

Regular Board Meeting of January 9, 2019

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 9, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the Whitehall Middle School Library.

Board Members:

Gina Ossello
Jeff Briggs
Scott Prevost
Bill Whitehurst
Sharon Howard

Administrators:

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

Visitors: 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 joint motion to approve the agenda.
Scott Prevost seconded the motion.
In Favor: Gina Ossello, Jeff Briggs, Sharon Howard, 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

Bill Whitehurst made a joint motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of December 5, 2018.
Jeff Briggs seconded the motion.
In Favor: Gina Ossello, Jeff Briggs, Sharon Howard, Scott Prevost,
Bill Whitehurst
Opposed: None
Motion carried

Public Comment

None

Correspondence

Mr. Sullivan read a thank you from the Whitehall Chamber of Commerce for our continued support. Patti Drake also informed the board that the district received a donation in memory of Maxine Hemund.

REPORTS:

Elementary Principal

(See attached)

High School Principal

(See attached)

Superintendent

(See attached)

OLD BUSINESS

Strategic Plan Update

Mr. Sullivan informed the board that the 2nd meeting was held on Wednesday, December 19th. It was discussed on how we can market our school and sell it to the community. During the meeting chairs for each objective were assigned: 6-12 Curriculum- Hannah Nieskens, K-5 Curriculum – Kurtis Koenig, Facilities – John Sullivan, Marketing – Hannah Nieskens, Teacher/Staff Growth – Donna Loomis, School Health & Safety – Melissa Robbins, Technology – Marcy Lamb, School Leadership - John Sullivan. The committee will meet and bring the plan to the board in March.

NEW BUSINESS

MHSA Annual Meeting

Mr. Sullivan reviewed the proposals that will be presented at the annual meeting on Monday, January 21, 2019 and how the district will vote. 1st proposal by MHSA to allow conference calls when immediate action for an interpretation of a rule, for a violation or protest which needs immediate action or for an appeal on student eligibility. We will vote for this proposal. 2nd proposal to amend a students' enrollment eligibility, the proposal wants to remove the wording that a student must be present in the building for ten hours per week. We will vote against this proposal. 3rd proposal is if a student is failing a class at the end of the semester may be made up during a subsequent semester, summer session, night school, correspondence, or tutoring to maintain MHSA eligibility. We will vote against this. 4th proposal is to change the criteria on how an 8th grader can be eligible to play high school sports. There already is a procedure for this that doesn't take anytime to do. We will vote against this. 5th proposal is to form a committee that will look at an ejection within 48 hours of an appeal instead of sitting out the next contest. We will vote against this. 6th proposal is to allow teams to participate in activities during the Christmas break. We will vote against this. 7th proposal is to request consideration of girls' wrestling as a MHSA sanctioned sport. We will vote for this. 8th proposal is to change the maximum number of contests from 18 to 20. We will vote against this. Mr. Sullivan asked the board if they approved of these votes and they all agreed to them.

Call for an Election

Patti explained that we have 2 trustee seats up for re-election. The positions are currently being held by James Reiff and Sharon Howard. The board needs to pass a resolution calling for an election.

Jeff Briggs made a motion to call for an election as submitted.

Scott Prevost seconded the motion.

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

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Multi-District Agreement

Mr. Sullivan explained that our current agreement expires on February 2, 2019. He recommended that board renew the agreement for 3 more years, February 2, 2019 to February 2, 2022.

Scott Prevost made an elementary motion to approve the agreement as submitted.

Sharon Howard seconded the motion.

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

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Bill Whitehurst made a high school motion to approve the agreement as submitted.

Jeff Briggs seconded the motion.

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

Bill Whitehurst

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Claims and Accounts

Claims approval list was presented to the board.

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

Scott Prevost seconded the motion.

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

Bill Whitehurst

Opposed: None

Motion carried

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

Jeff Briggs seconded the motion.

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

Opposed: None

Motion carried

John asked James Schrank to explain to the board what was wrong with the Activity Bus. James explained that it was the intermittent ejection control (diesel going to the engine). They will be taking it to Rocky Mountain Truck Center (Freightliner) in Belgrade to have it repaired. We should have the bus back by the end of next week.

The next meeting was set for Wednesday, February 6th at 7:00 pm.

ADJOURNMENT:

Jeff Briggs made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Scott Prevost seconded the motion.

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

Bill Whitehurst

Opposed: None

Motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Signed:

ATTEST:

Chairman

Clerk