

REGULAR MEETING  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
SCHOOL DISTRICT #6  
AUGUST 16, 2021

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of School District Six was held at 6:00 P.M., Monday, August 16, 2021, in the Boardroom of the administration offices at 501 Sixth Avenue West, Columbia Falls, Montana.

PRESENT:

Jill Rocksund	Board Chair
Dean Chisholm	Vice Chair
Gail Pauley	Trustee
Barbara Riley	Trustee
Heather Mumby	Trustee
Keri Hill	Trustee
Wayne Jacobsmeyer	Trustee
Larry Wilson	Trustee
Dave Wick	Superintendent of Schools
Dustin Zuffelato	Business Manager/Clerk

Chair Rocksund called the meeting to order at 6:08 P.M.

Motion by Riley, second by Hill, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion passed 8-0

Motion by Mumby, second by Riley, to approve the consent agenda as follows:

-Approve the Board Minutes from the July 12, 2021 Regular Meeting.

-Approve the investment report.

-Approve July Bills.

Passed 8-0

Public Participation:

Approximately thirty (30) people participated in the meeting remotely via Zoom.

Approximately thirty (30) people participated in the meeting in person.

Chair Rocksund requested public participation on any agenda or non-agenda items.

Approximately twelve members of the public expressed concern with children and staff being mandated to wear masks during the upcoming school year.

Approximately six members of the public expressed concern with the District deciding to move to phase three and making masks optional.

Reports:

District Owners Representative Dave Jolly-Jobsite Inc. presented an update regarding the K-8 Facility Bond Project.

District Business Manager/Clerk provided the Board with a written report.

Trustee Barb Riley presented an update regarding the Montana School Board Association (MTSBA).

Superintendent Dave Wick provided the Board with a written report. Mr. Wick presented the results of a community survey whereas of the 4,000 members who received a survey, approximately 10% responded. The survey was intended to extract public sentiment and desires related to virus mitigation strategies and use of federal ESSER funding. Approximately 70% of

CALL TO ORDER

APPROVE AGENDA

APPROVE CONSENT  
AGENDA

PUBLIC  
PARTICIPATION:

REPORTS:

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the responses indicated they recommend mask be optional for students.

ACTION /  
DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Action/Discussed Items:

Negotiations Committee Chair Dean Chisholm presented the details of the tentative agreement between the District and the Teachers Union. The proposed terms include cleanup of language related to vacancies, lane changes, and the national board certification. The agreement covers FY 2022 and FY 2023. Each cell was increased 2.25% in FY 2022 and 2.0% in FY 2023. The District contribution to health insurance remains unchanged for FY 2022 and would share any increase in FY 2023 80% District and 20% Employee.

MOTION TO RATIFY  
THE COLLECTIVE  
BARGAINING AGREE-  
MENT BETWEEN SD#6  
AND COLUMBIA FALLS  
TEACHERS UNION

Motion by Wilson, second by Mumby, to ratify the Collective Bargaining Agreement between School District Six and the Columbia Falls Teachers Union effective for school year 2021/22 and 2022/23. Passed 8-0

The Board considered the Health Insurance Committee recommendation to approve a revised agreement with Kalispell Regional Medical Center (Logan Health). The current agreement was executed in 2006. The proposed revisions expand the 15% discount to 25% discount. Based on historical claims data, this should represent an annual savings of approximately \$100,000. The proposal does provide billing based on Medicare allowable for claims exceeding \$80,000. These large claims are priced not to exceed 350% of Medicare. The Committee also recommended an amendment to the ELAP Core Services Agreement. Effective July 1, 2021, the District will be expanding use of ELAP to reprice out of network professional (physician) claims. The contract amendment defines terms for the physician claims as well as clarifying terms of the original cost containment contract to align to business model changes. Trustee Wilson expressed concern with the KRMC contract as it does not contain a robust referenced based pricing model. Board consensus was that although the terms are not perfect, they do represent an improvement.

