

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

December 10, 2018

The Swan River School Board of Trustees met in regular session on Monday, December 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, Nel's Hammack and Patricia Landon

TRUSTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Dan Elwell

ALSO PRESENT:

Principal Marc Bunker, District Clerk Dee Johnson, County Superintendent, Jack Eggensperger, Liz Richmond, Natalie Megill, Sherry Bradstreet, Brandy Vickrey, Eric Thorsen, Cindy Thorson, Megan Fitzpatrick, Brianne Fuzesy, Denise Borg, Maggie Goff, Sue Stephens, Shanna Burchwell, Shelley Emslie, Bud Gaiser, Christina Brevik, Kate Butts, Chad Megill and Marlin Kauffman

CALL TO ORDER:

Meeting called to order at 4:04 p.m.

APPROVE AGENDA AND MINUTES

Motion to approve agenda for November 12, 2018 and Minutes from October 10, 2018

Motion: Luke Adamson

Second: Patricia Landon

Passed unanimously

Correspondence: None

Public Participation: None

PTO Report: None

Teacher organization: None

Committee Report: Tech Report
Attached Notes from technology committee report
Fiber brought to building, no cost to us.
Cyber ongoing process

ACTION ITEMS:

A: Concern about school's performance relative to MT state content standards

Concerns have been brought forth pertaining to math performance based on smarter balance test scores

Mr. bunker showed a presentation on tracking scores. Assurance standards/performance based on O.P.I. measurement. Mt average scores have decreased and was miscored in math on testing which affected 10 % of 8th graders. Essa federal law states math way above accreditation state and on target with Essa. Based on test scores not the best tool. Continue to always focus on improvement. Propose for policy #1610 to work on those steps. Recommend look at chart as goal to implement and work on. align early outs to meet those goals. A lot of implementation could be done this year. Marc needs to go over more with staff. Natalie Megill wondered about a timeline for goals? Mr. Bunker needs to talk to staff in all fairness. Natalie asked if there could be reports at board meetings, and availability for parents to see improvement. Report on report cards is a possibility. The graph that Mr. bunker created can be filled in as it progresses. Next month the board working on goals that needs to be done. Updates on district goals and objectives will be in Board remarks. Cindy Thorsen commented on how well her children are doing in swan river.
No action Taken

B: Policy # 5122

Looked over Cayuse Prairie School policy as a template for background checks on employees and volunteers.

Motion to table for further research

Motion: Brooke Johnston

Seconded: Luke Adamson

Passed unanimously

C: Student Handbook #5430

Pertains to Agenda item B

Motion to Table

Motion: Patricia Landon

Second: Luke Adamson

Passed unanimously

Principals Report:

Welcome back Mr. Emslie, Essa report cards will be released in December

Statistical report overview

Board remarks and discussion:

Projects: set work session for 1610 (January 7) @ 4:00

District goals and objectives:

Approval of Claims:

Motion to approve December 10, 2018 claims

Motion: Nels Hammack

Second: Luke Adamson

Passed unanimously

Adjourn:

Motion to adjourn meeting at 4:50 p.m.

Motion: Nels Hammack

Seconded: Luke Adamson

Passed unanimously

Brooke Johnston, Board Chair

Dee Johnson, District Clerk