

BELFRY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 3

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

9 February, 2021 –7:00 P.M.

MINUTES

The Regular School Board Meeting of the Belfry School District was called to order at 7:00 PM by Board Chair Mary Lee Krenning.

Board members present were Linda Gasser, Jolene Nose, Duane Hergenrider, and Willis Herden. Superintendent Jason Olson and District Clerk Beth Pulse were present. Tura Gruel, Estaleda Webb, Kasey McClane, and Analea Olson were present in the public section.

Approval of January 12th Regular Board Meeting and the January 19th Special Board Meeting Minutes

The Belfry Board of Trustees move to approve the minutes of the January 12th Regular Board Meeting and the January 19th Special Board Meeting.

MOTION: Linda Gasser

SECOND: Jolene Nose

VOTE: 5-0

Approval of February Claims/Warrants

Duane expressed concern about the school purchasing snorkeling equipment for the cross curricular class. Jason explained the reasoning behind it and likened it to purchasing supplies for shop class. There was also discussion about the 3D printer.

The Belfry Board of Trustees move to approve warrant 30481 through warrant 30509 for a total of \$22,851.67 for February 2021.

MOTION: Duane Hergenrider

SECOND: Linda Gasser

VOTE: 5-0

Review Expenditure Actual to Budget Report

This was reviewed.

Correspondence

None.

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

None.

Delegates to Address Board

None.

Administrative Report

Jason said things are going well. Tura is volunteering time and holding a cooking club twice a week with around 36 kids participating. Jolene has been helping out and also volunteering to help with breakfast in the mornings. Susan Berard has donated bee boxes and bee keeping supplies. Tura would like to get bees and start fund raising with honey. This spring, Jason wants to begin switching over curriculum. His concern with large publishers is that some of them tend to have agendas and he wants to get away from politically driven curriculum. The teachers

have looked at the American Reading Company. Shoshone, Wyoming currently uses it and has seen growth. American Reading will look at our test scores and tailor a program specifically for us. Analea said that some schools in Missoula and Helena are using this program. There was discussion that the program can be integrated into all subjects and would be used for all grade levels. After the initial purchase price of about \$72,000.00, it would only cost between two and three thousand dollars a year to maintain. We would be able to cut out expenses for Accelerated Reader and Scholastic magazines to help offset the yearly expenses. Jason said the teachers would be watching classes being taught using the American Reading Co. curriculum via Zoom on Feb. 23rd from 8 am to 10 am. Jason said Board members were welcome to come watch if they were interested.

Custodial/Maintenance Report

Jerry was not present. Jason said Jerry has been busy with snow removal.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Hire Track Coaches

Kasey McClane and Analea Olson both submitted letters of interest. There was discussion that we would have between 11 and 14 students participating and that we still could use a third coach.

The Belfry Board of Trustees move to hire Analea Olson and Kasey McClane as JH and HS track coaches for 2020-2021.

MOTION: Jolene Nose

SECOND: Willis Herden

VOTE: 5-0

School Election Resolution

Duane Hergenrider's term is up this year.

The Belfry Board of Trustees move to approve the resolution and call for the school election.

MOTION: Jolene Nose

SECOND: Linda Gasser

VOTE: 5-0

MTSBA Membership Renewal

There was discussion about the services they provide.

The Belfry Board of Trustees move to renew membership with MTSBA for the 2021-2022 school year.

MOTION: Jolene Nose

SECOND: Linda Gasser

VOTE: 5-0

Consider Installing Water Bottle Stations

Beth gave the board a couple of options for water fountains with attached water bottle fillers to replace the water fountain on the middle floor in the high school. There was discussion about whether or not we need one in the elementary building. All of the classrooms in the elementary have sinks with spigots tall enough to fill water bottles. There was discussion that we still need to get water in the lobby area / entrance of the gym.

The Belfry Board of Trustees move to approve installing the water bottle filler for \$1763.00 in the high school.

MOTION: Willis Herden

SECOND: Jolene Nose

VOTE: 5-0

Approve Sub

Estaleda Webb has applied to sub anywhere needed. Cheryl is working on getting her fingerprinting appointment scheduled.

The Belfry Board of Trustees move to approve Estaleda Webb as a sub pending her background check.

MOTION: Jolene Nose

SECOND: Willis Herden

VOTE: 5-0

Approve 2021-2022 Calendar

There was discussion about how many snow days were built into the calendar. Mr. Olson said “one” and mentioned that we are currently working under an emergency proficiency policy which allows the school to count a student who may have less than the minimum hours if the school determines them to be proficient. Park City has implemented this policy and it may be something to consider in the future. Willis suggested adding December 22 for an extra day. Jason said we have 1100 hours in the current schedule and it is the same calendar as this year.

The Belfry Board of Trustees move to approve the 21-22 calendar as presented.

MOTION: Willis Herden

SECOND: Jolene Nose

VOTE: 5-0

Kitchen Equipment Request

Tura presented the board with her most recent proposal from Bargreen Ellingson for the equipment she would like to purchase with the No Child Hungry Grant that the school has been awarded. In order to get everything she would like, she would need a total of \$13,342.00. Beth explained that the next round of ESSER funds may be able to supplement since some of the requested equipment will enhance the reduction of the risk of virus spread. There was discussion about the milk dispenser. Duane was concerned about the potential for more messes than with the cartons. Tura said the amount of waste, in both milk and cartons, would be reduced greatly and the dispenser would be easy for the kids to use. There was discussion about the fact that the warming tables are original with the building and having some mechanical issues and need to be replaced.

The Belfry Board of Trustees move to approve the purchase of kitchen equipment per the Bargreen Ellingson bid.

MOTION: Jolene Nose

SECOND: Willis Herden

VOTE: 5-0

The next regular meeting will be held on March 9th, at 7:00 PM.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

MOTION: Linda Gasser

SECOND: Willis Herden

VOTE: 5-0

Beth Pulse, District Clerk

Mary Lee Krenning, Board Chair