BOARD MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING

May 11, 2021

The meeting of the Board of Trustees of Fort Benton High School and Elementary School Districts was called to order May 11, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Library, by Joellyn Clark, Chairperson.

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

Also present: Jory Thompson, Superintendent; Roxanne Benjamin, Elementary Principal; Cali O’Hara, Business Manager/Clerk; Russ Axtman, Maintenance Supervisor; Nathan Dunham, Activities Director; Brian Miller, 7 - 12 Principal; Jamie Ball, Connor McKillop, Jason Byle, Christy Byle, Kelly Rominger, Kit Miller, Kyla Wright, Sheena Olson, Josie Miller, Jennifer Blansett, James & Brooke Carlson, Cloe Kalanick, Colby Cline, Dane Byle, Marlo Williams and Conlee Andreasen, reporter for the River Press

Joellyn Clark opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Joellyn Clark asked for public comment. Christie Byle, Brooke Carlson, Marlo Williams and Kelly Rominger all spoke about the resignation of Mr. Miller.

Joellyn Clark, Board Chairman- No report.

Mandy Wright District #1 was sworn in as Trustee by Cali O’Hara, Clerk of District #1. Cali O’Hara was sworn in as Clerk by Joellyn Clark, Board Chairman.

It was moved by Dean Schuler, and seconded by Brant Hasbrouck, to approve the minutes of the April 13, 2021 regular meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Payroll: 94796-94856

Claims: 59754-59816

It was moved by Angel Johnson, and seconded by Mandy Wright to nominate Joellyn Clark for Board Chairman. There were no other nominations. The motion passed unanimously.

ROLL CALL

PLEDGE

PUBLIC COMMENT

BOARD CHAIR

SWEARING IN OF NEW BOARD MEMBER AND CLERK.

MINUTES

WARRANTS

CLARK VOTED AS BOARD CHAIR

It was moved by Angel Johnson, and seconded by Joellyn Clark to nominate Dean Schuler as Board Vice- Chair. There were no other nominations. The motion passed unanimously.

It was moved by Dean Schuler, and seconded by Brant Hasbrouck, to nominate Cali O’Hara as Board Clerk. There were no other nominations. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee assignments will remain the same as last year. If anyone would like to change assignments, please let Joellyn know.

Nathan Dunham, Athletic Director – Reported THAT DISTRICT TRACK WILL TAKE PLACE TOMORROW May 12th in Havre. Tennis will be competing in Great Falls this week, Golf will be in Bozeman competing. FFA was in Kalispell for the welding certification test, we had one student pass, Wyatt Burney is now a certified welder.

It was moved by Brent Hanford, and seconded by Adam Olson, to renew membership in the Montana High School Association for the 2021-2022 school year. The motion passed unanimously.

It was moved by Dean Schuler and seconded by Brant Hasbrouck to continue the wrestling co-op with Big Sandy for 3 more years. The motion passed unanimously.

It was moved by Dean Schuler, and seconded by Brant Hasbrouck, to hire Tucker Taylor as Head Wrestling Coach. The motion passed unanimously.

It was moved by Adam Olson, and seconded by Brant Hasbrouck, to hire Jory Thompson, head football coach, Connor Mckillop, assistant football coach, and Skip Ross, assistant football coach. The motion passed unanimously.

It was moved by Tyler Starman, and seconded by Brant Hasbrouck, to approve Brent Hanford and Adam Olson as football volunteer coaches. The motion passed unanimously. Brent Hanford and Adam Olson abstained.

It was moved by Tyler Starman, and seconded by Brant Hasbrouck, to hire Shana Diekhans Head Volleyball Coach. The motion passed unanimously

Russ Axtman, Maintenance Supervisor- Reported that the elementary boiler project is now 100% complete. There had been some small glitches with the computer component but they have that all working well now. It was a great accomplishment to have this completed and thank you to the community for their support. They are working on a list for summer projects and small general maintenance projects. A big thank you to Larry and Travis for all the cleaning at both schools. There will be a benefit for Larry for medical expenses at the pop’s concert. Have reached out for some bids on updates for the kitchen with COVID funds. Have also gotten some bids for upgrading some flooring in the elementary. Will have an energy audit on lighting in June.

