

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

March 14, 2022

The Swan River School Board of Trustees met in regular session on Monday, March 14, 2022 at 4:30 p.m. in the Eighth grade room. Dan Elwell, Board chair presided over the entire meeting.

TRUSTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Dan Elwell, Brianna Anderson, Linda Stewart and Kim Johnston

TRUSTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Brooke Johnston

ALSO PRESENT:

Principal JJ Lamb, District Clerk Dee Johnson, Domenic Tarabochia, Shelley Emslie, Brandy Vickrey, Shanna Burchwell, Stephanie Tinney, Britt Laird, David Laird and Hayden Congdon

CALL TO ORDER:

Meeting called to order at 4:32 p.m.

Correspondence: None

Public participation on non-agenda items:

ACTION ITEMS:

Approval of Consent Agenda

Motion to approve items on the Consent Agenda

Motion : Brianna Anderson

Second: Kim Johnston

Passed unanimously

PTO report: Report from Stephanie Tinney that the book fair is on schedule for may 11-13 with a community dinner night, art displays and the band performing.

Teachers Organization:

Shanna Burchwell read a letter of support.
attached

Committee reports:

Safety committee met and JJ had gravel priced out to be delivered. When staff parking is moved there will be a plan drew up to send out to parents on traffic flow. Will have an intersection meeting with D.o.t. etc...

Principal report: Girls Basketball has ended with 5&6 taking 2nd place and 7&8 taking 3rd. First archery tournament in Arlee was completed and all of our students did very well with most of our students placing.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A: NONE

Motion:

Second:

Passed unanimously

NEW BUSINESS ACTION AND/OR DISCUSSION

A: Hayden Congdon demonstration on Math Curriculum.

Hayden gave a presentation on the new Math Curriculum he would like to see put into place. This curriculum challenges the students compared to textbooks. The current math curriculum is from 2006. The cost of the program is 6 yrs for \$14,000 5th through 8th grade.

Questions:

What happens if technology goes down?

Printed material would be available

Brandy Vickrey is using printed materials currently.

What if a student is absent?

Math can be done from home and if they do not have the technology at home, printed material can be sent home or done later.

Is there an alignment from elementary to middle school?

Currently K-4 using Go math, and can apply when going into 5th.

Can the more challenged students keep up with the advanced?
Hayden would work with smaller groups to help catch up.

Can we extend the trial date?
JJ Will check into this to see if we can extend until the end of school year

Brianna and Kim would like to come in and watch a lesson before any decisions.

Motion to table Math Curriculum

Motion: Brianna Anderson

Second: Kim Johnston

Passed unanimously

B: Consideration and adoption of resolution of permissive levies:
This is the annual permissive levy approval that we can levy. To help with building maintenance. Mills would decrease (attached)

Questions from the public on the mills.

Motion to approve Permissive levy for an amount of \$35,350.00

Motion: Brianna Anderson

Second: Kim Johnston

Passed unanimously

C: Consider board committee for finance and negotiations:

Finance Committee will be Kim and Brooke

Negotiations Committee will be Dan and Brianna

Motion: Kim Johnston

Second: Brianna Anderson

Passed unanimously

D: 2022-2023 Calendar

Motion to approve Calendar for the 2022-2023 school year.

Motion: Brianna Anderson

Second: Linda Stewart

Passed unanimously

Topics/ Discussions for next agenda:

Math

Graduation

Projects update

Motion to adjourn meeting at 6:07 p.m.

Dan Elwell

Dee Johnson, District Clerk

504	Jan Lord	Art Services			\$750.00	101-100-1000-340	12344
320	Kalispell Copy Center	Substitute Slips Printing and cutting			\$250.00	101-100-2300-610	12345
	Montana Sky	Monthly fee			\$1,760.00	101-100-2580-440	12346
	Natalie Corona	Payout from lunch			\$47.65	112-910-3100-630	12347
	Pearson	Kaufman Test Materials	1231		\$115.60	101-280-1000-610	12348
311	Republic Services	Garbage pickup			\$246.16	101-100-2600-431	12349
178	Shelley Emslie	Student of the month supplies + sympathy cards			\$56.87	101-100-1000-610	12350
37	Sliters	Maintenance supplies			\$252.34	101-100-2600-610	12351
30	US Foods	Kitchen lunch supplies			\$861.12	112-910-3100-630	12352
	Denning & Downey & Associates	Preparation of financial statements GASB # 34			\$2,570.00	101-100-2300-330	12353
	General Fund	\$ 10,629.71					
	Food Service	\$1,439.90					
		TOTAL			\$14,639.61		

