BOARD MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING

April 12, 2022

The meeting of the Board of Trustees of Fort Benton High School and Elementary School Districts was called to order April 12, 2022 at 7:02 p.m. in the Board Room, by Joellyn Clark, Chairperson.

Members present: Joellyn Clark, Mandy Wright, Brent Hanford, Tyler Starman, Brant Hasbrouck, and Adam Olson. A quorum was present.

Also present: Jory Thompson, Superintendent; Cali O’Hara, Business Manager/Clerk; Nathan Dunham, Activities Director; Paul Benhart, Transportation Supervisor; Bethany DeBorde- Reporter for River Press; Emily Wicks.

Joellyn Clark opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Joellyn Clark asked for public comment. There was no public comment.

Joellyn Clark, Board Chairman- No report

It was moved by Brent Hanford, and seconded by Brant Hasbrouck, to approve the minutes of the March 8, 2022 regular meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

It was moved by Brent Hanford, and seconded by Tyler Starman, to approve payment of warrants. The motion passed unanimously.

Payroll: 95647-95729

Claims: 60488-60565

Jory Thompson, Elementary Report- Jory reported on behalf of Roxie. They have been busy with parent teacher conferences, there was a good turnout. There have been more new students, so they are working to support them. There will be some upcoming training for the teachers. Working hard to make plans for next year. See attached report

Jory Thompson, Maintenance- Jory reported on behalf of Russ. Still working out the approval with OPI for the kitchen project. Started spring clean-up and looking forward to Longhorn Day. See attached report.

Nathan Dunham, Athletic Director– Reported that FFA completed state competition. Elementary basketball wrapped up their first complete season in 3 years. Middle School wrestling had a very successful season. Spring sports have officially begun. 2/3 of high school students are participating in spring sports. District music festival was last week, the kids played well receiving a superior rating. Golf will have meets in Fort Benton on April 25th and 29th.

ROLL CALL

PLEDGE

PUBLIC COMMENT

BOARD CHAIR

MINUTES

WARRANTS

ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL REPORT

MAINTENANCE REPORT

ATHLETIC DIRECTORS REPORT

It was moved by Tyler Starman, and seconded by Mandy Wright, to approve Damon Gilbreth and Cassady Guinnane as Middle School track coaches. Motion passed unanimously.

It was moved by Mandy Wright, and seconded by Tyler Starman, to approve Liz Lippert as Middle School track volunteer. Motion passed unanimously.

It was moved by Brant Hasbrouck, and seconded by Brent Hanford, to approve Monte Giese as High School Football coach. Motion passed unanimously.

Cali O’Hara, Business Manager – Reported that the general fund budget for the current school year is sitting about the same level as last year. The school election is May 3rd, there are 3 candidates running for 2 open positions. Joellyn Clark, Brent Hanford and Kyla Wright. Ballots will be mailed on April 13th.

Jory Thompson, HS/MS report – Reported the Longhorns in Theater final showing is tonight. The kids have done an excellent job with the play and a big thank you to Amy Hanson for all her work on the production. ACT testing was completed today. Another thank you to Dawn Dunham for her help with all the ski trips this year, it was great to give the kids that opportunity. Lots of other activities going on this time of year. Working on interviews to fill open teaching positions. There have been some excellent candidates. See attached report

It was moved by Mandy Wright, and seconded by Adam Olson, to approve membership to the Golden Triangle Co-op for the school year 22-23. Motion passed unanimously.

It was moved by Mandy Wright, and seconded by Angel Johnson, to approve contract renewals for the Non- tenured High School teachers; Colby Cline, Rheanna Fultz, Amy Gessaman, Damon Gilbreth, Andrew Kilpatrick, Krystal Kottoff, Tanara Martin, Connor McKillop, Robert Truax. Motion passed unanimously.

It was moved by Mandy Wright, and seconded by Brant Hasbrouck, to approve contract renewals for the tenured High School teachers; Nathan Dunham, Marta Ferguson, Cassady Guinnane, Megan Lords, Carley Vielleux, Miranda Woodhouse. Motion passed unanimously.

It was moved by Brent Hanford, and seconded by Mandy Wright, to approve contract renewals for the Non -tenured Elementary School teachers; Justin Cartwright, Colby Cline, Mindy Evans, Rheanna Fultz, Amy Gessaman, Damon Gilbreth, Andrew Kilpatrick, Krystal Kottoff, Mylo Lane, Katie Likens, Tanara Martin, Connor McKillop, Tabitha Ringler, Marjorie Schuler. Motion passed unanimously.

It was moved by Mandy Wright, and seconded by Adam Olson, to approve contract renewals for the tenured Elementary School teachers:

Anna Arganbright, Molly Bailey, Jamie Ball, Tracy DeBruycker, Peggy

MIDDLE SCHOOL TRACK COACHES

MIDDLE SCHOOL TRACK VOLUNTEER

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

CLERKS REPORT

7-12 PRINCIPAL REPORT

GOLDEN TRIANGLE CO-OP

HIGH SCHOOL TEACHER CONTRACT RENEWAL-NON TENURED

HIGH SCHOOL TEACHER CONTRACT RENEWAL- TENURED

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TEACHER CONTRACT RENEWAL NON-TENURED

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TEACHER CONTRACT

RENEWAL TENURED

Gannon, Cassady Guinnane, Jessica Hanford, Megan Lords, Mandy Rominger, Carley Vielleux. Motion passed unanimously. Brent Hanford abstained

Committee Reports –

Personnel Committee- Mandy Wright reported that they have settled with the teacher’s negotiation for a 6% increase for 2022-23 and 3% increase for 2023-24, with $30 additional for insurance. As well as correcting language in the CBA.

It was moved by Angel Johnson and seconded by Adam Olson, to approve the teacher negotiation of 6% increase for 2022-23 and 3% increase for 2023-24, with $30 additional for insurance. Motion passed unanimously. Brent Hanford abstained.

It was moved by Mandy Wright, and seconded by Joellyn Clark, to hire Beth Jones as part time Pre-K teacher. Motion passed unanimously.

It was moved by Mandy Wright and seconded by Brent Hanford, to hire Deanna Farwick as 1st grade teacher. Motion passed unanimously.

Future agenda items- Extra-Curricular meeting April 21st at 7:00pm. Policy meeting May 5th at 6:00pm. Obsolete property.

It was moved by Brent Hanford, and seconded by Tyler Starman, to adjourn the meeting at 8:26 p.m.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

TEACHER NEGOTIATIONS

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ADJOURN

ATTEST