SCHULER VOTED AS VICE-CHAIR

O’HARA VOTED AS CLERK

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

ATHLETIC DIRECTORS REPORT

MHSA RENEWED FOR 2021-2022

WRESTLING CO-OP

HIRES:

HEAD WRESTLING COACH

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL COACHES

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL VOLUNTEERS

HEAD VOLLEYBALL COACH

MAINTENANCE REPORT

Roxie Benjamin, Elementary Principal- Reported that they are completing testing for SBAC and Dibels. She has been spending some time observing in classrooms and is excited about what she has been seeing. Pre-school screening was - great thank you to Anna Arganbright and Margie Schuler for all their help. There will be 2 sections of PK next year. Ag day and spring field trips are under way. 5th grade were the winners of the dodge ball game. Thank you to subs who helped proctor the SBAC tests. And a big thank you to Jolene for all that she does with scheduling for next year. See attached report.

Brian Miller, 7-12 Principal- Wanted to thank Mrs. Sykes for filing in for Mrs. Ringler during her maternity leave. She did a great job, and it was greatly appreciated. Thank you to Miss Ferguson for all that she does, she has done a great job with the middle school students this year. They had some hard decisions this year with the Longhorn award recipients. The senior trip was a great success; the students behaved themselves and represented Fort Benton schools in a great way. Thank you to the community and staff, he has truly enjoyed his time here.

Cali O’Hara, Business Manager/Clerk- Reported that budgets are on track with where they were last year. Thank you to everyone for being fiscally responsible to manage through the pandemic. The switch to Kerry Arganbright for our health insurance agent has been a positive change. She came and spoke to our staff so that they are aware of how their health insurance can best benefit them.

It was moved by Adam Olson and seconded by Brent Hanford, to allow the business manager to process claims through June. The motion passed unanimously.

It was moved by Brent Hanford and seconded by Mandy Wright to rehire all Elementary school classified staff. The motion passed unanimously.

Bailey Bahnmiller Jolene Danbrook Travis Donner

Mindy Evans Karina Labuschagne JoAnna Smith

Mark Smith Sarah Smith Esme Teeters

Angela Thomas Lori Ullery Fusae Vaughn

It was moved by Mandy Wright and seconded by Brent Hanford, to rehire the following High School classified staff. The motion passed unanimously.

Roxie Allen Harry Buckingham Christine Byle

Michelle Erickson Amy Hanson Larry McGarvey

Vickie O’Hara Patrice MacDonald Tabitha Roth

Wes Skerritt Connie Walker

It was moved by Adam Olson and seconded by Tyler Starman to rehire Brian Wood as Transportation Supervisor. The motion passed unanimously.

ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL REPORT

7-12 PRINCIPAL REPORT

CLERKS REPORT

PERMISSION TO PROCESS CLAIMS

2021-2022 ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CLASSIFIED STAFF HIRED

2021-2022 HIGH SCHOOL CLASSIFIED STAFF HIRED

BUS MAINTENANCE HIRED

It was moved by Tyler Starman and seconded by Brant Hasbrouck, to

rehire Russ Axtman as Maintenance Supervisor. The motion passed unanimously.

Jory Thompson, Superintendent – Reported that we are working to secure

ESSR II funds, and to see about using the funds to make improvements to our ventilation in the kitchen while also creating a space that our cooks can work in a safe environment. Thanks again to Russ for all his work on the boiler project. CCJS annual meeting will be in June, all staff will be rehired. Thank you to Joellyn for the elementary class pictures, they turned out great. Thank you to Brian and Kelly for the scholarship award assembly. Also, thank you to all who made the senior trip a success.

Personnel Committee will meet May 17th at 7:00 pm

Transportation will meet May 17th at 7:30 am

Resignations of Micah Barton, Lynn Cook, Dawn Dunham, Marissa Gannon, Peggy Gannon, Jocilyn Smith, Brian Wood, Brian Miller

It was moved by Mandy Wright, and seconded by Brent Hanford, to hire Jace Thompson, Maci Molinario, Cassie Nack, Hayden Axtman for summer help. The motion passed unanimously. Angel Johnson abstained.

It was moved by Mandy Wright and seconded by Brent Hanford, to hire Nicole Winkler and Lindsey Langer as elementary paraprofessionals. The motion passed unanimously.

It was moved by Mandy Wright and seconded by Tyler Starman to hire Angela Thomas as head cook, Kistia Gole and Nalin Dana as assistance cooks. The motion passed unanimously.

It was moved by Dean Schuler, and seconded by Brent Hanford, to adjourn the meeting at 8:31 p.m.

BOARD CHAIRPERSON\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

CLERK\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

HEAD MAINTENANCE HIRED

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

RESIGNATIONS

HIRE SUMMER HELP

HIRE ELEMENTARY PARA PROFESSIONALS

HIRE COOKS

ADJOURN

ATTEST