

Regular Board Meeting of January 10, 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 January 10, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the Whitehall Middle School Library.

Board Members:

Gina Ossello
Sharon Howard
Jeff Briggs
Sue Pullman
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 Board Member Gina Ossello

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Approval of Agenda

Sharon Howard made a motion to approve the agenda.
Paul Shaw seconded the motion.
In Favor: Jeff Briggs, Gina Ossello, Sharon Howard, Sue Pullman, 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

Sue Pullman made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of December 5, 2017.
Sharon Howard seconded the motion
In Favor: Jeff Briggs, Gina Ossello, Sharon Howard, Sue Pullman, Paul Shaw
Opposed: None
Motion carried

Correspondence

None

REPORTS:

Elementary Principal

(See attached)

High School Principal

(See attached) There was discussion about scheduling 8 periods next school year. There is a reality of class sizes becoming larger, the increase in numbers does not affect the budget for 3 years. If the schedule was changed to 8 periods, staff size would not have to be increased. The administration is working with the union and feedback from staff has pointed in favor of 8 period classes.

Superintendent

(See attached) Mr. Sullivan thanked Patti and Diane for all the work they have done supplying the auditors with information needed to complete the audit.

OLD BUSINESS

School/Facility Improvements

Mr. Sullivan informed the board about projects that have been done and are being worked on. The wraps were placed on the walls around the varsity gym. The varsity gym floor was sealed over the Christmas break. The new floor in the varsity gym will be done this summer. We have had a company in working on the heating system in the elementary. Some thermostats were changed in the classrooms, the system is working better but there still is some work that needs to be done. We also had the company that installed the heating system in the middle school on campus evaluating the system. There are things working properly and there are also problems. There is a leak, the damper on one cold air return is open which causes the hot air handler to run constantly. It was recommended that we get a back-up motor, because if we lose the motor it may take weeks to get it fixed and we would not have any heat. If we do some maintenance on the system it would help with heating bills. We are working with Telesystems in getting cameras in the parking lots and in the middle school.

NEW BUSINESS

MHSA Annual Meeting

MHSA annual meeting will be this weekend. A couple of things to be discussed will be allowing 8th graders to participate in High School sports. Currently a district needs to petition MHSA to get approval to move 8th graders. The new proposal is that a board can make the decision to move 8th graders in the following sports: Cross Country, Golf, Wrestling, Track and Field and Swimming. A district will still have to petition MHSA for Volleyball and Basketball. The other proposal is to increase fines from \$50 to \$100.

Call for an Election

Patti informed the board that a resolution needs to be adopted to hold an election for the upcoming school year. There are currently 3 board members whose terms are expiring. Because of the large number of absentee voters, we would like to have the election be by mail. The election will be held on Tuesday, May 8th, 2018

Paul Shaw made a motion to adopt the resolution to call for an election. Jeff Briggs seconded the motion.
In Favor: Jeff Briggs, Gina Ossello, Sharon Howard, Sue Pullman, Paul Shaw
Opposed: None
Motion carried

Substitute Staff

Mr. Sullivan informed the board that we have three applications for substitutes: Irene Adamson, Amanda Smith and Melissa Fuller. He recommended the board approve the substitutes as submitted.

Sharon Howard made a motion to approve the substitutes as submitted. Sue Pullman seconded the motion.
In Favor: Jeff Briggs, Gina Ossello, Sharon Howard, Sue Pullman, Paul Shaw
Opposed: None

Motion carried

**Superintendent Negotiation
Committee**

It was decided at the Special Board Meeting that the Negotiating Committee would be Michelle LaFontaine and Paul Shaw.

Claims and Accounts

The Claim Approval list was presented to the board.

Claims

Jeff Briggs made a motion to approve payment of the high school claims for January as submitted.

Paul Shaw seconded the motion.

In Favor: Jeff Briggs, Gina Ossello, Sharon Howard, Sue Pullman, Paul Shaw

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Sharon Howard made a motion to approve payment of the elementary claims for January as submitted.

Jeff Briggs seconded the motion.

In Favor: Jeff Briggs, Gina Ossello, Sharon Howard

Opposed: None

Motion carried

ADJOURNMENT:

Paul Shaw made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Jeff Briggs seconded the motion.

In Favor: Jeff Briggs, Gina Ossello, Sharon Howard, Sue Pullman, Paul Shaw

Opposed: None

Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Signed:

ATTEST:

Chairman

Clerk