled various assignments over the years.

Mr. Jensen told trustees Emily Feller successfully completed a one year contract for the district. Mr. Appleby thanked her as well.

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

- Consideration of Regular Board Meeting Minutes for March 10, 2021
- Consideration of All Bill Approval Lists
- Consideration of Student Activity Report for February, 2021
- Consideration of Surplus Property Disposal – 2004 Bluebird Bus
- Consideration of Surplus Property Disposal – Miscellaneous Auto, Welding & Maintenance Items
- Consideration of 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester Individual Transportation Contract – 2 Elementary Students
- Consideration of Donation to Middle School Close Up Program - \$1,000 from Bigfork Ladies Service Club
- 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. Classified Personnel Resignation for Consideration
    - a. Joy Manicke, Paraprofessional
  2. Certified Personnel Resignation for Consideration
    - a. Emily Feller, Elementary Teacher
  3. Extra-Curricular Volunteers Recommended for Consideration
    - a. Ryan Nollan, High School Track
    - b. Dylan Quinn, High School Tennis
    - c. Sarah Kirk, High School Track
    - d. Lon Savik, Middle School Track
  4. Substitute Personnel Recommended for Consideration
    - a. Amanda Duncan, Food Service
  5. Certified Personnel Recommended for Non-Renewal of Non-Tenured Staff
    - a. Jamie Jacobsen, Elementary Teacher
  6. Certified Personnel Recommended for Consideration
    - a. Sarah Tegeler, Middle School Math

Community member Connie Ciabatonni asked questions about the bills list. Mr. Jensen explained the High Trust Thinking invoice was for 4 days of staff professional development, the Intermountain Day Treatment invoice is a monthly invoice for day treatment students with an IEP, the Kalispell Regional Healthcare invoice is for CSCT services for students, which is funded 100% by Medicaid, and the Flathead County Sheriff's Department invoice is for our portion of the Student Resource Officer.

There were no committee reports.

**PRINCIPAL REPORTS**

Mr. Hansen talked to the board about prom on May 8, high school graduation plans, Wednesday night math proficiency class and ACT testing.

Mrs. Clarke told trustees the elementary has been celebrating Mrs. Ahnert, who is retiring at the end of the year. She talked to them about counselor interviews, state testing, field trips and summer school. Summer school will likely be 2 to 3 weeks in June and August.

Community member Connie Ciabatonni asked what classes are taught in summer school. Mrs. Clarke told her reading and math are taught in the summer.

Board Chair Sandry asked about the number of applicants for the counselor position. Mrs. Clarke said there were 5 applicants and they interviewed 4. Mr. Appleby explained it is a unique position because they will also teach middle school electives.

Mr. Appleby spoke about the middle school track meet, the new middle school schedule, middle school math, SBAC testing, staff professional development, summer school and the breakfast challenges.

**SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

Mr. Jensen told board members he is reengaging Ignite Nation to work with the district to highlight things that are going well and what to put more energy towards. There will be a staff survey sent out. He told them Trustee Parish toured the facility. Engineer Nate Lucke is working on ideas for the playground hill area. There will be a Finance Committee meeting in May after the committees are formed, to look at ESSER funds, next year's budget and end of year funds. The auditor will be here at the end of the month. In his legislative update he talked about HB 329 and ESSER II and ESSER III funding. New legislation will remove the unanticipated and anticipated enrollment increase funding mechanisms for the next 2 years. Schools will be able to use ESSER funds instead.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Track Resurfacing Project – Mr. Jensen told trustees the district received 4 bids. Trustees Anderson and Parish were present when the bids were opened. Mr. Jensen recommended the lowest bidder, Athletic Surface Construction, at \$176,000 total. The Booster Club has committed \$60,000 to the project. The rest will be funded by end of year funds, Verizon cell phone tower contract funds or the Interlocal Agreement Fund.

Connie Ciabatonni asked if the bids were from local contractors. Mr. Jensen told her 1 bid was local and the other 3 were from out of state. The next closest bid was \$20,000 higher.

A motion to approve the proposal from Athletic Surface Construction as proposed, was made by Trustee Anderson, seconded by Trustee Martinz, and approved by unanimous vote of the elementary and high school trustees.

- B. 2020-21 School Year Calendar Change – Mr. Jensen asked the trustees to approve May 10, 2021 as a staff day without students. Staff will work with Ignite Nation and work on curriculum with their teams.

A motion to approve 2020-21 School Year Calendar Change was made by Trustee Anderson, seconded by Trustee Martinz, and approved by unanimous vote of the elementary and high school trustees.

- C. MQEC Membership FY 2022 – Mr. Jensen told board members MQEC is a public education advocacy group. They sort through legislation and secure funding for schools. The invoice is based on school size. The district has partnered with them for a long time.

Board discussion followed. Trustee Anderson asked about MTSBA membership. It will be on the May board agenda.

A motion to approve MQEC Membership for FY 2022 was made by Trustee Kreiman, seconded by Trustee Anderson, and approved with affirmative votes from Trustees Parish, Anderson, Kreiman and Martinz. Trustee Sandry opposed.

- D. Superintendent Evaluation

Board Chair Sandry found Mr. Jensen’s right of privacy clearly exceeds the public’s right to know in accordance with Section 2-3-203, MCA.

Closed Session began at: 5:31

Closed Session ended at: 7:00

Trustee Relyea arrived during the closed session.

- E. Superintendent Contract

A motion to approve a 3 year Superintendent Contract, keeping the salaries for 2021-22 and 2022-23 as they are in the current contract, with the 2023-24 salary to be negotiated and if negotiations fail, the 2023-24 salary will be the same as 2022-23 salary, was made by Trustee Parish, seconded by Trustee Kreiman, and approved by unanimous vote of the elementary and high school trustees.

**FUTURE MEETING SCHEULE**

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

- o Wednesday, May 12, 2021
- o Wednesday, June 23, 2021

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

Adjourned: 7:08 pm

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District Clerk

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Chairperson