

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

October 12, 2020

The Swan River School Board of Trustees met in regular session on Monday October 12, 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:

ALSO PRESENT:

Principal Marc Bunker, District Clerk Dee Johnson, Christina Brevik, Marcia Ham, Brianne Fuzesy, ~~Sherianne Schow~~, Tracy Stahlberg, Sherry Bradstreet, ~~Brooke Johnston~~, Stephanie Tinney, Andrea Pickens, Shelley Emslie, Kate Butts, Brandy Opfar and Brandy Vickrey

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: Brooke Johnston

Passed unanimously

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PTO report: Brandy Opfar reported that the fall fundraiser will be online. Must be considered a donation for fundraiser as it cannot be gambling. PTO also approved \$3000 to go to the Outdoor Ed class. Tickets for the fundraiser will begin selling on Oct 23 and the raffle will be on Nov 13. A flyer will be sent out and also through Remind to advertise for the fundraiser.

Teacher's Organization report: Brianne Fuzesy reported that with Midterm, staff have noticed gaps in learning from missed quarter of last year.

Teachers are working to bridge those gaps getting students back to grade

level efficiently and smoothly. Sherianne asked if it is an easy merge with students. Brianne feels it is working well for her and not a lot of new was introduced the last quarter but more of reinforcement. Across the nation everyone is a quarter behind.

Committee reports: None

Clerk report: None

Principals report: Marc has a report (attached) on successes and challenges. No cases reported at school. Reports show that covid is happening mostly outside of schools. As stated students are behind but grateful to be onsite which offers the best quality of education. Student behavior has improved from last year.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A: Remote learning Discussion

Marc reported that as a school if we need to go to phase 0, he feels we would be ready, training has been provided with parents on Google Classroom and Remind. Middle school is ready to go and K-4 is not positive how ready we would be but could provide better instruction this year.

Numbers for K-5 remote learning is we currently have 3 remote students for now and 1 middle school. Trying to avoid hybrid learning and doing both in class and online. Could run into legal issues according to the Master Contract. Additional staff and curriculum would probably be the best option for this. The last committee suggestion for remote learning was not approved by the board. The 3 K-5 students right now are being provided curriculum but not instruction. Brooke would like to know for 3 students, how they are not being accommodated. Christina would like to thank the board for approving the new Wonders program. Ever bit of the curriculum can be digital and physical. Could definitely use it if classes need to go remote and connect to google classroom. Christina suggests the same program for grades 3-4 and Go math K-4 which is also digital. We don't currently have a digital licence for Go Math. Sherianne Schow feels it makes sense for all students to be ready to do this. Luke suggested a curriculum committee: Shelley feels all kids are ready in her class if quarantined and the proposed program, edmentum that was not approved is different from google classroom. Luke stated that with the ever changing process it would be beneficial for a committee. Brooke and Sherianne would like to be on that committee. Also on the committee Marc and Teachers. After committee meetings and quotes and

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recommendations are done a special meeting will be held with committee recommendation. Motion to form committee

Motion: Brooke Johnston
Second: Sherianne Schow
Passed unanimously

NEW BUSINESS

A: Rescind Motion from September 2020 meeting to approve roof contractor

Marc stated after talking to legal we need to have an advertisement placed in the paper for bids, must be licensed and bonded.

Motion to Rescind motion from september 2020 board meeting

Motion: Brooke Johnston
Second: Sherianne Schow
Passed unanimously

B: Consider placing ad in circulation for roof bids

Motion to place ad in circulation for roof bids

Motion: Dan Elwell
Second: Brooke Johnston
Passed unanimously

C: Consider hire of Andrea Pickens paraprofessional

Andrea has subbed for us a few times and does a great job. Mr. Bunker recommends her hire for a required paraprofessional, starting less than 20 hours a week.

Motion to hire Andrea Pickens for paraprofessional

Motion: Dan Elwell
Second: Sherianne Schow
Passed unanimously

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D: Consider letter of resignation for Kate Butts with request of temporary continued insurance

Dan stated he can't say enough good things about Kate and she will be greatly missed.

Motion to accept the resignation of Kate Butts with insurance paid through February 2021 and releasing her from her contractual duties

Motion: Dan Elwell
Second: Linda Stewart
Passed unanimously

E: Consider Contract for Tracey Stahlberg for Third Grade Teacher with retroactive pay. Licence pending with OPI. Tracy was hired for paraprofessional but was put into the third grade position 2 days before school started and is doing a great job. Tracey is currently paid at the classified rate. Motion to hire Tracey with retroactive pay, pending license reinstatement.

Motion: Brooke Johnston
Second: Sherianne Schow
Passed unanimously

F: Consider raising substitute pay
In light of substitutes being very sparse schools are increasing substitute rates. The current rate is \$75 per day. Marc suggests not above \$90 as that surpasses the lowest classified rate.

Linda feels it should be raised but \$80-\$85

Dan feels \$90 is a good amount

Brooke doesn't feel that money is the issue with subs but also feels \$80-85

Sherianne agrees with Brooke but feels \$90 is a good amount

Motion to raise sub rate to \$90 per day

Motion: Sherianne Schow

Second: Dan Elwell

Passed unanimously

G: Consider accepting a volunteer position for Brandy Opfar for cheerleading coach. She will be the adult supervision and Erin Abbott will instruct

Motion: Dan Elwell

Second: Sherianne Schow

Passed unanimously

Adjourn:

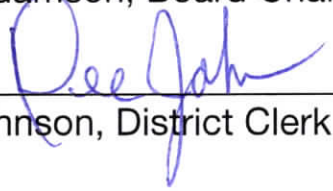
Motion to adjourn meeting at 4:39 p.m.

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Motion: Linda Stewart
Seconded: Sherianne Schow
Passed unanimously



Luke Adamson, Board Chair



Dee Johnson, District Clerk

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