

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

August 10, 2020

The Swan River School Board of Trustees met in regular session on Monday August 10, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Luke Adamson, Board chair presided over the entire meeting.

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

TRUSTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

ALSO PRESENT:

Principal Marc Bunker, District Clerk Dee Johnson, Jennifer Woll, Clayton Woll, Shelley Emslie, Brant Estes, Stephanie Tinney and Natalie Corona

CALL TO ORDER:

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

Correspondence: None

Public participation on non-agenda items

ACTION ITEMS:

Approval of Consent Agenda

Motion to approve Consent Agenda

Motion : Dan Elwell

Second: Linda Stewart

Passed unanimously

PTO report: None

Teacher's Organization report: Shelley reported that currently nine teachers are taking a google classroom online course

Committee reports: none

Clerk report: previous consent agenda budget information

Principals report: Dee contacted Valley fence to set up a schedule to repair/remove part of fence. Still waiting on confirmation. enrollment is at approximately 190. Marc recommends a need for at least a ½ time Para Aide in the mornings. Roof update is Artisan cannot do the work on the roof this year and Marc talked to the contact person about the grant we are receiving and was told we only need to have a contract in place before

the deadline and the actual work can be done next year. We will need bids at the September Board meeting. Marc will get another bid from Artisan and work on another. He has already talked to Tim Calaway who's roofer feels we only need repairs, not replacement. Marc has sent out the detailed open phase plan to board and staff

Unfinished Business: None

New Business

A: Approve budget for the 2020-2021 Fiscal year

Motion to approve Annual budget

Motion: Dan Elwell

Second: Linda Stewart

Passed unanimously

B: Pre-pay propane contract

Motion to approve the pre-pay contract for the propane. Credit left over from last year.

Motion: Dan Elwell

Second: Linda Stewart

Passed unanimously

C: Expenditures for covid -19

Discussed possible expenditures and allowable expenditures. Suggestions were, washing stations, sanitizing stations, extra janitorial cleaning supplies, chromebooks in the event we would go back to remote learning. Brooke asked if a survey could be sent out to those who need devices as some may have their own. Brant and Shelley were asked to come up with a list and price of the technology needs. Dee and Marc will look into the possibility that the state will be sending supplies before we order. Also check into washing stations and the liability of having students health screened at school (temperature checks)

Motion to table and regroup with a special meeting set for Tuesday August 25 @ 4:00 p.m.

Motion: Brooke Johnston

Second: Dan Elwell

Passed unanimously

D: Re-opening plan

Keeping In line with the State, we can Open in phase 2. Masks are recommended but not mandatory. Brooke said she talked with the health dept and they said face shields are not considered masks.

Dan made the motion to open in phase 2 with possible hybrid learning for students who have health concerns or live with someone with health concerns

The re-opening plan will be put on the website, it is 10 pages but very detailed. Suggestion to put the one page and the 10 page on the website. Brooke asked if there could be a parent meeting before school starts.

Second: Luke Adamson

Passed unanimously

E: After school program continuance:

One applicant was interviewed and has informed Marc that she cannot accept the position. At this point the program is not financially self-sustaining and Marc recommends at this point to not have the after school program continue at least with the start of the year.

Motion by Dan Elwell to not have the after school program continue but would like to visit the possibility of opening again later after school begins

Second: Nels Hammack

Passed unanimously

F: Consider hire of after school director

No motion needed as program is not continuing at this point

G: Consider adoption of 1900F & 1900P

MTSBA recommends revisiting the 1900 series not previously approved as it all aligns with Covid policies.

Dan feels the 1900 series not approved is not necessary to adopt

Dan Elwell makes the motion to not adopt 1900 F&P

Second: Nels Hammack

Passed unanimously

H: Consider approval of policy 1903 & 1903 F

Dan Elwell made the motion to not adopt 1903 & 1903 F

Second: Linda Stewart

Passed unanimously

I: Consider adoption of 1912

Dan Elwell made the motion to not adopt 1912 pertaining to onsite school elections

Second: Linda Stewart

Passed unanimously

J; Resignation of board chair Nels Hammack:

Nels has turned in his resignation as Trustee at the conclusion of this board meeting. This leaves a vacant position to fill in for the remainder of this year until re-election in May. Interested persons must reside in the district. A posting will be put on the website and through remind.

Motion to accept Nels Hammack resignation

Motion: Dan Elwell

Second: Luke Adamson

Passed unanimously

Brooke asked if Marc could individually ask Teachers and document health concerns before returning to work.

Topics for Special Board meeting on Tuesday, August 25

Equipment/supplies needed for health of school

Discuss possible compensation for staff working extra hours and over contract time. ½ time para and possible increase of current janitor staff hours. Out of district attendance agreement

Adjourn:

Motion to adjourn meeting at 4:55 p.m.

Motion: Dan Elwell

Seconded: Linda Stewart

Passed unanimously

Luke Adamson, Board Chair

Dee Johnson, District Clerk