

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

November 12, 2018

The Swan River School Board of Trustees met in regular session on Monday, November 12, 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, Nels Hammack and Patricia Landon

TRUSTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Nels Hammack

ALSO PRESENT:

Principal Marc Bunker, District Clerk Dee Johnson, Shelley Emslie, Liz Richmond, Sue Stephens & Debra Barnett

CALL TO ORDER:

Meeting called to order at 4:03 p.m.

APPROVE AGENDA AND MINUTES

Motion to approve agenda for November 12, 2018 and Minutes from October 9, 2018

Motion: Dan Elwell

Second: Luke Adamson

Passed unanimously

Correspondence: Brooke read an email from Natalie McGill who has concerns on chats on chromebooks during school and After school program. and the 2018 SBAC scores. O.P.I. data for SRS is 49% on math and English which is low in comparison to other schools, also concerned on progress on standards. Brooke would like this placed on the December agenda (correspondence attached)

Public Participation: None

PTO Report: Dan reported for PTO. Harvest Party carnival was a great success. Brandy Opfar had the idea to have a project playground

odometer that shows money raised. Brandy and Bud found a piece of playground equipment for \$23,000 for consideration

Teacher organization: Food for dinners in a box for Christmas underway. Craft day is December 7th.

Committee Report: None

ACTION ITEMS:

A: Approve opening minutes from closed session on March 2, 2018

Motion to approve opening minutes from March 2, 2018 to remove Principal evaluations to put in file. Minutes will be resealed

Motion: Dan Elwell

Seconded: Luke Adamson

Passed unanimously

B: Request for Professional days

Liz Richmond submitted a letter to the board asking for (7) days of professional leave (letter attached)

Dan asked if she was observing in Bigfork. Liz said Bigfork has a new Principal and wants to observe someone with more experience. There was some concern about paying 4 days of subs, but she is advancing her career.

Brooke was wondering about using personal days. Liz stated if she has any more personal days it would be used for her Principal credits.

Motion to Grant Professional days

Motion: Luke Adamson

Seconded: Patricia Landon

Brooke opposed

Passed by majority

C: Second reading policy # 1610

Motion to approve second reading #1610

Motion: Patricia Landon

Second: Luke Adamson

Passed unanimously

D: Adopt or Deny Recommended changes # 1401, 3141, 5002, 5010, 5500, 7260, 7320

Motion to adopt Recommended policy # 1401

Motion: Brooke Johnston

Second: Patricia Landon

Passed unanimously

Motion to deny # 3141

Motion: Luke Adamson

Second: Brooke Johnston

Passed unanimously

Motion to pass # 5002

Motion: Dan Elwell

Second: Luke Adamson

Passed unanimously

Motion to Deny # 5010

Motion: Brooke Johnston

Second; Patricia Landon

Passed unanimously

Motion to pass # 5500

Motion: Dan

Second: Luke Adamson

Passed unanimously

Motion to pass # 7260

Motion: Dan Elwell

Second: Brooke Johnston

Passed unanimously

Motion to pass # 7320

Motion: Luke Adamson

Second: Patricia Landon

Passed unanimously

E: Adopt or Deny Optional policy changes to #'s 1420, 6110P, 7332

Motion to pass # 1420

Motion: Dan Elwell

Second: Brooke Johnston

Passed unanimously

Motion to Pass 6110P

Motion: Dan Elwell

Second: Brooke Johnston

Passed unanimously

Motion to pass # 7332
Motion: Luke Adamson
Second: Patricia Landon
Passed unanimously

F: Adopt or Deny New Optional policies # 8130, 8426, 8426F
Motion to pass # 8130
Motion: Brooke Johnston
Second: Luke Adamson
Passed unanimously
Motion to pass # 8426
Motion: Dan Elwell
Second: Patricia Landon
Passed unanimously
Motion to pass # 8426F
Motion: Dan Elwell
Second: Patricia Landon
Passed unanimously

G: Delete Optional Policy # 5000
Motion to delete policy # 5000
Motion: Patricia Landon
Second: Luke Adamson
Passed unanimously

H: Change wording in policy # 5122 to remove “regular unsupervised”
Motion to table # 5122 pending information on other schools regarding
background checks
Motion: Brooke Johnston
Second: Luke Adamson
Passed unanimously

I: Change wording in policy # 5430 to remove “unsupervised”
Motion to table pending information from other schools
Motion: Brooke Johnston
Second: Luke Adamson
Passed unanimously
J: Attendance policy student handbook

This policy measures attendance in 1/10th of a day for every student leaving. Marc made the suggested adjustment to the student handbook. “for any reason, even school sponsored athletics” . And “Attendance is intended to measure a student’s time in class.”

Motion to update language in student handbook

Motion: Luke Adamson

Second: Brooke Johnston

Dan opposed

Passed by majority

Principals report:

Attendance is 93.9% for the first quarter. State goal is 95%. Veteran assembly was today and everybody did a great job. Tech infrastructure, Next Friday fiber being brought in. Marcs observation of staff is that it is as cohesive and positive as ever been.

Board remarks and discussion:

Projects: Project list handed out by Marc

District goals and objectives: Ongoing

Approval of Claims:

Motion to approve November 12, 2018 claims

Motion: Patty Landon

Second: Luke Adamson

Passed unanimously

Adjourn:

Motion to adjourn meeting at 5:23 p.m.

Motion: Luke Adamson

Seconded: Brooke Johnston

Passed unanimously

Brooke Johnston, Board Chair

Dee Johnson, District Clerk