

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

September 14, 2020

The Swan River School Board of Trustees met in regular session on Monday September 14, 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, Brooke Johnston, Sherianne Schow and Linda Stewart

TRUSTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

Luke went over the platform for board meetings and a point of order

ALSO PRESENT:

Principal Marc Bunker, District Clerk Dee Johnson, Shelley Emslie, Brant Estes, Hayden Congdon, Eve Darling and Stephanie Tinney

CALL TO ORDER:

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

Correspondence: None

Public participation on non-agenda items

ACTION ITEMS:

Welcome Sherianne Schow as Newly appointed Trustee for the remainder of 1 year term. Certificate on file with Flathead County Supt of Schools

Approval of Consent Agenda

Motion to approve Consent Agenda

Motion : Dan Elwell

Second: Sherianne Schow

Passed unanimously

PTO report: PTO is looking at doing a fall online fundraiser. Brandy Opfar will speak on details at a later date

Teacher's Organization report: None

Committee reports: None

Clerk report: None

Principals report: Mr. Bunker reported that Phase 2 of the opening plan is going very well and everyone is doing a fabulous job. We are still short on paraprofessional help and have had no interest yet in the ad's that were

placed. Marc has talked to Erin Abbott who is interested in cheer coach, but she will need an adult present as she is under 18. The Curriculum “Wonders” was previously approved for K-2 and 3-4 also interested in the program to be purchased at a later date.

Unfinished Business:

A: Covid Expenditure approvals

Brooke made the motion to approve the New line boards and Teacher chromebooks that are on the list of approved items (attached)

Motion: Brooke Johnston

Second: Sherianne Schow

Passed unanimously

Discussed the researched accredited program for remote learning for grades K-5. The program would be approximately \$450 per student, (currently 10 signed up) Marc's recommendation is he feels o.k. with using the program.

The consensus with the teachers is that we should offer something. Middle school is comfortable with its own program. K-5 would be the proposed curriculum and would possibly need someone to hire to run the program. Marc would like a certified teacher for this, but if we have a para that would fit well that person could do that. Brooke Questions the program, and feels a better option would be something like **Abeka**. Sherianne feels that it would take more than 1 hour a day and without knowing who we will have to hire it may not be the best but doesn't want to put it back on the teachers, suggested that maybe at the end of week to have teachers send packets home for those learning at home. Those students would have to have accountability to keep up with the rest of the class. Linda worried that if we purchase this program and it is not being used if we have students come back. Linda is in favor of packets also. Marc's thought of using a para to help with packets to give teachers more prep time. Luke is fine either way and it is hard to say if this will last. Dan made the motion to not approve remote curriculum program

Motion: Dan Elwell

Second: Brooke Johnston

Brant commented that the original reason to look into the program was for those wanting/needing to stay home and learn remotely.

Shelley feels they were asked to research a program and spent a lot of time on this and going with packets is not feasible for every teacher and she does not teach old school.

Motion passed unanimously

B: Consider Hire of roof contractor

Marc reported that Advanced roofing was the only bid we have as others did not get back to us or couldn't do the roof work (Artisan & Calaway)
Dan made the motion to approve Advanced roofing to do the roof job and if feasible to save old metal sheets, if not to have them disposed of.

Motion: Dan Elwell

Second: Sherianne Schow

Passed unanimously

New Business

A: Consider approval of east side multi-district agreement

Agreement with area schools to enter into agreement with putting some of the year end funds if applicable, into agreement for more flexibility on spending for projects that arise. Brooke asked about interest. Dee stated that the interest would be divided between schools based on what each school has in that fund but will check into this for sure.

Motion to approve agreement

Motion: Dan Elwell

Second: Sherianne Schow

Passed unanimously

B: Consider Temporary change in the lunch/breakfast program where all students eat for free.

OPI School nutrition is offering this opportunity until December 31st 2020 where it will go back to previous status unless extended by OPI.

Motion to approve free meals for all students

Motion: Brooke Johnston

Second: Dan Elwell

Passed unanimously

C: Consider to raise lunch prices

Discussed with the circumstances that it is not the best time to raise prices and will look into it over next summer. Brooke would like to know what it cost's to sustain the lunch program.

Motion to table the decision and revisit later in the year

Motion: Brooke Johnston
Second: Sherianne Schow
Passed unanimously

Adjourn:

Motion to adjourn meeting at 4:42 p.m.
Motion: Brooke Johnston
Seconded: Linda Stewart
Passed unanimously

Luke Adamson, Board Chair

Dee Johnson, District Clerk