

Big Sandy Public Schools
Regular Meeting
April 18, 2017 7:00 p.m.
High School Computer Room

Trustees Present: Brad Weaver, Chairperson
Diana LaBuda
Darin Genreux
Andrew Long

Trustee Absent: Brandon Gasvoda

Staff Present: Brad Moore, Superintendent
Maryetta Engle, Clerk
Heather Wolery, Elementary Head Teacher

Visitors Present: Melanie Schwarzbach

1. Call to Order
Chairperson Brad Weaver called the meeting to order.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
3. Welcome Guests
Chairperson Brad Weaver welcomed the guest.
4. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting
Darin Genreux moved Andrew Long seconded to approve the minutes of the March 21, 2017 regular meeting. Discussion. Unanimous.

Diana LaBuda moved Brad Weaver seconded to approve the minutes of the April 5, 2017 special meeting. Discussion. Unanimous.

Andrew Long moved Darin Genreux seconded to approve the minutes of the April 11, 2017 special meeting. Discussion. Unanimous.

5. Public Comments to the Board
Melanie Schwarzbach thanked the board for the addition of an extra track coach. There are currently eleven (11) high school track participants and thirty-two (32) in junior high. She also mentioned that track is having a difficult time getting bus drivers for their meets. She is concerned that it will negatively impact the participants.
6. Correspondence
A copy of the 2016-17 School Accreditation Status was sent to the Board of Trustees.
7. Student Council Report
NONE
8. Old Business
 - a. Building Maintenance Projects
Superintendent Moore reported that he is still trying to schedule the next stage of our sewer project.

Based on the design choice and extending the new flooring over the carpeted area at the end of the fourth through sixth wing, there will be close to twelve thousand dollars in addition expenses for the elementary hallway flooring.

Diana LaBuda moved Darin Genereux seconded to approve the additional costs. Discussion. Unanimous.

Supt. Moore reported that Pear Paw Paint has been able to schedule the annex to be painted the first week in May.

b. Pool Project

There will be an Aquatic Center Committee meeting on May 18, 2017 at 6:30 pm.

c. Draft Strategic Plan

Supt. Moore has sent a copy to the staff for feedback. The Strategic Plan will be on the May 16, 2017 agenda for approval.

d. Elective Offerings.

A discussion was held regarding Digital Academy and online courses, not including dual credit and advanced placement courses. The general consensus was that students would be limited to one (1) per career unless they maintain a B average in the class. Any additional online courses are on the student's own time, but test proctoring can be done through the school and eligibility would apply for those courses facilitated through the school. As any decision regarding elective courses affects Board Policy, no action was taken at this time.

9. New Business

a. Preliminary Bus Routes

Diana LaBuda moved Brad Weaver seconded to adjust the Highway 87/Kenilworth route to just go to Virgelle, and guaranteed hours would be two (2) hours per day, North route would remain the same. Discussion. Unanimous.

b. Substitute Bus Route Pay

Darin Genereux moved Andrew Long seconded to pay substitute bus drivers fifteen (15) dollars per hour. Discussion. Unanimous.

c. Hire Part-Time Foreign Language Teacher-Bridgette Long

Diana LaBuda moved, Darin Genereux seconded to hire Bridgette Long to teach Spanish one period per day at pay of one seventh of the Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) amount. Discussion. For: Darin Genereux, Brad Weaver, and Diana LaBuda. Abstain: Andrew Long.

d. Approve English Teacher-Sarah Knox

Andrew Long moved Brad Weaver seconded to approve Sarah Knox as English teacher. Discussion. Unanimous.

e. North Star Permission to Enter

Diana LaBuda moved Darin Genereux seconded to approve North Star Permission to Enter. Discussion. Unanimous.

- f. Montana Small School Alliance Letter of Agreement.
Darin Genereux moved Diana LaBuda seconded to approve the Montana Small School Alliance Letter of Agreement. Discussion. Unanimous.
- g. Lunch Costs
A discussion was held regarding the possibility of raising lunch/breakfast prices. Current prices have been in effect for many years, and we are well below the Office of Public Instruction (OPI) recommended prices. No action was taken at this time.

10. Reports

a. Clerk-

The 2015-16 audit has been conducted. There were two findings.

b. Superintendent-

-We have received the new health insurance rates from MUST.

-The kindergarten and sixth grade jobs have been advertised and we have a strong applicant pool. We will be interviewing the first week of May.

-The school food audit has been completed. The head cook side was very good, there were some errors in accounting, and our wellness policy needs updated.

-Supt. Moore would like to work on our staffing efficiency.

11. Approval of Claims

- K-12

Diana LaBuda moved Brad Weaver seconded to approve K-12 District # 2 claims. Unanimous. Copy attached

Claim warrants 46496 through 46543, Payroll warrants 34490 through 34534 and Direct Deposit batches 105 through 107 were approved.

12. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:36 pm.


District Clerk


Chairperson, Board of Trustee

