

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

June 10, 2019

The Swan River School Board of Trustees met in regular session on Monday, June 10, 2019 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, Dan Elwell, Linda Stewart, Nels Hammack and Luke Adamson

TRUSTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

ALSO PRESENT:

Principal Marc Bunker, District Clerk Dee Johnson, Shelley Emslie, Denise Douglas, Brianne Fuzesy, Sue Stephens, Emily Stephens, Kate Butts, Shawn Bubb and Harry Scheff

CALL TO ORDER:

Meeting called to order at 4: 00 p.m.

APPROVE AGENDA AND MINUTES

Motion to approve agenda for June 20, 2019 and Minutes from May 13, May 20 & May 29, 2019

Motion: Dan Elwell

Second: Luke Adamson

Passed unanimously

Correspondence: None

Public Participation: None

PTO Report: None

Teacher organization: None

Committee Report: None

ACTION ITEMS:

A: Rescind vote on previous decision for property and Liability insurance

Motion to rescind vote on decision from previous meeting

Motion: Luke Adamson

Seconded: Brooke Johnston

Passed unanimously

B: Review and vote on Property and Liability Insurance Co.

Shawn Bubb and Harry Scheff were present to briefly go over MSGIA proposal and any further questions. Some of the perks are a once a year board training at a \$1500 value. Cyber security assessment, will work with tech person and support. Invest in the school protected services with firestorm with suggestions for our security, also social media protection. They have above core coverages for property/liability. They will also review our handbooks, make recommendations.

Dan asked if MSGIA could match PayneWest quote. Shawn spoke of the training above the normal coverages, and feels any one of those services exceed PayneWest

Facilities inspection are also included. Harry Scheff is a certified Playground inspector and said Inspections are fairly easy to address.

Nels feels the task force school safety is worth the increase in premiums alone and that a fresh set of eyes to go through the school is important.

Network security is out of Missoula and worked with the Columbia Falls breach of security. Shelley asked if they would be on our network and no they are not.

Brooke feels the extra training is advantageous also. Nels commented he likes MSGIA proposal

Brooke Johnston made a motion to sign agreement with MSGIA for a 3 year commitment

Motion: Brooke Johnston

Second: Nels Hammack

Dan opposed

Passed by 4 votes

C: Resind calendar

Motion to rescind decision on Calendar for further discussion

Motion: Dan Elwell

Second: Luke Adamson

passed unanimously

D: Second review of School Calendar

The current and proposed change to calendar discussed. change to 175 days, 2nd early dismissals could go as long as 1:15 dismissal has to be 3:16 to follow accreditation

Monday's early out is an attempt to accommodate Bigfork families.

Wednesday early outs also preference for families. Side B attempt to remedy former calendar.

Wednesday or Mondays? Statistically behavior issues happen on Wednesdays.

Motion to change to 175 days, change to Wednesdays early outs at 1:16 dismissal and regular days start time @ 8:14 a.m. and release @ 3:15 p.m.

Motion: Brooke Johnston

Second: Nels Hammack

Passed unanimously

E: Certified Negotiations

Motion: Motion to approve Certified negotiations at 0% on base plus 1 step and lanes if applicable

Motion: Dan Elwell

Second: Brooke Johnston

Passed unanimously

Classified pay raise

Motion to approve the classified raise @ 0% on the scale and 1 step

Motion: Dan Elwell

Second: Luke Adamson

Passed unanimously

C: Clerks salary

Motion to increase Clerk's salary @ 3% on current salary

Motion: Dan Elwell

Second: Luke Adamson

Passed unanimously

Principal pay raise

Motion to increase Principal salary @ \$1750 on current salary

Motion: Dan Elwell

Second: Nels Hammack

Passed unanimously

I: approve college level credits of 294 for Sherry Bradstreet and Christina Brevik

Classes should be 300 or above with the exception of principal recommendation

Marc recommendation to allow classes as they pertain to teaching assignments

Motion to approve allowance of classes for Sherry & Christina

Motion: Dan Elwell

Second: Nels Hammack

Passed unanimously

J: Review Policy #3141

Possible revision/addition to policy, #4 & #7

#4 case by case Mr. Bunker interprets this to mean that we have to enroll in district and case by case out of district up to 90% cap. Attendance agreements are a dated and signed agreement. High sense of commitment to out of district for those families that have siblings. Marc would like direction on what to do after we hit 90%? The board feels that it is can be a case by case decision of the board after 90%. (Add after 90% case by case presented by the board.)

For decision. # 7 add same sentence pertains to year by year agreement.

Motion to add language to 3141 above 90% case by case presented to the board #4 and #7 Second reading will be in July or August

Motion to implement changes to policy # 3141

Motion: Brooke Johnston

Second: Nels Hammack

Passed unanimously

K: Flathead crossroads

Motion to sign contract with Flathead Crossroads program

Motion: Luke Adamson

Second: Linda Stewart

Passed unanimously

L: Administrative Assistant

Motion to advertise for Administrative assistant for 2019-2020

Motion: Luke Adamson

Second: Brooke Johnston

Passed unanimously

Principals Report: Evaluations have been completed. Looking to change process to be more effective and ongoing. Suggests #3120 policy of retention to review at a board meeting. Aims web 4th 5th 7th tremendous growth. Interviews were conducted for the .5 Counselor position

Sue and Shelley helped with the interview and Marc offered the position, and she will give us an answer soon. Liz has been hired as Principal at Kila School so will need to advertise for that position.

Board remarks and discussion:

Projects:

District goals and objectives: Roof was still leaking. Brooke talking to insurance co. about opening back up? Talked about the possibility of a wood chips barrier installed. Robert Gornick spot sprayed today with a mild spray around the chips. Weyerhaeuser will be donating some chips this summer.

Approval of Claims:

Motion to approve June claims

Motion: Dan Elwell

Second: Luke Adamson

Passed unanimously

Adjourn:

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:08 p.m.

Motion: Dan Elwell

Seconded: Luke Adamson

Passed unanimously

Brooke Johnston, Board Chair

Dee Johnson, District Clerk