

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

September 10, 2018

The Swan River School Board of Trustees met in regular session on Monday, September 10, 2018 at 4:00 p.m. in the sixth-grade room to consider business to come before the board. Brooke Johnston, Board Chair presided over the entire meeting.

TRUSTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Brooke Johnston, Luke Adamson, Dan Elwell and Nels Hammack

TRUSTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

ALSO PRESENT:

Principal Marc Bunker, District Clerk Dee Johnson, Cynthia Norred, Sherry Bradstreet, Shelley Emslie and Sue Stephens

CALL TO ORDER:

Meeting called to order at 4:03

APPROVE AGENDA AND MINUTES

Motion to approve agenda for September 10, 2018 and Minutes from August 13, 2018

Motion: Dan Elwell

Second: Luke Adamson

Passed unanimously

Correspondence:

Public Participation: Sherry Bradstreet thanked the board and staff for all the support she received when her Mother was sick and passed away

PTO Report: None

Teacher organization: Open house on Sept 25

Committee Report: The committee for standard days and weeks met last week and was well attended

Mr. Bunker felt that there was a lot of good discussion and the committee was open minded with everyone speaking on their thoughts. Dan and Luke are on the committee as trustees as well as Marc, some staff members and a few parents

Discussion of another Survey addressing specific concerns going out sooner than later with a goal of having a January recommendation to the board for the 2019-2020 school year.

ACTION ITEMS:

A: Approve Contract for Principal Marc Bunker

Motion to approve contract for the 2018-2019 School year with a 2.5% raise on Marc's Salary and any unused personal days will be paid out at the daily rate of a Substitute (currently \$75.00)

Motion: Nels Hammack

Seconded: Luke Adamson

Passed unanimously

B: Approve Contract for District Clerk Dee Johnson

Motion to approve Contract for the 2018-2019 School year with a 2.5% raise on Dee's Salary

Motion: Nels Hammack

Seconded: Luke Adamson

Passes unanimously

C: Approve Resignation of Cynthia Norred Trustee

The Board thanked Cynthia for her service and appreciates all of her good ideas and input.

Motion to approve resignation of Cynthia Norred and Declare the position Vacant: Patricia Landon would like to fill in for the remainder of the school year until Trustee Elections in May 2019. The board feels she is a good candidate and will have her be sworn in by Jack Eggenesperger before the October meeting

Motion: Dan Elwell

Second: Brooke Johnston

Passed unanimously

D: Obligate Small Rural Schools money

Motion to obligate the Small Rural Schools funding of \$14,807 remaining funds to be spent by December 30, 2018 on the Afterschool program salaries, supplies, technology up to \$6000. Funding of \$18,370 to be spent on technology, (possible innovation center in the computer lab, chromebooks, and carts. The board wanted to know if the money can be used for Playground equipment and building repairs. Dee stated that was probably not allowable but will find out for sure.

Monies obligated to be spent by December 30, 2018 include technology, After school program expenses, possibly playground equipment and building repairs if allowable.

Motion: Brooke Johnston

Second: Luke Adamson

Passed unanimously

Principals report: Good start to the year. Attached info on enrollment Attendance policy. Mr. Bunker thinks we should leave the policy as is for correct attendance measures to be reflected. Dan stated that because we don't offer Football and Track that it should not count against students who leave early for practice of a game/meet. This topic of after school athletics will be added to the agenda for October. Brooke was also wondering if testing scores for 2017-2018 were available yet.

Board remarks and discussion:

Projects: Brooke talked to Mild fencing and the cost of putting up some fencing and 2 double gates would be approximately \$1800. There is some paint left over from the summer painting project. Possibly use in classrooms, office.

Dan asked that the Board meeting dates for 6 months be put on the agenda.

Thanks to Brooke for all her work in projects this summer

Approval of Claims:

Motion to approve September 10, claims with the addition of 10 hours to Kay Morton's cleaning invoice (Kay did not charge for 10 hrs of work completed because she felt she underbid) The board would like to compensate her for those hours

Motion: Brooke Johnston
Second: Nels Hammack
Passed unanimously

Adjourn:

Motion to adjourn meeting at 4:57
Motion: Dan Elwell
Seconded: Brooke Johnston
Passed unanimously

Brooke Johnston, Board Chair

Dee Johnson, District Clerk