

BOARD MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
June 11, 2024

Joellyn Clark, Chairperson, called the meeting of the Board of Trustees of Fort Benton High School and Elementary School Districts to order June 11, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Board Room.

Members present: Joellyn Clark, Will Scott, Kyla Wright, Darin Arganbright, Jenni Starman, Kayle Axtman, Dusty Schuler, and Brant Hasbrouck. A quorum was present.

ROLL CALL

Also present: Cali O'Hara, Business Manager/Clerk; Russ Axtman, Maintenance Supervisor; Bethany DeBorde, reporter for the River Press; Jamie Ball, Athletic Director.

Joellyn Clark opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

PLEDGE

It was moved by Kayle Axtman, seconded by Jenni Starman, to approve the minutes of the May 14, 2024 regular meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

MINUTES

It was moved by Dusty Schuler and seconded by Kyla Wright, to approve payment of warrants. The motion passed unanimously.

WARRANTS

Payroll: 97470-97572

Claims: 62286-62366

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Joellyn Clark, Board Chairman- Asked the board if they would like to postpone the board meeting until July 16th, all were in agreement. July board meeting will be July 16th at 7:00p.m. Joellyn let the board know that they should have all received an email from Roxie Benjamin with her report as she was unable to attend the meeting tonight. Joellyn read from Roxie's email. See attached.

BOARD CHAIR REPORT

Jamie Ball, Athletic Director – Reported that Casha Corder was the Girls Class C State Golf Champion, with the team placing 2nd. Tennis took 3 girls to state 1 doubles team and 1 singles. All the tennis girls competed well and will be back next year. Track had several state placers: Brock Grossman 400m- 2nd place, Boys 4x100- 6th place, Ally Jacques 100m- 3rd, Girls 4x100- 3rd, Sarah Clark Javelin- 3rd, Angie Reiner High Jump- 6th, Girls placed 8th overall. Open gyms are M-Th with coaches, as well as a weight room supervisor. The class C caucus was last week and they discussed moving state wrestling 1 week later, as well as state golf to move 1 week later. Working on creating an emergency action plan for MHSA.

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

Finishing orders for next year. We are still looking for middle school volleyball coaches, cheer coach and fall host if anyone is interested.

It was moved by Kayle Axtman, and seconded by Will Scott, to hire Erich Wellman as **Volunteer** Football coach. The motion passed unanimously.

FOOTBALL VOLUNTEER
COACH

It was moved by Brant Hasbrouck and seconded by Jenni Starman to hire Colby Cline as head Wrestling coach, Aaron Jones and Riley DeBruckyer assistant coaches. The motion passed unanimously.

WRESTLING COACHES

It was moved by Kayle Axtman and seconded by Kyla Wright to hire Kevin Shaw as head Track coach, Jamie Ball and Connor McKillop as assistant coaches. The motion passed unanimously.

TRACK COACHES

It was moved by Jenni Starman and seconded by Kayle Axtman to hire Miranda Woodhouse as head Tennis coach, and Emily Engen as assistant coach. The motion passed unanimously.

TENNIS COACHES

It was moved by Brant Hasbrouck and seconded by Will Scott to hire Dave Rominger as head Golf coach, Justin Cartwright as assistant coach. The motion passed unanimously.

GOLF COACHES

It was moved by Will Scott and seconded by Darin Arganbright to hire Brooke Johnson as FFA Advisor . The motion passed unanimously.

FFA ADVISOR

It was moved by Kayle Axtman and seconded by Jenni Starman to hire Brady Farwick as Robotics Coach. The motion passed unanimously.

ROBOTICS COACH

It was moved by Kayle Axtman and seconded by Joellyn Clark to hire Mandy Wright and Jenna Botts as Middle School Robotics Coaches. The motion passed unanimously.

MIDDLE SCHOOL
ROBOTICS COACHES

It was moved by Kayle Axtman and seconded by Will Scott to hire Miranda Woodhouse as head coach, Emily Engen as assistant Middle School Tennis Coaches. The motion passed unanimously.

MIDDLE SCHOOL TENNIS
COACHES

It was moved by Brant Hasbrouck and seconded by Kyla Wright to hire Colter Ball as Summer Weight Room Supervisor. The motion passed unanimously.

SUMMER WEIGHT ROOM
SUPERVISIOR

Russ Axtman, Maintenance – Would like to thank Larry, Brooke and Corey for all their hard work. At the elementary we are going to move some classrooms around. The plan is to move all the classrooms that are currently on the second floor to the main floor. Summer work is underway and continuing. There have been a few items added to the list but they are slowly working on having everything completed. The Military had a camp up at the airport, they had utilized our locker rooms last week. Looking at building improvements, we are going to need to look at the plumbing the locker rooms sooner than expected. There was a leak last week; thank you to Jamie for helping get that taken care of. Would like to thank the

MAINTENANCE

business office Connie and Roxie for all their hard work during the summer. It is a lot of work for them to get the school year wrapped up and it is appreciated all that they do for the school.

