

Regular Board Meeting of October 3, 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 October 3, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the Whitehall Middle School Library.

Board Members:

Gina Ossello
Jeff Briggs
Scott Prevost
Bill Whitehurst
Sharon Howard
James Reiff
Paul Shaw

Administrators:

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

Visitors: Christy Todd, James Schrank

AGENDA

ITEM:

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chair Gina Ossello

Flag Salute

Approval of Agenda

Jeff Briggs made a motion to approve the agenda.
James Reiff seconded the motion.
In Favor: Gina Ossello, Jeff Briggs, James Reiff, Sharon Howard,
Scott Prevost, Paul Shaw, Bill Whitehurst
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.

Minutes

Scott Prevost made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of September 11, 2018.
Bill Whitehurst seconded the motion
In Favor: Gina Ossello, Jeff Briggs, James Reiff, Sharon Howard,
Scott Prevost, Paul Shaw, Bill Whitehurst
Opposed: None
Motion carried

Public Comment

None

Correspondence

None

Introductions

Mr. Sullivan introduced Christy Todd, she is our new High School Special Education teacher. Christy is from Ennis, the kids are challenging her, but she is enjoying her time here. She worked in Missoula for 2 years and Bozeman for 1 year in the Special Education program. She hopes to have a long career in Whitehall.

REPORTS:

Elementary Principal

(See attached)

High School Principal

(See attached) Homecoming went well, Friday is a non-instructional day, the community was involved, we had parents driving vehicles in the parade instead of staff this year. She has started her evaluations for her 6 non-tenure teachers, Ms. Clarkson, Mr. Harris, Ms. Menig, Ms. Todd, Mr. Kozicky and Ms. Walter, they are evaluated 3 times a year. We do not have a Speech/Drama coach yet, everyone that she has approached do not want to be the head coach or are willing to volunteer. The board thinks this is a valuable program and we should do our best to keep it going. Ms. Nieskens reported on her trip to Washington, DC. She said it was a good experience, she met with all 3 Congressmen and invited all of them to visit our school, which she believes they will. She also explained the HS/MS Multi-Tiered Systems of Support pyramid.

Superintendent

(See attached) Mr. Sullivan thanked Mr. Head for all his work during Homecoming week, Jen and Scott Prevost for running the concession stand, and Ms. Nieskens and Mr. Koenig for all their work.

OLD BUSINESS

School PA System

Mr. Sullivan informed the board that the PA System is supposed to be done on Thursday. They need to finish up in 3 classrooms in the elementary. The service and communication has been troubling, but the equipment is what we expected it to be.

NEW BUSINESS

Substitute Staff List

Mr. Sullivan ask the board to approve the following for substitutes for the 2018-19 school year: Stacy Briggs, Niki Babcock, Jody Carda and Cori Koenig.

James Reiff made a joint motion to approve the substitutes as submitted.

Sharon Howard seconded the motion.

In Favor: Gina Ossello, James Reiff, Sharon Howard, Scott Prevost, Paul Shaw, Bill Whitehurst

Abstain: Jeff Briggs

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Staff Hire

Mr. Sullivan asked the board to hire the following: Marci Whitehurst - Drama Coach, Bobbie Benner – Para-professional, Laneda Carpenter – Cook’s Helper and Lexi Bowman – Cook’s Helper (one hour/day)

James Reiff made a high school motion to hire Marci Whitehurst as the Drama Coach.

Scott Prevost seconded the motion.

In Favor: Gina Ossello, Jeff Briggs, James Reiff, Sharon Howard, Scott Prevost, Paul Shaw

Abstain: Bill Whitehurst

Opposed: None

Motion carried

James Reiff made a joint motion to hire Bobbie Benner as a Para-professional.

Jeff Briggs seconded the motion.
In Favor: Gina Ossello, Jeff Briggs, James Reiff, Sharon Howard,
Scott Prevost, Paul Shaw, Bill Whitehurst
Opposed: None
Motion carried

Scott Prevost made a joint motion to hire Laneda Carpenter as a Cook's Helper.
Sharon Howard seconded the motion.
In Favor: Gina Ossello, Jeff Briggs, James Reiff, Sharon Howard,
Scott Prevost, Paul Shaw, Bill Whitehurst
Opposed: None
Motion carried

James Reiff made a joint motion to hire Lexi Bowman (one hour/day) as a Cook's Helper.
Bill Whitehurst seconded the motion.
In Favor: Gina Ossello, Jeff Briggs, James Reiff, Sharon Howard,
Scott Prevost, Paul Shaw, Bill Whitehurst
Opposed: None
Motion carried

Fall ANB Count and Enrollment Projections

Mr. Sullivan informed the board that Monday, October 1st was count day for ANB, K-5 – 197, 6-8 – 108 and 9-12 – 130. He went over the enrollment projection the numbers for the High School will fluctuate between 137-140.

Claims and Accounts

The Claim Approval list was presented to the board.

Paul Shaw made a motion to approve payment of the high school claims for October as submitted.
Sharon Howard seconded the motion.
In Favor: Gina Ossello, Jeff Briggs, James Reiff, Sharon Howard,
Scott Prevost, Paul Shaw, Bill Whitehurst
Opposed: None
Motion carried

James Reiff made a motion to approve payment of the elementary claims for October as submitted.
Scott Prevost seconded the motion.
In Favor: Gina Ossello, Jeff Briggs, James Reiff, Sharon Howard, Scott Prevost
Opposed: None
Motion carried

ADJOURNMENT:

Bill Whitehurst made a motion to adjourn the meeting.
Jeff Briggs seconded the motion.
In Favor: Gina Ossello, Jeff Briggs, James Reiff, Sharon Howard,
Scott Prevost, Paul Shaw, Bill Whitehurst
Opposed: None
Motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Signed:

Chairman

ATTEST:

Clerk