

Swan River School District #4
1205 Swan Hwy
Bigfork, MT 59911

May 9, 2018

The Swan River School Board of Trustees met in regular session on Tuesday, May 9, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. in the sixth-grade room to consider business to come before the board. Dan Elwell, Board Chairman presided over the entire meeting.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Brooke Johnston, Luke Adamson, and Cynthia Norred

Trustees: MEMBERS ABSENT: Nels Hammack

ALSO PRESENT:

Principal Marc Bunker, District Clerk Dee Johnson, Heather Smith, Eve Darling, Brandy Vickrey and Annabelle Yates

CALL TO ORDER:

Meeting called to order at 5:30 p.m.

APPROVE AGENDA AND MINUTES

Motion to approve agenda for May 9, 2018 and Minutes from April 10, 2018 and April 30, 2018

Motion: Brooke Johnston

Second: Luke Adamson

Passed unanimously

Correspondence: None

Public Participation: Heather Smith stated how she really appreciates the school and they moved over from a different school and are really impressed.

PTO Report: Appreciation lunch went well and PTO is now working on the book fair

Teacher organization: None

Committee Report: None

ACTION ITEMS:

A: Flathead Special Education Cooperative Pre-School agreement

This agreement is for Pre-school students who are identified with special needs and reside in our district. We are obligated to accommodate them. This agreement will allow those students to attend pre-school at the Evergreen Special Education Co-op. There is no upfront fees, only cost if we have students enrolled in the program

Motion to approve the agreement

Motion: Dan Elwell

Seconded: Brooke Johnston

Passed unanimously

B: Flathead Special Education Cooperative interlocal agreement for students with severe communications disorders

This is an agreement With Special Ed co-op to service students who have communications disorders that reside in our district. There is also no upfront cost for this program

Motion to approve interlocal agreement

Motion: Brooke Johnston

Seconded: Cynthia Norred

Passes unanimously

C: Principal's recommendation for renewal/non-renewal of staff. Mr. Bunker submitted his list for renewal/nonrenewal of staff, all but 1 position will be renewed and Mr. Bunker has discussed this with the person. (list attached)

Motion to approve Principal Bunkers renewal/nonrenewal

Motion: Brooke Johnston

Second: Luke Adamson

Passed unanimously

D: Hire one on one Para for special education for the 2018-2019 school year.

Mr. Bunker recommends Annabelle Yates for the one on one para aide. After receiving 5 applications, it was decided to interview 2 candidates.

Annabelle has experience with the student and is very dedicated to our school

Motion to hire Annabelle Yates for the 2018-2019 school year.

Motion: Cynthia Norred

Second: Luke Adamson

Passed unanimously

E: Form committee on standard school days, weeks, years

Mr. Bunker would like to take a fresh look at standard days, weeks, years of Swan River School. A survey to the parents/staff has gone home for review and feedback on a 4-day school week.

On the survey about 4-day school week, Mr. Bunker feels this is a big decision, and should not be rushed. Mr. Bunker recommends that we form a committee and research other schools experiences and get more feedback from community. Those on the committee should be open minded. Heather Smith stated her interest to be part of this committee. The goal is to have some sort of decision in January to give plenty of time to inform parents/community of possible changes. Dan had the idea of some sort of contest for a survey for every parent, staff, community to receive more input.

Motion to approve Marcs recommendation to form a committee with Marc as Chair and Luke and Dan also on the committee

Motion: Brooke Johnston

Second: Luke Adamson

Passed unanimously

F: School calendar

Calendar committee met and came up with a calendar. There is one extra day that we need to delete as it needs to be 175 days. Most of the feedback was in favor of either December 20, or June 6 to be off. The Board discussed and decided to Change the start day to Sept 5th instead of Sept 4th.

Motion to approve calendar with the first day of School being Sept 5, 2018

Motion: Brooke Johnston

Second: Cynthia Norred

Passed unanimously

G: Review/revise policy #3141 state accreditation limits. There is a State limit of number of pupils in a classroom and a school chosen policy of 80% of the limit in place.

Once the 80% of classroom sizes are met, according to policy we are not to accept any more out of district students. Marc is comfortable increasing this percentage to 90% and giving the Principal and the board the authority to add students on a case by case basis

Motion to change school accreditation limit to 90% with any exceptions being reviewed and approved by the Principal and Board

Motion: Dan Elwell

Second: Brooke Johnston

Passed unanimously

H: Organization of the board

The board welcomes Luke Adamson and Nels Hammack for a 3-year term. Both have been sworn in by Jack Eggenberger, Flathead County Superintendent

Dan Elwell nominates Brooke Johnston as Board Chair

Second: Luke Adamson

Passed unanimously

Dan Elwell nominates Luke Adamson as Vice Chair

Second: Cynthia Norred

Passed unanimously

I: Appoint District Clerk for 2018-2019

Motion to appoint Dee Johnson as District Clerk for the 2018-2019 school year

Motion: Brooke Johnston

Second: Dan Elwell

Passed unanimously

Principals report:

State testing underway. Title 1 audit has been done. Marc has report on that. 1 finding, the family engagement policy, we need to do more with it. Add paragraph inviting input on family engagement policy. Parents need to sign off on every student that receives any Title help.

. Maintenance revision, can start hiring process for new person starting July 1, board will walk through. School report card marc would like to share with public (attached) marc listed items that have been ongoing improvements. Discussed having more Public knowledge on what we are doing with excelling students and what we need to improve on. Looking at

changing AR testing, possible using Newsella for replacement and Ed ready.

Board remarks and discussion: Gym Doors done are done but need to add a new threshold and weather-stripping. Brooke has talked to Alerton control system again. With what we have in place right now, we need them to readjust controls, for Carson brothers to move forward. Chris at Carson brothers, recommends putting in thermostats. \$395 apiece. Will give us a bid on all. Standard mechanical thermostat. Will price out both options. Eye hear still working on installing of speakers.

Insurance claim on roof still under way. Shelley Emslie was given an award for outstanding Educator of the year for extra time put in as an educator. This event was put on by the Flathead Educational co-op and all Educators were invited.

KPD grant \$ available for safety training. Cynthia thought maybe round up for safety would help fund fire extinguishers for each room. Need to look into the time frame that we can reapply for round up for safety grant

Approval of May Claims
Motion to approve May Claims
Motion: Cynthia Norred
Second: Luke Adamson
Passed unanimously

Adjourn:

Motion to adjourn meeting at 7:15 p.m.
Motion: Dan Elwell
Seconded: Luke Adamson
Passed unanimously

Brooke Johnston, Board Chair

Dee Johnson, District Clerk