

Regular Board Meeting of September 11, 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 September 11, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the Whitehall Middle School Library.

Board Members:

Gina Ossello
Jeff Briggs
Scott Prevost
Bill Whitehurst

Administrators:

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

Visitors: Lynnsey Moen, Katie Menig, MiRanda Foley, Zach Kozicky, Jeff Vial, Holly Harper, Lindsey Hays

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 move the Introduction of New Staff to before Reports.

Scott Prevost seconded the motion.

In Favor: Gina Ossello, Jeff Briggs, Scott Prevost, Bill Whitehurst

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Jeff Briggs made a motion to approve the agenda.

Scott Prevost seconded the motion.

In Favor: Gina Ossello, Jeff Briggs, Scott Prevost, 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

Jeff Briggs made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of August 1, 2018 and the Special Board Meeting of August 14, 2018.

Scott Prevost seconded the motion

In Favor: Gina Ossello, Jeff Briggs, Scott Prevost, Bill Whitehurst

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Public Comment

None

Correspondence

None

NEW BUSINESS:

New Staff Introductions

Ms. Nieskens introduced her new 6-12 staff members:

Katie Menig is the MS English teacher, she came from Bozeman and is happy to be here. She said the kids in Whitehall are better than the kids in Bozeman.

Jeff Vial is the Librarian, he was here before as our Librarian. He worked at Youth Challenge in Dillon for 11 years. He also is enjoying the students here.

Zach Kozicky is the HS Science teacher, he comes from Butte Central, he said the students are wonderful and everything is going great.

Mr. Koenig introduced his new K-5 staff members:

Lynnsey Moen is the new Kindergarten teacher. She moved here from Dillon and it is her 1st year in the classroom. She and her students are learning together, and the staff has been very supportive.

MiRanda Foley is the new 2nd grade teacher. She is excited to be back in Whitehall, as she grew up here. In the past she has taught upper elementary and middle school classes. Teaching 2nd grade has been a challenge, but she is enjoying it.

Mr. Sullivan informed the board that Christy Todd was unable to make this meeting, but she will be at the October meeting.

REPORTS:

Elementary Principal

(See attached)

High School Principal

Ms. Nieskens reported that we have an increase of 31 students in 6-12, for a total enrollment of 241 (110 6-8 and 131 9-12). Next week is homecoming with a bon fire on Tuesday, movie night on Wednesday, Volleyball game on Thursday and Volleyball and Football on Friday. There will also be activities during the lunch hour all week. Ms. Nieskens also informed the board that she will be in Washington, DC on Saturday, September 22. On Sunday, September 23rd she will be interviewing for the National Principal of the Year award. She will be there until Thursday, September 27th. She has 3 power point presentations that she is required to present, she presented one of them to the board.

Superintendent

(See attached)

OLD BUSINESS

School PA System

Mr. Sullivan informed the board that the PA System is still being installed. They are pulling wires in the Elementary and MS buildings. The High School is 98% completed. When the system is completely installed all three buildings will be connected.

Library Position

Mr. Sullivan recommended to the board that they hire Jeff Vial for the Librarian position.

Scott Prevost made a joint motion to hire Jeff Vial as Librarian. Bill Whitehurst seconded the motion.
In Favor: Gina Ossello, Jeff Briggs, Scott Prevost, Bill Whitehurst

Opposed: None
Motion carried

School Board Goals

The discussion on School Board Goals was tabled at the last meeting to this meeting. Mr. Sullivan asked the board if they wanted to make any changes to the goals. The board had no changes.

Jeff Briggs made a joint motion to adopt the School Board Goals for the 2018-19 school year as presented.

Scott Prevost seconded the motion.

In Favor: Gina Ossello, Jeff Briggs, Scott Prevost, Bill Whitehurst

Opposed: None

Motion carried

NEW BUSINESS

Substitute Staff List

Mr. Sullivan ask the board to approve the following for substitutes for the 2018-19 school year. Kay Ann Davis, Bill Hildebrant, Sandy McAvena, Alfred Horn, Twila Harrington, Courtney Raty, Stanley Olsen, Barbara Watson, Stacy Briggs, Shelly Heppler, Sharmen Scafani, Kitty Reed, Cari Reinschmidt, Ryan Popalis, Susan Mercer, Janine Burrows, Irene Adamson, Kelley Seccomb, Bobbie Benner, Erica Volz, Patricia Hayes, Jeannie Reinschmidt, Patti Hanley, Elizabeth Perdue, Hope Doyle, Diane Jensen, Pam Doyle.

Scott Prevost made a joint motion to approve the substitutes as submitted.

Bill Whitehurst seconded the motion.

In Favor: Gina Ossello, Scott Prevost, Bill Whitehurst

Abstain: Jeff Briggs

Opposed: None

Motion failed, lack of quorum.

Jeff Briggs made a second joint motion to approve the substitutes as submitted, excluding Stacy Briggs.

Scott Prevost seconded the motion.

In Favor: Gina Ossello, Jeff Briggs, Scott Prevost, Bill Whitehurst

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Safety Plan Review

Mr. Sullivan presented the updated Safety Plan for the 2018-19 school year. The only changes made were to staff names and pieces of the intruder training. If the board has any concerns, please see Mr. Sullivan.

Strategic 3 Year Plan Review

Mr. Sullivan informed the board that the Strategic plan was adopted 3 years ago. There were several committees formed and they worked on 8 or 9 objectives. We need to adopt a new 3-year plan. Mr. Sullivan went through the plan of what has and has not been accomplished. He would like to form the committees again and begin working on a new plan to be presented this spring to the board.

Staff Hire

Mr. Sullivan asked the board to hire Marci Whitehurst as the Drama Coach.

Jeff Briggs made a high school motion to hire Marci Whitehurst as the Drama Coach.
Scott Prevost seconded the motion.
In Favor: Gina Ossello, Jeff Briggs, Scott Prevost
Abstain: Bill Whitehurst
Opposed: None
Motion failed, lack of quorum

Open Purchase Orders

Mr. Sullivan asked the board to approve the following open purchase orders: Harrington Pepsi, Montana Broom and Brush, Sysco, Wilcoxson's and McLeod Mercantile.

Jeff Briggs made a joint motion to approve the open purchase orders as submitted.
Scott Prevost seconded the motion.
In Favor: Gina Ossello, Jeff Briggs, Scott Prevost, Bill Whitehurst
Opposed: None
Motion carried

Claims and Accounts

The Claim Approval list was presented to the board.

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

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

ADJOURNMENT:

Jeff Briggs made a motion to adjourn the meeting.
Scott Prevost seconded the motion.
In Favor: Gina Ossello, Jeff Briggs, Scott Prevost, Bill Whitehurst
Opposed: None
Motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Signed:

ATTEST:

Chairman

Clerk