MOTION TO APPROVE  
THE PARTICIPATING  
PROVIDER AGREE-  
MENT WITH KRMC  
AND THE ELAP CORE  
SERVICE AGREEMENT

Motion by Mumby, second by Pauley, to approve the Participating Provider Agreement with Kalispell Regional Medical Center and the ELAP Core Services Agreement amendment. Passed 8-0

The Board considered a managed services agreement with Pine Cove Consulting. The IT Director resigned June 30, 2021. The District solicited applications for this position but could not secure a qualified candidate. In the absence of qualified candidates, the District began discussing the terms of this agreement with Pine Cove whom currently provides consulting services to the District. Pine Cove already has a working knowledge of our current network infrastructure. The terms of the agreement would effectively outsource the tier two (and higher) IT issues to Pine Cove. Pine Cove will remotely provide ongoing monitoring and security services.

MOTION TO APPROVE  
THE MANAGED SER-  
VICES AGREEMENT  
WITH PINE COVE  
CONSULTING

Motion by Riley, second by Wilson, to approve the Managed Services Agreement with Pine Cove Consulting. Passed 8-0

The Board considered a facility use agreement with Wild Katz Daycare. This independent daycare uses the administration building to operate a daycare for District employees. A new agreement is proposed as a result of change of ownership of this independent daycare business. Motion by Wilson, second by Hill, to approve the Facility Use Agreement with Wild Katz Daycare. Passed 8-0

MOTION TO APPROVE  
THE FACILITY AGREE-  
MENT WITH WILD  
KATZ DAYCARE

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The Board considered an amendment to the Comprehensive School and Community Treatment Services (CSCT) Agreement with Logan Healthcare. At this point Logan Health does not anticipate any changes to the CSCT services provided to the District. Logan Health staffs a team of mental health counselors in each of the four schools and serves approximately fifty students per year. A new state law passed during the 2021 legislative session is likely to prompt financial changes to the program. There appears to be likelihood the District will be required to pay a match of up to 35%. The terms of the proposed amendment is to extend the current agreement for one year and allow either party to terminate with a thirty day notice. This protects both entities from unforeseen changes as a result of the recent legislation.

Motion by Mumby, second by Pauley, to approve amendment #1-Comprehensive School and Community Treatment Services Agreement with Logan Healthcare. Passed 8-0

MOTION TO APPROVE  
AMMENDMENT #1  
- COMPREHENSIVE  
SCHOOL AND COM-  
MUNITY TREATMENT  
SERVICES AGREE-  
MENT WITH LOGAN  
HEALTHCARE

The Board considered revisions to policies as recommended by the Policy Committee.

Motion by Wilson, second by Chisholm, to revise Policy #1111 – School Board Elections on the first and final reading. Passed 8-0

MOTION TO APPROVE  
POLICY #1111

Motion by Mumby, second by Pauley, to revise Policy #1230 – Clerk on the first and final reading. Passed 8-0

MOTION TO APPROVE  
POLICY #1230-CLERK

Motion by Chisholm, second by Hill, to revise Policy #1310 – District Policies and Procedures on the first and final reading. Passed 8-0

MOTION TO APPROVE  
POLICY #1310

Motion by Chisholm, second by Mumby, to revise Policy #2120 – Curriculum Development, Content, and Assessment on the first and final reading. Passed 8-0

MOTION TO APPROVE  
POLICY #2120

Motion by Chisholm, second by Pauley, to adopt new Policy #2135 – Human Sexuality Instruction on the first and final reading. Passed 8-0

MOTION TO APPROVE  
POLICY #2135 -

Motion by Riley, second by Mumby, to adopt new Policy #2422 – Proficiency on the first and final reading. Passed 8-0

MOTION TO APPROVE  
POLICY #2422

Motion by Riley, second by Mumby, to revise Policy #3130 – Children of Military Families on the first and final reading. Passed 8-0

MOTION TO APPROVE  
POLICY #3130

Motion by Wilson, second by Chisholm, to revise Policy #3210 – Equal Educational Opportunity on the first and final reading. Passed 8-0

MOTION TO APPROVE  
POLICY #3210

Motion by Wilson, second by Mumby, to revise Policy #3300 – Suspension and Expulsion-Corrective Actions and Punishment on the first and final reading. Passed 8-0

