

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

December 13, 2021

The Swan River School Board of Trustees met in regular session on Monday, December 13, 2021 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, Kim Johnston, Brooke Johnston and Linda Stewart.

TRUSTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

ALSO PRESENT:

Principal JJ Lamb, District Clerk Dee Johnson, Stephanie Tinney and Wendy Lee Tarabochia

CALL TO ORDER:

Meeting called to order at 4:30 p.m.

Correspondence: None

Public participation on non-agenda items: Stephanie would like to say that JJ has done an awesome job on the playground project and has put in many extra hours.

ACTION ITEMS:

Approval of Consent Agenda

Motion to approve items on the Consent Agenda

Hayden Congdon, coach for 7th & 8th grade girls basketball with Shawna Benson assisting

Jamie Grinde, coach for 5th and 6th grade girls basketball coach with Natalie Corona assisting.

Resignation on Callie Devine and hire of Ashley Lau and one on one paraprofessional

Claims

Motion : Kim Johnston

Second: Brianna Anderson

Passed unanimously

PTO report: Stephanie Tinney reported that craft day is ready to go. Also, a PTO member has donated funds to help with basketball uniforms

Teachers: None

Committee reports: Safety committee meeting this week. First aid Training scheduled.

Principal report: Playground update, new hire of para update, looking into new curriculum for math, social studies and spelling. Brooke suggested also checking into ALEX for math.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

A: Consider policy updates and changes 2nd and final reading #1210

Motion to select "Will not" for update.

Motion: Brooke Johnston

Second: Kim Johnston

Passed unanimously

B: Consider new policy recommended # 4125 (previously tabled)

Motion to table again and form a committee with Brooke and Brianna and JJ Lamb. JJ will talk to staff and get a couple more for committee

Motion: Brooke Johnston

Second: Brianna Anderson

Passed unanimously

C: Consider approval to delete # 2312P and reject policy # 8211 (2nd reading)

Motion to delete # 2312P and reject policy # 8211 final reading.

Motion: Brianna Anderson

Second: Kim Johnston

Passed unanimously

D: Consider approval of recommended board policies 4330F & 4330P  
Previously tabled (1st reading) The board discussed and decided to not  
adopt 4330F & 4330P but to take part of the language and add it to our  
current 4330 policy. This will be added to the next board meeting for  
reading

Motion to not adopt 4330F & 4330P

Motion: Brooke Johnston

Second: Brianna Anderson

Passed unanimously

### **NEW BUSINESS ACTION AND/OR DISCUSSION**

A: Consider approval of reader board sign

Principal JJ Lamb has received two estimates on reader board signs.

Peak and Western Neon

We can determine the size and color light options, important to keep it  
simple

Linda has questions on having it on the wall or by the road.

Linda doesn't feel the community can see wall sign as they are not driving  
through the parking lot all the time like parents are.

Dan is in favor of electronic sign on building or best location

Kim also is in favor of electronic sign on building or best location

Brianna feels the current sign is a hindrance of line of sight for vehicles. In  
favor of electronic sign with timers on the lights.

Brooke feels the old sign needs to be removed and placed somewhere  
else but is opposed to flashing electronic lights

Brooke made the motion to not have an electronic sign

Motion: Brooke Johnston

Second: Linda Stewart

No majority

Brianna made the motion to have an electronic reader board using Peak  
Design. Placement on the building to be determined later

Motion: Brianna Anderson

Second: Kim Johnston

Dan voted yes to the motion  
Brooke and Linda opposed the motion  
Majority rules

Topics/ Discussions for next agenda:  
Discussion on the cross walk and upgrading the school highway signs  
JJ is in contact with the state and other resources to help with the project  
and funding  
Discuss updating/adding cameras

Motion to adjourn meeting at 5:55 p.m.  
Motion: Brianna Anderson  
Seconded: Kim Johnston  
Passed unanimously

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Dan Elwell, Board Chair

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Dee Johnson, District Clerk