

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

October 11, 2021

The Swan River School Board of Trustees met in regular session on Monday, October 11, 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 and Kim Johnston. Brooke Johnston was present via phone call

TRUSTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Linda Stewart

ALSO PRESENT:

Principal JJ Lamb, District Clerk Dee Johnson, Brandy Vickrey, Christina Brevik, Shelley Emslie, and Ashley Grassa

CALL TO ORDER:

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

Correspondence: None

Public participation on non-agenda items: None

ACTION ITEMS:

Approval of Consent Agenda

Motion to approve items on the Consent Agenda

Motion : Brianna Anderson

Second: Kim Johnston

Passed unanimously

PTO report: Open house went very well, nothing more to report

Teachers: None

Committee reports:

Tech committee: Brandy opfar and Shelley working on revamping the website.

Principal Report: Esser fund applications have all been approved, Also Title and Sped applications have been submitted  
5 loads of chips should be arriving next week for the playground. Brian Truckey is a parent who is interested in having an ice skating rink for students and the community on school grounds and he would Supply all of the materials. We will check into the Liability and discuss further.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

A:

### **NEW BUSINESS**

A: Consider changes to policy # 1910 & 1910F2  
Motion to delete optional wording and form 1910F (1st reading)  
And to add suggested language (attached) for emergency paid covid leave  
Motion: Brianna Anderson  
Second: Kim Johnston  
Passed unanimously

B: Policy Committee:

Dan feels the whole board needs to read the policies but form a policy committee of 2 board members, Dee & JJ for board recommendation to save time at board meetings. Brooke feels it is the job of the board members to discuss each policy to keep transparency in open meeting laws, and everybody should have a really good grasp. Kim feels a committee would be a good idea and all board members still need to read over the policies. Brianna asked what a committee can accomplish that allows it to be narrowed down. Dan stated that the board would still read the policies, but having a committee would save time of spending too much time discussing in a board meeting.

Brooke made the motion to not have a committee for policies  
No Second.

Motion from Kim Johnston to form a committee  
Second: Brianna Anderson

Shelley Emslie asked if the policies would be available to read. Dan stated they would be available

Opposed: Brooke Johnston

Passed by majority vote

Board Discussion: Dan suggested the school purchase Covid tests for staff. The rest of the board feels that moving forward it is not our job to quarantine, or contact trace, and in passing policy 1910, staff must have a health provider or health dept confirm a test for covid leave.

Topics next agenda: Policies, playground update, hockey rink, possible trauma training

Motion to adjourn meeting at 5:22 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