

Regular Board Meeting of March 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 March 6, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the Whitehall Middle School Library.

Board Members:

Michelle LaFontaine
James Reiff
Sharon Howard
Jeff Briggs
Gina Ossello
Sue Pullman
Paul Shaw (Late)

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.

Flag Salute

Approval of Agenda

Gina Ossello made a motion to approve the agenda.
Jeff Briggs seconded the motion.
In Favor: Michelle LaFontaine, James Reiff, Jeff Briggs, Gina Ossello, Sharon Howard, Sue Pullman
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

Gina Ossello made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of February 6, 2018.
Sharon Howard seconded the motion
In Favor: Michelle LaFontaine, James Reiff, Jeff Briggs, Gina Ossello, Sharon Howard, Sue Pullman
Opposed: None
Motion carried

Correspondence

None

REPORTS:

Elementary Principal

(See attached)

High School Principal

(See attached)

Superintendent

(See attached)

OLD BUSINESS

Activity Bus

Mr. Sullivan reported that the delivery date for the Activity Bus has been pushed back to sometime in May. Some of it is out of Harlow's hands, the quality control inspection has been pushed back by International. The question was asked if we can receive any compensation for the delay and can we cancel the order and go another direction. We have signed a contract with Harlow's for the purchase of the bus. We have a five-year contract with Harlow's, we do have to negotiate amounts for years 4 and 5. Harlow's representatives will be here on Monday, March 12th to begin negotiations. Mr. Sullivan will begin the initial negotiations. If they cannot come to an agreement then he will schedule another meeting with the committee.

Board Committee Review

The Activities/Transportation committee is John Sullivan, Jeff Briggs, Sue Pullman, Gina Ossello will take Sue Pullman's place on this committee. The committees will need to be reviewed after the May election.

NEW BUSINESS

Strategic Plan and Safety Plan Review

Mr. Sullivan informed the board that both plans need to be updated. We have completed many of the suggestions in the Strategic Plan. There were several committees that helped write the strategic plan and he will be contacting the members to attend a meeting on March 26, 2018 at 3:30 p.m. The safety plan also needs to be updated and he will be contacting those members to meet on March 21, 2018 at 3:30 p.m.

Staff Resignation

Mr. Sullivan informed the board that he has accepted the resignation of Wade Edden, MS Custodian and Allie Behrens, MS/HS English Teacher. We did have some applicants for the custodian position and interviews were conducted.

Driver's Education Update

Our Driver's Education program started on Monday, March 5th, there are 15 students in the session that will end in April. The second session will also have 15 students, it will run May and June. Kelley Leo is also an instructor and she will be a back-up if we need one.

Middle School Track Coaches

Mr. Sullivan recommended we hire Kelly Leo and Shaela Wallen as the middle school track coaches. With the resignation of our custodian he also asked the board to hire Jim Reinschmidt and Kim Howell-Nerlin.

Gina Ossello made an elementary motion to hire Kelly Leo and Shaela Wallen as the Middle School Track coaches.

Jeff Briggs seconded the motion.

In Favor: Michelle LaFountaine, James Reiff, Jeff Briggs, Gina Ossello, Sharon Howard

Opposed: None

Motion carried

James Reiff made a motion to hire Jim Reinschmidt and Kim Howell-Nerlin as custodians.

Sharon Howard seconded the motion.

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

**Elementary (K-5) Principal
Evaluation/Recommend for Rehire**

Mr. Sullivan informed the board that he has completed Mr. McLean's evaluation. He has done a lot of things for the district and the three administrators are a great team. He has given him a few suggestions to work on. Mr. Sullivan recommended the board rehire Mr. McLean.

Gina Ossello made an elementary motion to rehire Mr. McLean as K-5 Elementary Principal.

James Reiff seconded the motion.

In Favor: Michelle LaFontaine, James Reiff, Jeff Briggs, Gina Ossello, Sharon Howard.
Opposed: None
Motion carried

**High School (6-12) Principal
Evaluation/Recommend for Rehire**

Mr. Sullivan informed the board that he has completed Ms. Nieskens' evaluation. She has done a lot of things for the district, she is an important piece. He has given her a few suggestions to work on. Mr. Sullivan recommended the board rehire Ms. Nieskens.

Gina Ossello made a motion to rehire Ms. Nieskens as 6-12 High School Principal.

Jeff Briggs seconded the motion.

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

Substitute Staff

Mr. Sullivan asked the board to hire Shaela Wallen as a substitute. Shaela is currently Caitlin Chiller's student teacher.

James Reiff made a motion to hire Shaela Wallen as a substitute. Sharon Howard seconded the motion.

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

SB 307 Resolution

Mr. Sullivan informed the board we are authorized by the Montana Legislature to levy an increase in the Adult Education, Bus Depreciation, Transportation, Tuition and Building Reserve funds without a vote. We must notice the taxpayers of the possible increase by March 31, 2018. The district does not have to implement these increases. The board was given a copy of the notice with the possible increases and asked to adopt a resolution of intent to impose an increase in levies.

Jeff Briggs made an elementary motion for consideration and adoption of resolution estimating in revenues/mills from tuition, adult education,

building reserve, transportation, bus depreciation levies for school fiscal year 2018-19.

James Reiff seconded the motion.

In Favor: Michelle LaFontaine, James Reiff, Jeff Briggs, Gina Ossello, Sharon Howard.

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Sharon Howard made a high school motion for consideration and adoption of resolution estimating in revenues/mills from tuition, adult education, building reserve, transportation, bus depreciation levies for school fiscal year 2018-19.

James Reiff seconded the motion.

In Favor: Michelle LaFontaine, James Reiff, Jeff Briggs, Gina Ossello, Sharon Howard, Sue Pullman, 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 March as submitted.

Jeff Briggs seconded the motion.

In Favor: Michelle LaFontaine, James Reiff, Jeff Briggs, Gina Ossello, Sharon Howard, Paul Shaw, Sue Pullman

Opposed: None

Motion carried

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

James Reiff seconded the motion.

In Favor: Michelle LaFontaine, James Reiff, Jeff Briggs, Gina Ossello, Sharon Howard

Opposed: None

Motion carried

ADJOURNMENT:

Gina Ossello made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

James Reiff seconded the motion.

In Favor: Michelle LaFontaine, James Reiff, Jeff Briggs, Gina Ossello, Sharon Howard, Paul Shaw, Sue Pullman

Opposed: None

Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Signed:

ATTEST:

Chairman

Clerk