Cali O'Hara, Business Manager/Clerk – Reported that they are just about done with the bills for this fiscal year and should end the year with just enough funds to finish out the year. With any luck there will be enough remaining funds to complete the teacher supply orders.

BUSINESS MANAGER

It was moved by Kayle Axtman and seconded by Darin Arganbright, to approve the purchase of technology equipment with ESSERIII funds. The motion passed unanimously.

ESSER III FUNDS

It was moved by Will Scott and seconded by Brant Hasbrouck, to void year old warrants. The motion passed unanimously.

VOID YEAR OLD
WARRENTS

It was moved by Kyla Wright and seconded by Kayle Axtman, to void year old FBAS warrants. The motion passed unanimously.

VOID YEAR OLD FBAS
WARRENTS

It was moved by Kayle Axtman and seconded by Jenni Starman, to accept the bid from Brant Hasbrouck on the impact wrench. The motion passed unanimously. Brant Hasbrouck abstained.

OBSOLETE PROPERTY
BID

It was moved by Kayle Axtman and seconded by Brant Hasbrouck, to approve individual transportation contracts for 2024-2025 school year. The motion passed unanimously.

INDIVIDUAL
TRANSPORATION
CONTRACTS

It was moved by Brant Hasbrouck and seconded by Will Scott to allow the business manager to transfer up to \$50k to the multi district account. The motion passed unanimously.

MULTI DISTRICT
TRANSFER

Committees –

Transportation Committee Report

COMMITTEES
TRANSPORTATION

Darin Arganbright – Reported that they met with Paul and there was a lot of discussion on how to retain and attract bus drivers. They felt that we should increase pay to be competitive with the other school districts around us.

It was moved by Brant Hasbrouck and seconded by Kyla Wright to increase the activity driver pay to \$18.50/hour. As well as add Longevity pay of \$0.25/hr after 5 years of services with an additional \$0.25/hr after 10 years of service with the district, this is retroactive. There will be a bonus for newly employed drivers, this is for drivers that have never worked as a bus driver for the school district. The bonus will be \$3,500 for CDL trained drivers - the first \$1750.00 being obtained after completing 80 hours of driving the 2nd half \$1750.00 will be received after completing 380 hours of driving. For non CDL trained drivers a bonus of \$1500 – first \$750 being obtained after completing 80 hours of driving the 2nd half \$750 will be received after completing 380 hours of driving. The motion passed unanimously.

ACTIVITY DRIVE PAY

Policy Committee-

The first reading of the new weight room policy.

It was moved by Will Scott and seconded by Jenni Starman to approve the second reading of the following policies: Policy 1400, Policy 1420, Policy 1511, Policy 1610, Policy 2151F, Policy 2320, Policy 3141 with a deadline for applying as August 15th, Policy 3305, Policy 3310P, Policy 3410, Policy 3410F, Policy 3413F2, Policy 3431, Policy 3600F1, 3600F2, 3600P, Policy 5121, Policy 5223, Policy 5330, Policy 7320, Policy 8110, Policy 8125, Policy 8210 with Micro Purchase Threshold of \$10,000.

The motion passed unanimously

COMMITTEES
POLICY READINGS

It was moved by Kayle Axtman and seconded by Jenni Starman to approve the MS/HS Student Handbook, Coaches Handbook, Parent (Transportation) Handbook, Extra-Curricular Transportation Handbook, and Bus Driver Handbook. The motion passed unanimously

HANDBOOKS

Personnel-

It was moved by Kayle Axtman and seconded by Jenni Starman to hire Jamie Ball as Athletic Director. The motion passed unanimously.

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

It was moved by Will Scott and seconded by Kyla Wright to hire Jeffery Kloetzer PE teacher. The motion passed unanimously.

PE TEACHER

It was moved by Kayle Axtman and seconded by Will Scott to hire Elizabeth Southard, Mylo Lane and Jenna Botts as summer school teachers. The motion passed unanimously. Kyla Wright abstained.

SUMMER SCHOOL
TEACHERS

Future Agenda Items-

- 2nd Reading of handbooks and weight room policy
- Buildings and grounds committee meeting June 25th @ 3:30 p.m.
- Early Literacy approval
- Transportation contracts for activity drivers
- Building Reserve Levy Vote

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

It was moved by Darin Arganbright, and seconded by Will Scott, to adjourn the meeting at 9:14 p.m.

ADJOURN

BOARD CHAIRPERSON_____

ATTEST

CLERK_____