

REGULAR MEETING

October 14, 2019

6:00 PM

The regular meeting of the Baker School Board was called to order by Chairperson Gye Varner at 6pm in the Boardroom of Baker High School. Trustees Johnna Koenig, Mike Gunderson, Quentin Burdick and Klint Flint were in attendance. Also present were Superintendent Aaron Skogen, Principals Bo Lingle and David Breitbart, Vice-Principal Jacob Gion, District Clerk Jennifer Mettler, Technology Director Scott Anderson, and Head Custodian Mardi Brown. Guests were Darby Waldbillig, Jill Shelhamer, Jenny Dukart, Jay Shumaker and Deb Ranum.

Consent Items:

The bills, investment report, activity account report, journal adjustments, and minutes were reviewed by the trustees; claim checks 55655 to 55745 were reviewed and approved. There being no objections, Chairperson Varner approves the consent items as presented.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Deb Ranum addresses the board if a decision was made in relation to last month's inquiry of the bus stop for the Huft Family on the north bus route. Johnna Koenig stated at last meeting they will take it into consideration and address the stop when routes are approved in May as in the last few meetings at the beginning of school additional/new stops have been denied by the board until routes are approved in the Spring. Ms. Ranum stated the Commissioners would be willing to carve out a new stop on the route if it was guaranteed to be used by Spartan Bus Lines. Ms. Ranum asked if the bus route will be discussed at the next meeting and Mr. Skogen stated he will discuss with Chairperson Varner and let her and the family know if it will be addressed at the next month's meeting.

EDUCATION REPORT

Mr. Jay Shumaker presented this month's Education Report on the math curriculum for grades 7-12.

ACTION ITEMS

NATIONAL CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE – BP7336

Mrs. Jill Shelhamer and Mrs. Jenny Dukart present to the board their request to attend a national conference in Las Vegas, NV in July 2020.

Quentin Burdick moved to approve Mrs. Shelhamer and Mrs. Dukart's request to attend the National Conference in Las Vegas, ND pursuant to BP7336. Johnna Koenig seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

CLASSIFIED POSITION – PART-TIME CUSTODIAN

Mr. Skogen presents to the board the request to hire an additional custodian on a part-time basis, which will in-turn help Mrs. Brown to free her time up to focus on district-wide maintenance.

Johnna Koenig moved to create a new part-time custodian position to be set at 28 hours per week. Klint Flint seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

CLASSIFIED HIRES

a. FULL-TIME CUSTODIAN

Applicants were interviewed for custodial positions by Mr. Skogen, Mrs. Brown, Mr. Varner and Mrs. Koenig and with a full-time and part time custodial positions open, it is recommended to hire both applicants for the 2019-20 school year. Leida Swarts will fulfill the full-time position at Longfellow and Jamie Holliday will fulfill the part-time position.

Johnna Koenig moved to offer a contract to Leida Swarts for the position of full-time custodian at Longfellow School, pending a successful background check and pre-employment physical. Klint Flint seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

b. PART-TIME CUSTODIAN

Johnna Koenig moved to offer a contract to Jamie Holliday for the position of part-time custodian, pending a successful background check and pre-employment physical. Klint Flint seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

INDIVIDUAL TRANSPORTATION CONTRACT

Mrs. Mettler presents to the board another individual transportation contract for Tina Crawford; they are more than 3 miles from the nearest bus stop.

Quentin Burdick move to approve the Individual Transportation Contract as presented for the 2019-20 school year. Mike Gunderson seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

STUDENT ATTENDANCE AGREEMENTS

Mrs. Mettler presents to the board student attendance agreements from Plevna and Wibaux Schools for the 2019-20 school year.

Mike Gunderson moved Baker Public School District #12 approve the 2019-20 attendance agreements for the following students to attend Plevna Public School: Braxton MacKay, Sierra Wiedmer, Dominic Coulter, Jaelyn Hines, Hunter Hines, Jaxson Hines, Zachariah Hines, Wyatt Wyrick, and Isabelle Cuppy. The following student from Baker District wish to attend Wibaux District: Jakora Jackson. Quentin Burdick seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS:

1. COMPLEX – Darby Waldbillig

Usage continues to be steady and working on a lifeguard staff plan to keep on file as reference. Starting to plan some winter challenge to run alongside membership specials and bottle filling station is in and positive feedback from everyone on the installation.

2. MAINTENANCE – Mardi Brown

The Mckinstry Project is starting to wind down and bottle filling stations in the District are getting installed.

3. TECHNOLOGY – Scott Anderson

Finishing up a binder of obsolete tech equipment to be sold and the binder will be left in the office for public to look at and purchase the equipment; as done in the summer board meeting, a reasonable price will be set for each device; advertisement will posted online and in the paper to offer for public sale. November technology meeting they will be discussing interactive TV boards and also Bluetooth ceiling speakers for classrooms.

4. PRINCIPALS

a. ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL, BO LINGLE

Oct. 23rd was Child Find for ages 3-5 to screen for speech, learning disabilities and hearing. This year conducted it at the Lincoln school and it worked out really well and will hopefully continue it at the school. Last week of the month will be Red Ribbon Week, Parent-Teacher Conferences and Positive Choices assembly on October 30th. Police department will be doing their annual Halloween Safety assemblies on October 31st.

b. HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL, DAVID BREITBACH

Positive Choices assembly will be October 30th from 2-3pm in the high school gymnasium and Parent-Teacher Conferences will be October 29th from 2:30-7pm.

c. VICE PRINCIPAL, JACOB GION

Reported on end of the season activities.

5. SUPERINTENDENT, AARON SKOGEN

Fall count was 457 grades K-12; Stategic Planning with MTSBA will start to schedule soon, haven't heard back from Debra Silk just yet but will keep the board informed of the schedule. Intent to Retire letter has been turned in by Carol Hadley; remember, those letters must be turned in by Nov. 1st. Brosz Engineering, on behalf of the City of Baker, has sent a letter to the District in regards to the water drainage issue by the football field. It is requested the District assist in paying for the drainage drain in the amount of \$315,000; our insurance company was contacted and they do not feel it would be a covered claim, therefore, more information is needed so will keep the board informed going forward.

Next scheduled board meeting is November 11, 2019 at 6 pm.

Ms. Ranum asked if the board would ask Mr. Geving why the bus is not using the stop that was originally made for the Huft Stop; Mr. Varner stated he will visit with Mr. Geving.

There being no other business, meeting adjourned at 7:05 pm.

Clerk

Chairman