

**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 Vice Chairperson Anderson on April 25, 2022, at 12:00 pm in the elementary conference room.

Trustees in attendance: Anderson, Woods, Martinz (via phone), Sandry (via phone) and Kreiman (via phone)

Trustees absent: Elwell & Parish

Also in attendance were Superintendent Tom Stack, Business Manager Lacey Porrovecchio, Principals Charlie Appleby and Brenda Clarke and members of the community .

Pledge of Allegiance

There were no comments on non-agenda items.

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Trustee Woods, seconded by Trustee Sandry, 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 Sandry, and approved by unanimous vote of the elementary and high school trustees.

- 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. Cady McClurg, Paraprofessional
  2. Certified Personnel Recommended for Consideration
    - a. Brandon Piazzola, K-12 Physical Education/Health
    - b. Bailey Butler, 5-12 Art

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

- A. Board Policy 3100, Students, Second Reading – Superintendent Stack asked trustees to approve the policy regarding students under the age of 5.

A motion to approve Board Policy 3100, Students was made by Trustee Sandry, seconded by Trustee Kreiman. The motion passed with affirmative votes from Trustees Sandry, Anderson and Kreiman. Trustee Woods opposed the motion.

- B. Elementary Math Curriculum Purchase – Trustee Woods recapped the Curriculum Committee meeting. He said it was well attended and Mrs. Clarke explained how the curriculum will benefit students and staff. He researched the curriculum and supports the purchase. Trustee Kreiman also supports the curriculum. She thanked Mrs. Clarke and the staff members who attended the meeting and took questions from the committee and community.

A motion to approve the Elementary Math Curriculum Purchase was made by Trustee Sandry, seconded by Trustee Woods.

Dennis Nelson referenced Board Policy 2120 and said the Superintendent has authority to recommend curriculum.

Mr. Stack told Dennis he supports the recommendation. He explained the process involved in selecting a new curriculum.

Suzanne Childers asked how staff members were chosen to research and select the curriculum. She commended the group.

Mr. Stack and Mrs. Clarke said they choose staff from each grade level.

Dennis Nelson said Trustee Kreiman implied a need to rush a decision on the curriculum purchase due to supply chain issues. He contacted The Math Center and was told they could fulfill an order in 7 to 10 days. He said it would make him feel better if there was truth to comments made. He said he has been researching math and ELA scores. Math scores dropped nationwide. He asked what has caused the drop and if a new curriculum would fix it.

Mrs. Clarke said curriculum and professional development are tools for staff to use. One curriculum is not the end all be all.

Suzanne Childers told Dennis Nelson she has been coming to meetings for a few years and attended the Boardmanship Academy. She felt contention from the public at the Curriculum Committee meeting and asked him what is driving it.

Dennis Nelson said he has been attending meetings since October and was out of state before that. He is concerned there is little discussion at board meetings and has been doing research.

Trustee Anderson told Dennis Nelson the agenda documents are sent out the week before the board meeting. Trustees are obligated to read through the documents and when they have questions, they ask. He explained how the consent agenda works.

The motion passed with unanimous votes of the elementary trustees present.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Transportation Route 21a – Mr. Stack asked trustees to approve the change to the routes to accommodate an individual elementary student. Once approved, it goes to the county. The district will be reimbursed for the route.

A motion to approve Transportation Route 21a was made by Trustee Sandry, seconded by Trustee Woods, and approved with unanimous votes of the elementary trustees present.

#### **FUTURE MEETING SCHEDULE**

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

- o Wednesday, May 11, 2022
- o Wednesday, May 25, 2022 Board Workshop
- o Wednesday, June 8, 2022
- o Wednesday, June 29, 2022
- o Wednesday, July 13, 2022
- o Wednesday, August 17, 2022

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

Adjourned: 12:17 pm

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District Clerk

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Vice Chairperson