

Regular Board Meeting of February 6, 2018

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Whitehall School District 4, 47 and 2 of Madison and Jefferson Counties was held on February 6, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the Whitehall Middle School Library.

Board Members:

Michelle LaFontaine
Gina Ossello
Sharon Howard
Jeff Briggs
Paul Shaw

Administrators:

John T. Sullivan, Superintendent
Patti Drake, District Clerk
Hannah Nieskens, 6-12 Principal
Britt McLean, K-5 Principal

Visitors: None

AGENDA

ITEM:

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chair Michelle LaFontaine.

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Approval of Agenda

Gina Ossello made a motion to approve the agenda.
Paul Shaw seconded the motion.
In Favor: Michelle LaFontaine, Jeff Briggs, Gina Ossello, Sharon Howard, Paul Shaw
Opposed: None
Motion carried

Visitors

The visitors were welcomed to the meeting and were told that a public comment period for matters of a general nature would be held later in the meeting.

Public Comment

None.

Minutes

Jeff Briggs made a motion to approve the minutes of the Special and Regular Board Meetings of January 9, 2018.
Sharon Howard seconded the motion
In Favor: Michelle LaFontaine, Jeff Briggs, Gina Ossello, Sharon Howard, Paul Shaw
Opposed: None
Motion carried

Correspondence

Letter from Sue Johnson

REPORTS:

Elementary Principal

(See attached)

High School Principal

(See attached) Ms. Nieskens reported that she has also completed her evaluations. She has one teacher that is struggling, she is working with that teacher to try and get them on track.

Superintendent

(See attached) Mr. Sullivan passed around a picture of a portable loading chute that had been built in the shop and wanted to recognize

Mr. Harris for doing a great job. Northwestern Energy has awarded the school a \$1,000 towards the bleacher and crowd's nest project. We still have no applications for the Special Education position, there are 18 openings in Montana

OLD BUSINESS

Activity Bus

Mr. Sullivan showed the board a picture of the Activity Bus from Stevensville, we would like to have our bus wrapped in a Trojan theme similar to the Stevensville bus. He has not heard anymore from Harlow's, so he is assuming we are still on track to have the bus here in the next couple of weeks.

NEW BUSINESS

Cooperative Agreement

Mr. Sullivan has talked to the Harrison Superintendent about renewing the Co-op Agreement for the 2018-19 school year. There were a couple of changes made to the current agreement: 1) students from Harrison will have to pay the Whitehall Activity fee to participate in the activity, 2) we will only honor our activity passes to enter our games, 3) Harrison will supply one administrator and one staff member to help with game management for post-season play.

Gina Ossello made a motion to approve the Cooperative Agreement with Harrison High School as submitted for the 2018-19 school year. Paul Shaw seconded the motion.

In Favor: Michelle LaFountaine, Gina Ossello, Paul Shaw, Jeff Briggs, Sharon Howard

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Coach Resignation

Mr. Sullivan informed the board that he has accepted the resignation of Lauren McDonald as Head High School Volleyball Coach. We will be advertising for the position.

Attendance Review Committee Recommendation

The meeting was closed at 7:35 pm to protect the privacy of the student. The regular meeting was resumed at 7:56 pm.

Gina made a motion that Hannah write a contract for said student to retain credit if she doesn't exceed total of 10 absences in the effected classes the second semester. If she fails she will lose the entire credit for the year.

Paul Shaw seconded the motion.

In Favor: Michelle LaFountaine, Gina Ossello, Paul Shaw, Jeff Briggs, Sharon Howard

Opposed: None

Motion carried.

Substitute Staff

Mr. Sullivan informed the board that we have two applications for substitutes: Kayleigh Moynihan, Ruth Roelfs. He recommended the board approve the substitutes as submitted.

Sharon Howard made a motion to approve the substitutes as submitted. Jeff Briggs seconded the motion.

In Favor: Michelle LaFontaine, Jeff Briggs, Gina Ossello, Sharon Howard, Paul Shaw
Opposed: None
Motion carried

Claims and Accounts

The Claim Approval list was presented to the board.

Claims

Paul Shaw made a motion to approve payment of the high school claims for February as submitted.
Jeff Briggs seconded the motion.
In Favor: Michelle LaFontaine, Jeff Briggs, Gina Ossello, Sharon Howard, Paul Shaw
Opposed: None
Motion carried

Sharon Howard made a motion to approve payment of the elementary claims for February as submitted.
Gina Ossello seconded the motion.
In Favor: Michelle LaFontaine, Jeff Briggs, Gina Ossello, Sharon Howard
Opposed: None
Motion carried

Litigation Strategy

The meeting was closed at 7:57 pm to discuss strategy. The meeting was reopened at 8:45 pm

ADJOURNMENT:

Gina Ossello made a motion to adjourn the meeting.
Sharon Howard seconded the motion.
In Favor: Michelle LaFontaine, Jeff Briggs, Gina Ossello, Sharon Howard, Paul Shaw
Opposed: None
Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Signed:

ATTEST:

Chairman

Clerk