Recommendations for Renewal					
Certified Staff					
Tenured					
Name	Renewal	Employment Start Date	FTE	License/Endorsement/Expiration	Assigned Position
Christina Brevik	Yes	Aug. 2015	1.0	Elementary/ K-8 / June 2023	Kindergarten
Sherry Bradstreet	Yes	Aug. 2010	1.0	Elementary/ K-8 / June 2024	2nd Grade
Shelley Emslie	Yes	Sept. 1991	1.0	Elementary/ K-8 / June 2023	5th Grade
Brandy Vickrey	Yes	Feb. 2015	1.0	Elementary/ K-8 / June 2022	Science 6-8, Social Studies 6th
Shanna Burchwell	Yes	Aug. 2009	1.0	English / 5-12 / June 2024 History / 5-12 / June 2024 French / 5-12 / June 2024	English 6-8, Literature 7-8, French 6-8, Social Studies 7, Creative Writing 6-8
Bud Gaiser	Yes	Sept. 2002	1.0	Elementary/ K-8 / June 2023	P.E., Health, Outdoor Ed.
Brianne Fuzesy	Yes	Aug 2015	1.0	Music / K-12 / June 2022 Library K-12 June 2022	Library K-8 Music K-5, Band 5-8
Non-Tenured					
Dylan Quinn-Congdon	Yes	Aug. 2019	1.0	Early Childhood PK-3 June 2024	1st Grade
Emily Feller	Yes	Aug. 2021	1.0	Elementary/ K-8 / June 2023	4th Grade
Marcia Ham	Yes	Aug. 2020	1.0	Elementary/ K-8 / June 2023	Title Services
Steve Waddle	Yes	Aug. 2021	1.0	Elementary/ K-8 / June 2026. Special Ed. PK-12	Special Education Services
Nichole Greene	Yes	Aug. 2021	0.5	School Counselor K-8	Counselor

Classified Staff				
Name	Renewal	Employment Start Date	Hours Per Day	Assigned Position
Dee Johnson	Yes	Feb 2003	8	District Clerk
Vanessa Ingrahm	Yes	July 2019	8	Secretary
Ashley Lau	Yes	Dec 2021	8	Para-Professional
Shyla Russell	Yes	Sept. 2021	8	Para-Professional
Jen Woll	Yes	Sept. 2013	7	Cafeteria/ Lead
Jill Smetana	Yes	Sept. 2019	7	Cafeteria
Les Ingram	Yes	Aug. 2013	6	Custodial Engineer
Taylor Ingram	Yes	Sept. 2021	6	Custodial Engineer

Denning, Downey & Associates, P.C.

CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

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Robert K. Denning, CPA, CGFM, CFF, CITP

March 25, 2022

Board of Trustees
Dee Johnson, District Clerk

Swan River Public School
1205 Swan Highway
Bigfork, MT 59911

We are engaged to audit the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Swan River Public School for the year ended June 30, 2021. Professional standards require that we provide you with the following information related to our audit. We would also appreciate the opportunity to meet with you to discuss this information further since a two-way dialogue can provide valuable information for the audit process.

Our Responsibility under U.S. Generally Accepted Auditing Standards and *Government Auditing Standards*

As stated in our engagement letter dated July 21, 2021 our responsibility, as described by professional standards, is to express opinions about whether the financial statements prepared by management with your oversight are fairly presented, in all material respects, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. Our audit of the financial statements does not relieve you or management of your responsibilities.

As part of our audit, we will consider the internal control of Swan River Public School. Such considerations will be solely for the purpose of determining our audit procedures and not to provide any assurance concerning such internal control.

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Swan River Public School's financial statements are free of material misstatements, we will perform tests of Swan River Public School's compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions is not an objective of our audit

Our responsibility is to plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable, but not absolute, assurance that the financial statements are free of material misstatement.

We are responsible for communicating significant matters related to the audit that are, in our professional judgment, relevant to your responsibilities in overseeing the financial reporting process. However, we are not required to design procedures specifically to identify such matters.

We are also responsible for communicating particular matters required by law, regulation, agreement, or other requirements applicable to the engagement.

We gave significant consideration to particular circumstances or relationships such as financial interests, business, or family relationships, or non-attest/non-audit services provided or expected to be provided, and have implemented safeguards to ensure independence.