MOTION TO APPROVE  
POLICY #3300

Motion by Wilson, second by Riley, to revise Policy #3310 – Student Discipline on the first and final reading. Passed 8-0

MOTION TO APPROVE  
POLICY #3310

Motion by Chisholm, second by Pauley, to revise Policy #3416 – Administration of Medication on the first and final reading. Passed 8-0

MOTION TO APPROVE  
POLICY #3416

Motion by Mumby, second by Riley, to revise Policy #4316 – Accommodating Individuals with Disabilities on the first and final reading. Passed 8-0

MOTION TO APPROVE  
POLICY #4316

Trustee Jacobsmeyer requested Policy 5010 – Equal Employment Opportunity and Non Discrimination be tabled as he would like nondiscrimination regarding sex to not include sexual orientation.

MOTION TO TABLE-  
POLICY #5010

Motion by Mumby, second by Pauley, to revise Policy #5140 – Classified Employment and Assignment on the first and final reading. Passed 8-0

MOTION TO APPROVE-  
POLICY #5140

Motion by Wilson, second by Hill, to revise Policy #5228 – Drug and Alcohol Testing for School Bus and Commercial Vehicle Drivers and Policy #5325 – Breastfeeding in the Workplace on the first and final reading. Passed 8-0

MOTION TO APPROVE-  
POLICY #5228

MOTION TO APPROVE-  
POLICY #5325

Motion by Wilson, second by Riley, to revise Policy #7425 – Extra and Co-curricular Funds, Policy 7500-Property Records, and Policy #8411 – Water Supply and Wastewater on the first and final reading. Passed 8-0

MOTION TO APPROVE-  
POLICY #7425

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Dustin Zuffelato, Business Manager/Clerk presented the 2021/2022 Elementary District and High School District budgets. The overall tax value increased 13%. Mr. Zuffelato illustrated the impact of this increase on the mill levy. If the tax value did not increase, the District would have needed to levy an additional 5.68 mills to generate the funds necessary for the 2021/22 school year. When taking into account the additional tax value, the District mill levy will decrease 26.85 mills as compared to the prior year. The local levy to fund the proposed FY22 budget increases \$356,367 as compared to the prior year. \$269,000 of the increase represents the additional debt service budget related to the \$5,072,000 general obligation bonds to be issued in September 2021. The local levy for the Technology Fund is proposed to increase \$80,000 as 16 mills generates additional funds based on the new taxable valuation. The General Fund budget authority increases a nominal \$84,712. Mr. Zuffelato detailed how the General Fund budget was balanced to projected expenses. 3.0 FTE will be shifted and funded by new federal program funds.

The Board considered the annual ending fund balance apportionment resolutions. General Fund reserve balances were maintained between 7% and 8% with tax collections exceeding the amount levied. The ending fund balance in the Elementary District Technology Fund is approximately \$250,000 more than the prior year as a result of using federal ESSER funds to purchase hardware. The Building Reserve funds increased as a result of not expending the School Major Maintenance Account levy during FY 2021 as the District works to accumulate funds for major projects including LED lights at the Junior High, Administration Building Roof, and HVAC and windows at the High School.

Motion by Mumby, second by Riley, to approve Resolution 388 – Apportionment of Ending Fund Balances-Elementary District. Passed 7-0

Motion by Mumby, second by Riley, to approve Resolution 389 – Apportionment of Ending Fund Balances-High School District. Passed 8-0

The Board considered the issuance of the remaining bonds authorized to be issued to fund the K-8 Facility Bond Project. The District issued \$32,000,000 of bonds in December 2019. Issuing the remaining bonds at the current time will allow the debt service schedule to align so all of the bonds mature at the same time in 2039. The FY 2022 budget would include a levy for the estimated principal and interest payments associated with these bonds. Mr. Zuffelato noted that the various components/projects of the K-8 Bond project have progressed to a point where either firm contracts have been executed or the District has enough information to develop an accurate estimate of the associated costs. It is apparent the District will need all of the funds authorized (\$37,072,000) by the taxpayers during the 2019 general obligation bond election. The current timeline would complete the bond sale at the end of September with the District adopting the final bond resolution during the Work Session Meeting on September 27, 2021. Mr. Zuffelato presented the projected financial impact of issuing the remaining bonds. The total mill levy for both bond issuances associated with the K-8 Facility Bond Project is 67.87 mills. The mill levy to fund the (now matured) Junior High Bonds was 26.70 mills. As such, the incremental increase associated with the new bonds is 41.17 mills. This mill levy is less than the increase projected and depicted during the election in 2019, which was 53.83 mills.

