



# Big Jackson Public Schools

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## BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2019 7:00 P.M.

**Members present:** Brad Crawford, Laura Johnson, Sue Jones, and Lynn Ulman

**Member absent:** Charlotte Lockerby

**Visitors present:** Kathy Ruelle, Melissa Wyn, Sam Wyn, Ben Gronzo, Becky Jackson, and Lori Tubbergen Clark (via phone)

- I. **Call to order** at 7:00 PM.
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance** was recited.
- III. **Approval of minutes for the August 6, 2019 meeting.** Motion by Johnson. Support by Ulman. Unanimously passed.
- IV. **Approval of the agenda.** Motion by Johnson. Support by Jones. Unanimously passed.
- V. **Presentations & reports**
  - a. Financial report: Tubbergen Clark noted that we paid Rehmann Robson \$4950 for the audit that was completed last month. Also noteworthy is that we made our final bus payment. This is our lean time of year until property taxes begin coming in so you will notice very little revenue on your financial report this month. Also, we still do not have a state budget but are hopeful that we have one before October 1<sup>st</sup>. Finally, Brad Crawford and Laura Johnson will be attending the audit committee meeting next month prior to our Board meeting and the auditors will present the audit to the board for approval in October.

## **VI. Leadership Reports**

- a. Superintendent's report:
  - i. Our 4-day seat time waiver was approved for the 2019-2020 school year.
  - ii. The electronic vote that recommended BJPS transport only on the days that BJPS is in session passed unanimously. BJPS will not operate a bus on the days that they are not in session.
- b. Building Administrator's report:
  - i. Our refrigerator was no longer working. Staff has Lowes deliver a new one.
  - ii. Our school alarm system is outdated. We will need to replace our 7 alarms at BJPS. The estimate is about \$1,000 without labor.
  - iii. Curt is out on medical leave so Bill Fuller has agreed to substitute as our bus driver.

## **VII. Public Participation**

Kathy Ruelle commented that she is not in favor of the decision to not transport secondary students that live in the Big Jackson district to Big Rapids on days that Big Jackson is closed.

Melissa Wyn spoke about concerns with bus discipline and the lack of transportation for her BRPS student on Fridays on the Big Jackson bus.

## **VIII. Action items**

- A. Approve the payment of checks 18826-18844 (\$20,048.04), EFT 240-250 (\$6,627.64), and payroll 641-644 (\$2,644.07), 645 (\$657.45), 646-650 (\$2,782.14). Motion by Jones. Support by Ulman. Unanimously passed.
- B. Approve the practice to limit Big Jackson transportation to days when only Big Jackson Public Schools is in session. Motion by Johnson. Support by Jones. Unanimously passed.
- C. Approve the hiring of Bill Fuller, Substitute Bus Driver, at a rate of \$17.50/hour. Motion by Jones. Support by Johnson. Unanimously passed.

**IX. Information from the Board.**

- Curt Wilkinson bought the old school van for the price of scrap.
- Board members discussed the possibility of replacing the school van and establishing a van fund.
- Johnson requested that Becky Jackson notify the board of activities like open house, etc. so they can attend.

**X. Next board meeting will be October 1, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.**

**XI. Adjournment at 7:43 p.m.**