Generally accepted accounting principles provide for certain required supplementary information (RSI) to supplement the basic financial statements. Our responsibility with respect to Budgetary Comparison Schedule and Budget-to-GAAP Reconciliation, Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A), Schedule of Changes in the Entity's Total OPEB Liability and Related Ratios, Schedule of Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability, and a Schedule of Contributions, which supplement the basic financial statements, is to apply certain limited procedures in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. However, the RSI will not be audited and, because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance, we will not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the RSI.

We have been engaged to report on the Schedule of Enrollment, Schedule of Revenue and Expenditures – Extracurricular Fund – All Fund Accounts, which accompany the financial statements but are not RSI. Our responsibility for this supplementary information, as described by professional standards, is to evaluate the presentation of the supplementary information in relation to the financial statements as a whole and to report on whether the supplementary information is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

Planned Scope, Timing of the Audit, and Other

An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements; therefore, our audit will involve judgment about the number of transactions to be examined and the areas to be tested.

Our audit will include obtaining an understanding to the entity and its environment, including internal control, sufficient to assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements and to design the nature, timing, and extent of further audit procedures. Material misstatements may result from (1) errors, (2) fraudulent financial reporting, (3) misappropriation of assets, or (4) violations of laws or governmental regulations that are attributable to the entity or to the acts by management or employees acting on behalf of the entity. We will generally communicate our significant findings at the conclusion of the audit. However, some matters could be communicated sooner, particularly if significant difficulties are encountered during the audit where assistance is needed to overcome the difficulties or if the difficulties may lead to a modified opinion. We will also communicate any internal control related matters that are required to be communicated under professional standards.

We expect to begin our audit on approximately March 25, 2022 and issue our report on approximately June 30, 2022. Robert Denning is the engagement partner and is responsible for supervising the engagement and signing the report or authorizing another individual to sign it.

This information is intended solely for the use the Board of Trustees and management of Swan River Public School and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Very truly yours,

Denning, Downey & Associates, P.C.

April 6, 2022

Swan River Administration and Board Members,

I am writing to resign my position of 3rd grade teacher at Swan River School. I have thoroughly enjoyed and am grateful for my time as a teacher at Swan River. I have made memories that will last a lifetime. The staff, families and students in this school are very special and will hold a piece of my heart. However, I have decided to move a different direction in my educational career.

It is with great sadness that I am leaving, but I will bring with me the friendships and memories.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve this community.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tracey Stahlberg". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right from the end of the name.

Tracey Stahlberg

To Swan River School Board ,

Swan River School has become a second home to me and my wife the past three years. The staff, students, and community have become a family to me, and I have built relationships here that I will never take for granted. I fell in love with the tight knit, hometown feel of this school and this community. It is a school that I am very fortunate to teach at and a school I can see myself teaching at until I retire. Starting off my career at the school where I want to end my career has been an absolute blessing. Raising a family here and having a "Swannie" of my own has been our ultimate goal.

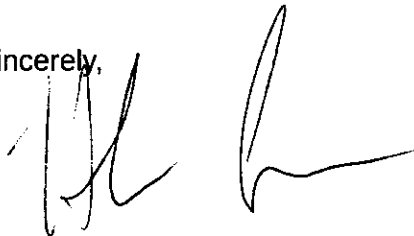
Daily interactions with my colleagues are an important part of the job. The cohesion our middle school team has, is unbelievable. We work together, and count on each other, each and every day. I can't imagine falling so perfectly into place at any other school, the way that I have here.

Teaching math is something I am passionate about. Seeing the improvements each class makes in a year, (one class gaining 2.8 grades in three quarters,) really shows how well I am able to connect with the students and get them to where they need to be. I have really enjoyed being able to connect and really get to know all of my students individually. I have also made so many connections with all of the other grades. It is pretty cool to be able to walk down a hallway full of students and be able to see how excited they are just to give me a high five. These are the connections I will always be grateful for.

I have put in countless extra hours outside of the classroom to make these special connections including: coaching boys and girls basketball and volleyball; running student council; coaching mathletes; attending sporting events; going to first grade baseball games; and so much more. I have established relationships with the students at Swan River School, and that is a quality that does not come around often.

Like I said above, I would love to stay and teach and grow and learn at this school; but if these aren't the qualities you are looking for, consider this my resignation letter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Hayden Congdon', written in a cursive style.

Hayden Congdon