

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

May 11, 2020

The Swan River School Board of Trustees met in regular session on Monday May 11, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Brooke Johnston, Board chair presided over the entire meeting.

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

TRUSTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

ALSO PRESENT:

Principal Marc Bunker, District Clerk Dee Johnson, Jack Eggenesperger, Shelley Emslie, Sherry Bradstreet, Christina Brevik, Hayden Congdon, Tristen Clark, Dylan Quinn, Sue Stephens, Lisa Lykins, Kate Butts, Brandy Vickrey and Stephanie Tinney

CALL TO ORDER:

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

Jack Eggenesperger Superintendent of schools was present for the swearing in of Dan Elwell and Brooke Johnston for 3 year terms. Mr. Eggenesperger left after the swearing in.

Correspondence: None

Public participation on non-agenda items

ACTION ITEMS:

Approval of prior minutes

Motion to approve minutes from April 13, regular board meeting and special meetings April 21, and April 30.

Motion : Dan Elwell

Second: Luke Adamson

Passed unanimously

Approval of Claims

Motion to approve May Claims

Motion : Dan Elwell

Second: Luke Adamson

Passed unanimously

PTO report: None

Teacher's Organization report: Cinco De Mayo Parade went very well

Committee report: Dan, Luke, Marc and Dee met as the budget committee. Will meet again soon with more definite numbers

Clerk report: Budget committee will meet again

Principals report: Mr. Bunker stated that the Teachers have been doing a fine job with remote learning for several weeks and seems to be going very well. Graduation informal committee talked about the possibility of opening up the gym for graduation. We have a big gym and a small school with 19 graduates and limited to 2 people per graduate for ceremony

Unfinished Business:

Policy # 1900: Second reading with update

Motion to not approve: Dan Elwell

No second:

Motion to approve # 1900 with updated changes:

Luke Adamson

Second: Nels Hammack

Passed by majority 1 opposed

Policy # 1902

Mr. Bunker made the recommendation to not approve # 1902 as is

Motion to not approve: Dan Elwell

Second: Luke adamson

Passed unanimously

Luke made the motion to amend 1902 by removing Part of line 17 which states Students and parents/guardians and change to Teachers and change proficient/fail to proficient/non-proficient as seen fit by administration.

Also removing lines 18-21

Second: Nels Hammack

Passed unanimously

Policy # 1903: Option # 3 was recommended on 1st reading and was tabled. Dan made the motion not to adopt # 1903

Motion: Dan Elwell

Second: Nels Hammack

Passed unanimously

Policy # 1904

Motion to approve: Dan Elwell

Second: Luke Adamson

Passed unanimously

Policy # 1906: Option # 2 recommended.

Motion to approve # 1906 with option # 2

Motion: Luke Adamson

Second: Nels Hammack

Passed unanimously

1906 P: Motion to approve

Motion: Dan Elwell

Second: Luke Adamson

Passed unanimously

Policy # 1908 * 1908F

Motion to approve: Luke Adamson

Second: Dan Elwell

Passed unanimously

Policy 1910. 1910 F1 & F2:

Motion to approve: Dan Elwell

Second: Luke Adamson

Policy # 1911

Motion to approve: Dan Elwell

Second: Nels Hammack

Passed unanimously

Policy # 1912

Not Applicable

New Business

A: Principal recommendations for staff renewal/non renewal for 2020-2021

Motion to approve all employees renewals for 2020-2021

Motion: Luke Adamson

Second: Linda Stewart

Passed unanimously

B: Letter of resignation from Valarie Jordan, paraprofessional

Motion to accept letter of resignation

Motion: Dan Elwell

Second: Luke Adamson
Passed unanimously

C: Letter of resignation from Ashley Lau, paraprofessional
Motion to accept letter of resignation
Motion: Luke Adamson
Second: Dan Elwell
Passed unanimously

D: Letter of resignation from Tristen Clark, 8th grade teacher
Motion to accept letter of resignation
Motion: Luke Adamson
Second: Nels Hammack
Passed unanimously

The board thanks all of the employees for their time and dedication to our school.

E: Sue Stephens letter of request

Sue submitted a letter to the board asking them to consider upon her retirement; if the school could pay her health insurance for 3 years. She will be changing from the 2-party insurance to the single party insurance. Brooke asked for clarification from Sue on if her decision to retire is based on if she is granted the insurance. Sue stated that the 3 year insurance will definitely help her make her decision.

Luke stated that maybe we should have another budget meeting before making a decision. Dee thought that with Sue's savings on salary and insurance that at least 2 years would be doable for paying Sue's health insurance. Dan asked the cost per year. The cost would be \$4680 a year with current prices. Sue stated that if it goes up she would pay the difference.

Motion to grant Sue 3 years of paid insurance at \$4680 per year and the difference in price will be made up by Sue if the premiums go up. This will be a one time granted request and will not be set as a precedent for future staff leaving the district.

Motion: Dan Elwell
Second: Nels Hammack
Passed unanimously

G: Medicaid contract renewal

Motion to enter contract with Medicaid for funding for the 2020-2021 school year.

Motion: Dan Elwell

Second: Luke Adamson

Passed unanimously

H: Organization of the Board

Brooke Johnston made the motion to nominate Luke Adamson as Board Chair for the 2020-2021 term.

Second: Dan Elwell

Passed unanimously

Motion made by Dan Elwell to nominate Nels Hammack as Vice Chair

Second: Linda Stewart

Passed unanimously

I: Appoint District Clerk for the 2020-2021 school year.

Motion to appoint Dee Johnson as District Clerk for the 2020-2021 school year.

Motion: Dan Elwell

Second: Luke Adamson

Passed unanimously

Topics for June Agenda

Principal Evaluation

Adjourn:

Motion to adjourn meeting at 5:15 p.m.

Motion: Dan Elwell

Seconded: Luke Adamson

Passed unanimously

Brooke Johnston, Board Chair

Dee Johnson, District Clerk