Motion by Riley, second by Wilson, to approve Resolution #390 – Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of \$5,072,000 General Obligation Bonds related to the K-8 Facility Bond Project. Passed 7-0

MOTION TO APPROVE  
RESOLUTION 388 -  
APPORTIONMENT OF  
ENDING FUND BAL-  
ANCES ELEMENTARY  
DISTRICT

MOTION TO APPROVE  
RESOLUTION 389 -  
APPORTIONMENT OF  
ENDING FUND BAL-  
ANCES HIGH SCHOOL  
DISTRICT

MOTION TO APPROVE  
RESOLUTION 390-  
ISSUANCE AND SALE  
OF GENERAL OBLIGA-  
TION BONDS

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Motion by Mumby, second by Riley, to adopt the 2021/2022 Elementary District budget as proposed. Passed 7-0

MOTION TO APPROVE  
2021/22 ELEMENTARY  
DISTRICT BUDGET

Motion by Wilson, second by Pauley, to adopt the 2021/2022 High School District budget as proposed. Passed 8-0

MOTION TO APPROVE  
2021/22 HIGH SCHOOL  
DISTRICT BUDGET

Personnel:

The Board acknowledged the following resignations previously accepted by the Superintendent: Rhonda Thornberry-Special Education Para-educator, Lisa Nolan-Para-educator, Anna Zelezny-Special Education Para-educator, Megan Burns-Reading Intervention Teacher, Logan Williams-Junior High Boys Basketball Coach, Logan Williams-Junior High Football Coach, Mandi Douglas-Kitchen Helper, Mark Gilham-Custodian, Austin Barth-Football Coach, Dawn Boutwell-Para-educator, and Lindsey Racioppi-Assistant Soccer Coach.

PERSONNEL:

Motion by Wilson, second by Riley, to approve the following Elementary District hiring recommendations: Amy Squires-Para-educator, Tammi Bates-Teacher, and Mark Gilham-Sanitation Custodian. Passed 7-0

MOTION TO APPROVE  
ELEMENTARY HIRING  
RECOMMENDATIONS

Motion by Riley, second by Mumby, to approve the following High School/District Wide hiring recommendations: Sarah Williams-At Risk Student and Family Advocate, Tracy Toavs-Bus Driver, John Fausey-Central Receiving/Delivery Driver, Jaxon Ike Schweikert-Assistant Football Coach, David Johnson-Assistant Golf Coach, and Alexis Kinder-Assistant Girls Soccer Coach. Passed 8-0

MOTION TO APPROVE  
DISTRICT-WIDE/HIGH  
SCHOOL HIRING  
RECOMMENDATIONS

The Board considered a sick leave bank request. As the individual's right to privacy exceeds the public's right to know, Chair Rocksund called the meeting into executive session at 8:45 P.M. Open meeting resumed at 8:53 P.M.

Motion by Wilson, second by Riley, to approve the sick leave bank request. Passed 7-0

MOTION TO APPROVE  
SICK LEAVE BANK  
REQUEST

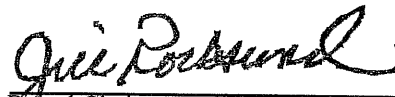
Miscellaneous and Future Planning:

Negotiations Committee Meeting	August 18, 2021	10:00 A.M.
Beginning of the Year Breakfast	August 25, 2021	
Policy Committee Meeting	September 7, 2021	5:00 P.M.
Regular Board Meeting	September 13, 2021	6:00 P.M.

MISC / FUTURE  
PLANNING

As there was no further business to come before the Board, Chair Rocksund adjourned the meeting at 8:56 P.M.

MEETING  
ADJOURNED

  
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Board Chair

  
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Business Manager/Clerk